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RAIN CAN'T STOP STUDENTS HELPING HEROES!

Yeovil College Student Union (YCSU) have raised more than £500 for Help for Heroes, despite having to call off part of their fundraising event due to bad weather.

The seven YCSU executive members organising the fundraising had arranged for an inflatable assault course, giving students the opportunity to pay to challenge each other and volunteers from the Royal Marines. Unfortunately, bad weather meant this aspect of the day had to be cancelled.

The resourceful students were still able to raise £539.50 for the charity however. Dressed as superheroes including Zorro, Spider-man and Superman, they waited on customers at the College's popular Da Vinci restaurant and gave all the tips they earned to the charity.

With two Royal Marines from RNAS Yeovilton, the students also did a tour of the College, visiting staff rooms and communal areas such as the Megabite refectory to collect donations from staff and students.

YCSU Executive member Amy Studley (18) of Yeovil said *"It was disappointing that we couldn't use the assault course in the end, but we're hoping to have it at another event before the end of term. It was great to be able to raise what we did for Help for Heroes though. It's a really good cause that we were keen to support this year. Everyone at the College was very supportive. Diners in the Da Vinci restaurant thought it was quite funny to have a 'superhero' bringing their food! We're very grateful to the Mad Hatter fancy dress shop in Yeovil for giving us a discount on the costumes and, of course, to everyone who supported us today."*

Richard Lupton, volunteer County Co-ordinator for Help for Heroes, said *"The student's efforts were fantastic. It's been so typical of everyone in Somerset to step forward and do their bit for those who have done their bit on the front line. It's particularly great to see young people fundraising, especially as so often it's their age contemporaries in the services they're supporting. The College's Student Union were particularly enthusiastic and it's brilliant that they could raise this money for Help for Heroes. We're very grateful to them and would like to thank them for efforts."*

The YCSU is active throughout the academic year, regularly fundraising and holding social events for Yeovil College students. For more information, please visit www.yeovil.ac.uk.

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Help for Heroes – For more information on Help for Heroes, please visit www.helpforheroes.org.uk.

Yeovil College Student Union – The YCSU Executive Committee members who organised this fundraising were Chris Brenton (19) of Yeovil, Chloë Brownhill (17) of Chilton Domes, Amy Studley (18) of Yeovil, Jon Reed (18) of Shepton Mallet, Bryn Hall (19) of Yeovil, Jack Hardaker (18) of Yeovil and David Withers (17) of Somerton. For more information on YCSU, please visit www.yeovil.ac.uk.

The Mad Hatter Joke and Fancy Dress Shop – Based at 42 Princes Street, Yeovil. More information on this outlet can be found at www.madhattersjokeshop.com.