

Avnet UK Raises £6500 for Children with Autism

Tree houses aren't just for kids – something Avnet Technology Solutions (TS) UK found during its first event that included vendors and customers across all business units.

After spending a morning focused on breakout sessions with suppliers and enjoying a lunch with former professional athletes as speakers, customers were then invited to participate in a fundraising event to support the children's autistic charity TreeHouse.

Auction prizes ranged from signed sports memorabilia, corporate hospitality at certain sporting venues, weekend breaks and holidays in the sun. In total, the event raised more than £6500 for TreeHouse, which was delighted with the amount when TS UK presented the cheque in early January.

Moreover, TS UK has committed to supporting TreeHouse throughout 2008 and is currently working with them to define other fundraising activities throughout the year. All efforts will help contribute to the Information Technology area that TreeHouse plans to build in the new school that is currently under construction.

TreeHouse was started in 1997 by a group of parents, all of whom had autistic children. The charity seeks to unlock the potential of every child with autism through education and give them the maximum number of opportunities so they are able to fully participate in their communities.