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﻿Room to Reward are delighted to announce an official partnership with the Autism Professional Awards.

The hospitality charity will sponsor the ‘Most Inspirational Volunteer’ category at the awards, which take place in Harrogate on Wednesday 7th March.

The winner will enjoy a week’s holiday at a luxury family home in Mudeford, Dorset, donated by a supporter of Room to Reward.

The Autism Professional Awards were created to recognise services, organisations and individuals who are leading the way in innovative autism practice and making real, positive differences to the lives of autistic people in the U.K.

Mark Lever, CEO of the National Autistic Society and Room to Reward Ambassador, said:

*“We are delighted to have Room to Reward as one of the sponsors. Their support enables us to acknowledge and celebrate the tremendous contribution of volunteers in supporting autistic people to lead the life they choose.”*

Adam Terpening, Director of Charity at Room to Reward, said:

*“It’s our pleasure to sponsor the Most Inspirational Volunteer award. The National Autistic Society have been fantastic partners and supporters of Room to Reward and it’s our pleasure to be involved in the awards.*

*“Room to Reward was created to give something back to the inspirational volunteers and Hidden Heroes who do so much for so many. We are enormously grateful to our supporter for the amazing donation of their holiday home for a week. Whoever wins will undoubtedly be deserving of a break and it will be an honour for us to arrange it.”*

Founded in 2015, Room to Reward is a unique hospitality charity with roots in the hotel industry. Using donated unsold rooms from more than 130 hotel partners located all over the U.K, Room to Reward acts as a mechanism for charities to give something back to their special staff and volunteers in the form of a short break.

So far, more than 180 Hidden Heroes have benefited from the initiative and over 100 charities – ranging from small local groups to huge national organisations – have joined the scheme.

For more information about Room to Reward, visit [www.roomtoreward.org](http://www.roomtoreward.org).

For more information about the Autism Professional Awards, visit <http://www.autismprofessionalsawards.org.uk>.

**Notes for Editors**

‘Room to Reward’ is an exciting new registered charity that was launched in July 2015. Since its launch, over 130 hotels are now supporting the scheme. Over 150 hidden heroes have been nominated from various charities. ‘Room to Reward’ is the first of its kind in the hospitality industry. Hotel partners donate their anticipated unsold rooms to reward deserving charity workers with complimentary hotel breaks across the UK. So far, approximately £75,000 worth of hotel stays have been donated.

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Autism Professional Awards with the National Autistic Society

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