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£12,000 donation to North London charity Back on Track Housing from The DPS "helping to rebuild lives"

Bristol, Monday 24 October 2016 – A £12,000 donation from The Deposit Protection Service (The DPS) to Back on Track Housing is "helping to rebuild lives", the North London housing charity has said.

The UK's largest provider of deposit protection services established a fund in 2014 to assist charities that support the homeless and those who need help to live independently.

Daren King, Head of Tenancy Deposit Protection at The DPS, said: "Back on Track Housing does fantastic work supporting vulnerable individuals and their families.

"The DPS has given over £170,000 to housing charities since the launch of our fund, and we're really happy to be able to assist such crucial work across the country."

Back on Track Housing is a charitable organization that works to prevent homelessness, alleviate poverty and provide employment and training to those in need of support.

The DPS' donation is helping it expand by offering greater mentoring and training opportunities to clients with the support of its trustees.

Milly, a beneficiary of the funding, said: "After leaving a 10-year toxic relationship I nearly ended my life.

"But Back on Track and The DPS came to my rescue and helped me find a property far away from my victim area.

"They saved my life with this kind generosity."

Dennis said: "I was recently released from prison after four years on the street.

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"The council couldn't help because I am single, but Back on Track accepted me within 24 hours, and I signed my first ever tenancy agreement because of The DPS's support.

"Thank you all."

David Ogunwole, Managing Director at Back on Track Housing, said: "It's vital that those in need of support have a helping hand to keep them from hitting rock bottom and helping them to reintegrate into the community.

"The DPS' funding is helping to rebuild lives and enable our charity to reach out to even more members of the community".

Charities across the country have benefited from donations from The DPS over the last two years.

Charities focused on the housing sector can apply for funds via The DPS' website at www.depositprotection.com/charity. Applications for the next round of awards must be submitted by 31 December 2016.

Photo: Daren King, Head of Deposit Protection at The Deposit Protection Service (The DPS) (fourth from right), hands a £12,000 donation to representatives of Back on Track Housing in Tottenham, north London.

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For more information, visit www.depositprotection.com

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