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Businessman helps families

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Thetford families who live on one of Britain's most deprived housing estates have been given a helping hand by a generous Norfolk businessman.

The Fulmerston Family and Community Project is one of 18 East Anglian charities and community causes which have benefited from £10,000 of cash awards given away by Norwich-based Almary Green Investments.

The project was given £500 to enhance the quality of life of families on Thetford's Barnham Cross Estate.

The £10,000 fund was set aside by Carl Lamb, managing director of Almary Green, to mark his firm's 10th anniversary.

The awards have been distributed throughout Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire, where Almary Green's independent financial advisers are based.

"Life has treated me and my business extremely well," said Mr Lamb. "I think it is right to share some of that fortune



DONATION: From left, Almary Green managing director Carl Lamb, with Sam Boxal, Barbara Bysouth, Tim Lorojy and Corinne Brindle, all representing the Fulmerston Family and Community Project.

with people less fortunate than yourself - to make a difference in their lives."

Mr Lamb, who chaired the selection committee, said Almary Green had received 55 high-quality nominations for awards, after announcing his plans in the spring.

He added: "It was very difficult to trim that list down. Each cause had excellent individual merits and was making a real difference in the local community. We just couldn't give something to all of them."

Family Project Manager Barbara Bysouth was part of the Fulmerston Family and Community Project team presented with £500 at

a reception in the Hostry at Norwich Cathedral.

She said: "We are very grateful indeed to Almary Green for this money. We were absolutely over the moon to get it. Our Special Activities Fund was down to its last £50."

"The really lovely thing is that the gift comes from a local donor showing support for the local community."

Miss Bysouth said the money would be used to provide activities and trips which families could enjoy together but couldn't afford themselves.

"We are trying to broaden people's horizons by taking them outside their normal environment," she said.

Man, 25, injured in collision with van

A pedestrian was taken to hospital with serious leg injuries after being in collision with a van at Feltwell, near Thetford.

The 25-year-old man was

taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge after the collision in Bell Street at about 7.30am on Thursday.

The East Anglian Air Ambulance was called, but the

man was taken to hospital by land ambulance.

The man suffered serious leg injuries. The road was closed for several hours and was reopened at 10.30am.

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