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about!

A funny thing happened on the way to work...!

Travelling daily from Rossendale into Manchester can often mean that I spend a longer time in my car, due to traffic congestion, than you would anticipate for a journey of that length. I try to pass this time effectively, and the privacy and peace provides an opportunity for thought.



The Inspector General for the Insolvency Service hands over a cheque for £13,000 to Elizabeth Oakes from the charity.

This has led me to reflect recently that we are good at asking our supporters to give what I refer to as the three T's - their time, their talent or their



The Insolvency Service in Chester

treasure. Sometimes we can be very lucky and get all three! However there is a fourth that we should be seeking from you and that is your thoughts. Our organisation can only exist on the basis that the partnerships that constitute the whole of the charity are motivated sufficiently to want us to be more successful.



The Insolvency Service in Stoke

The partnerships consist of our Trustees, Staff, Greater Manchester Ambulance Service, Hospitals, Beneficiaries (including the sick or injured babies and children, together with their parents), and of course you, our supporters.



Children playing in the refurbished outpatients' clinic at St. Mary's Hospital

A child using the new Accident & Emergency Unit at the MRI, enhanced by the Children's Hospitals Appeal Trust



By choosing to support our vital work you have demonstrated a real interest in the outcomes we provide to the children in our region. We would therefore welcome your thoughts on how we could be better. You may have a view on fundraising which you could share with us, or an idea on how we could support children's healthcare in your area.

We truly value your support and we would also value your ideas on any issues relevant to our work.

So let me know what you are thinking, and in the meantime enjoy what I hope will be a bright and happy summer for you.

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VIP VISIT CAUSES GREAT EXCITEMENT AT THE ROYAL BOLTON HOSPITAL!

Our current project at the Royal Bolton Hospital of building a new parental accommodation unit for the Neo Natal Unit is gathering momentum. Building work is due to start in a few weeks and will be completed by the Autumn. We were therefore delighted that in May the Duchess of York agreed to make a special visit to Bolton to see for herself just how important this project is in helping the hospital to provide the best environment possible for parents and families whose babies are staying on the Neo Natal Unit. Her visit received wide press coverage, and we will have a full report with pictures in our next newsletter.

We have also decided to name the Parental Accommodation Unit after Simon Pennington, the son of Irene who is a keen supporter of our charity. Simon was tragically killed in a car accident last year, just as his mother was about to take part in our International Challenge Event in Egypt. Irene also works at the Royal Bolton Hospital, and will be taking part in our Rockies cycle ride this summer in order to raise funds for us. We believe that commemorating Simon's life in this way is a wonderful opportunity to express our gratitude to her, and the people who have helped raise the sponsorship money.

Fundraising within the Bolton community for this £155,000 project is expanding at a great speed! Atlantis

night club have already raised £2000 from their customers by holding bucket collections on their buses. Caroline Worthington is pictured here with Elizabeth Oakes, showing their progress.



OH WHAT A NIGHT!

Official Receivers became Official Givers after a wonderful year of many innovative fundraising events across the region through the Insolvency Service. In March, a cheque for £13,000 was presented to Elizabeth Oakes by the Inspector General Peter Joyce, at their final event - a four hour karting challenge held at Daytona Manchester which was sponsored by accountancy company KPMG. The evening was organised by Roger Gardner of the Insolvency Service in Manchester.



Hollywood Bowl in Bolton have made plans to take their mobile lane out to several carnivals and shows during the summer months, in conjunction with the Bolton Leisure Services Events Co-ordinator, to continue their support. Another four bowling tournaments will be held in July, and any teams interested in competing please contact Elizabeth Oakes on 0161 276 8700.

CHESHIRE CHAT COMMITTEE

This hard working and extremely active group of women have a full programme of luncheon events in place for the year, including a Summer Fayre on 28 June, and a Fashion Show on 3 October. Both events will be held at Adlington Hall; anyone interested in further details can contact Elizabeth Oakes on 0161 276 8700.

They are off to a brilliant start, thanks to a £10,000 legacy - another first for the Children's Hospitals Appeal Trust. This generous amount came from the estate of the late Jean May Ferguson via John Roberts of Harvey Roberts Solicitors in Reddish, Stockport. Paul Duffy, Director of Barrat Gray and an Independent Financial Advisor, was also involved in the legacy donation.

We will be acknowledging our thanks to the solicitors by placing their logo on one of the local Emergency Ambulances; this legacy will provide a complete paediatric equipment upgrade for the vehicle as part of our ongoing partnership with the Greater Manchester Ambulance Service.



Pictured are some of the Cheshire CHAT team at their recent "Tips for Titfers" function.



After cycling hundreds of miles through the desert last year as part of a team on one of our International Events, Brian Murray knew exactly which charity he wanted to support when he launched his existing new company a few months later.

The Children's Hospitals Appeal Trust is delighted to be moving into a new area for fundraising by working in partnership with netsporttv.com, an internet service provider that provides so much more! The concept is simple, to provide a national platform via the Internet, so that amateur football and rugby leagues can achieve a greater level of media coverage, and allows every club to create its own unique web site for club information and

results, which is both informative and interactive.

Even if you have no interest in these sports, by choosing netsporttv.com as your internet service provider you can help raise money for the charity, as a percentage of the cost of each call (charged at local rates) will be donated to us. In addition, the company offers clubs their own links to a huge range of products that can be bought on-line, and again a percentage of those sales will be donated to the Children's Hospitals Appeal Trust.

If you would like more information about netsporttv.com then please contact Managing Director Brian Murray on 01606 866266.

NEW ARRIVALS FOR THE DELIVERY UNIT



We are delighted to be working with the Central Delivery Unit at St Mary's Hospital in helping to replace the Resuscitaire Units they are currently using. These machines play an essential part in helping the busy midwives ensure that the best possible care is given to newborn babies who may need a little bit of extra help with their

A GRAND SUM!

Manchester accountancy firm Horwath Clark Whitehill held their annual Quiz Evening in March, an event that, as usual, brought forth the competitive streak amongst the large number of teams who attended! The Children's Hospitals Appeal Trust was chosen as the beneficiary for the money raised from both the ticket sales and an auction - which included a Manchester United shirt signed by Ryan Giggs. Suzanne Stolberg, who is responsible for Corporate Development for the charity, went along to receive their fantastic cheque for £1000



breathing when first born. The machines currently being used have given sterling service over the years, but like most equipment they need replacing or upgrading as the years go by. So far we have been able to provide two new Resuscitaires at a cost of £10,000 each, and it is hoped that further purchases can be made in the future.

SCHOOLS FUNDRAISING PROGRAMME

The successful development of our schools fundraising programme has led to the recruitment of new fundraisers, who will work to ensure that even more nursery and primary schools within the region are helping to raise money for the Children's Hospitals Appeal Trust. Ghazala Baig has become the Schools Co-ordinator.

JMC FLIES FURTHER IN SUPPORT

The holiday and airline company JMC have been long-standing supporters of the Children's Hospitals Appeal Trust, and have supported us this year by



continuing to donate money raised by the collection of foreign currency on all their homeward bound planes. Recently Mike Hughson, Fundraising Manager for the charity, went along to Manchester Airport to receive their latest cheque for over £10,000. We are extremely grateful to JMC for all the fundraising and support they have shown over the year, and they are a perfect example of how a corporate organisation can work in partnership with the Children's Hospitals Appeal Trust to raise funds for vital projects within the region.

ROCKIES ARE ON A ROLL!

With only a couple of months to go before 50 cyclists took on the challenge of 300 miles through the Canadian Rockies, a training weekend was held in the Lake District at the end of March which was led by experienced cyclists Jim Hall and Janet Darwell. Despite the recent difficulties in the countryside, the cyclists were also joined by a number of trekkers, led by Walter Wade, who will be walking along the Inca Trail in Peru during September. Both events were full but due to the popularity of these challenge events they will both be repeated again in September next year.



And just to make sure that his inspiration was brought to the full, veteran Children's Hospitals Appeal Trust cyclist Andy Duncan recently went along to his local Blackpool Victoria Hospital to see for himself where his hard-earned sponsorship

money was being spent. That certainly kept him cycling quickly (and quietly!) past the Grizzly Bears in June!



Herriot Productions staged A Celebration of Youth - a children's variety dance performance at Manchester's Palace Theatre on Mothering Sunday when over 350 children from nine dance and theatre schools across the region came together to raise funds for the charity.

Executive Producer David Burke is now to continue raising funds as he and his brother-in-law have accepted the challenge to cycle across the Canadian Rockies in May.

CYCLE KENYA

From the slopes of Mount Kenya to Lake Victoria, a cycle adventure through the heart of Africa's safari country - over 400 kilometres with the opportunity to experience Savannah plains and game reserves. February 2002 for 10 days.



THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA

A cultural voyage through a country immersed in history, mythology and ancient tradition. Over 10 days, walk 65 kilometres taking in the highest waterfall in the Beijing province together with the small villages along the way, and building in time for sightseeing and exploring places such as Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City. Taking place in June 2002.



For further details on all these challenge events please contact Anna or Alison on 0161 276 8700.

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