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Findlay Gordon (centre) with Tom Fitzsimons, Lou De Cinque and John Della. Picture: Andrew Ritchie

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Men at work for play

Caitlin Tiller

LOCAL businesses are combining to bring playtime to children with diabetes at the Telethon Type 1 Diabetes Family Centre.

Through donations and help from volunteers, the Stirling-based centre hopes to build new play equipment and carry out landscaping soon.

Stirling Men's Shed co-ordinator Robert McCarthy said the organisation had wanted to help a charity and members discovered they had a connection with the centre.

"It's two community organisa-

SHED AND BUSINESSES HELP CHILDREN

tions coming together for mutual benefit and demonstrating that things don't have to be commercial to be successful," Mr McCarthy said.

The Innaloo resident said there was intrinsic satisfaction for the people who gave their time for charity.

"There is a lot of generosity in community that doesn't get acknowledged and it's happening all the time, not just at the Men's Shed," Mr McCarthy said.

The Gordon family, of Floreat,

have used facilities at the centre and helped with plans to redesign what was an empty space just weeks ago.

Ian Gordon's son Findlay will be able to play on what Mr Gordon hoped would be a "typical nature playground".

"It's good because one of the goals for the centre is for it to be a place people can drop in to and the playground will help with that," Mr Gordon said.

Centre chief executive Rebecca Johnson said the first busy bee

this month had been a success.

"It's a playground that is going to give our kids an opportunity for active play, to make friendships and connections in an outdoors space," Ms Johnson said.

The next step will include putting in the bridge (built at the Men's Shed), decking and pathways. Play equipment will be added as equipment is donated.

"Having a space associated with diabetes and also with fun memories is really important," Ms Johnson said.

To volunteer or make a donation, visit www.telethontype1.org.au.

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