

DLA Piper reaches out to help charity

TV programme inspired law firm to offer a helping hand

By Bob Rae

SHEFFIELD law firm DLA Piper is helping a charity for teenage girls in one of the deprived areas of Birmingham after one of its lawyers saw it featured on the Channel 4 TV series *The Secret Millionaire*.

Gurpreet Duhra, from the Sheffield office of DLA Piper, decided to help the charity, Martha's Oasis, after seeing an episode of *The Secret Millionaire*, which featured Kavita Oberoi, whose business, Oberoi Consulting, provides IT consultancy and training for the health service and pharmaceutical companies.

Since taking part in the programme, Kavita Oberoi has not only made a substantial donation to the charity but has become one of the driving forces behind its 'Sisters with Voices' (SWV) programme, which aims to improve the expectations and achievements of girls aged 13 to 17.

Gurpreet Duhra, employment solicitor at DLA Piper's Sheffield office, said: "I was really inspired by Kavita and the good work being done by Martha's Oasis, through the SWV programme, in helping to improve the lives of young people in one of Britain's most deprived areas."

"After the show, I contacted Kavita directly to offer my assistance. I am now delighted to be offering free legal advice to the charity, which is helping them to ensure that they can focus on what

they do best."

As a result, Mr Duhra has helped to draft contracts between SWV

and various organisations who will run its programme in local communities.

Kavita Oberoi said: "Gurpreet's legal advice has proved invaluable

in helping us roll out the SWV programme nationally. We are very grateful for Gurpreet and DLA Piper for offering their time and expertise to a very worthy cause."



A driving force: Kavita Oberoi



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