Wall of Thanks

We would like to thank some of our kind supporters for their generosity.

Thank you to Lisa Scholes for running an impressive 12 marathons in 12 months. We are so thankful to Lisa and everyone who has sponsored her and helped raise over £1,710 for Rossendale Hospice.

The Futures Running Team raised £1,269 in the Manchester 10K. Thank you for all your support to the Hospice!

Ella McGovern, who was caught up in the Ariana Grande concert in Manchester, had to postpone her challenge of climbing Ben Nevis because of her injuries. We’re proud to say that Ella, along with other family members, completed the climb. Despite the weather they reached the top in four hours. She has raised a fantastic £1,820.

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The Gate Of India hosted ‘An Evening of Opulence’ on their opening week. They raised over £581! If you haven’t been to the newly refurbished restaurant it is well worth a visit.

Christmas is a time to remember

Rossendale Hospice’s ‘Light up a Life’ appeal allows people to celebrate the lives of loved ones.

We invite you to take part in remembering someone special this Christmas. Last year over 700 lives were remembered and celebrated in this special way. It also raised over £13,000 which goes towards providing hospice care for local people, in their time of need.

If you would like to remember someone and make a difference to the lives of our patients please fill in the dedication form overleaf and return to the Hospice.

The non-denominational service is a great event with joyful Christmas carols. It is not compulsory to attend this service. There is an option to receive a Light Up A Life card to mark your remembrance; you may wish to send it to a loved one or keep it for yourself.

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Darren McGuinness and his friend Simon took on their epic ‘Screwball challenge’ around Europe. Darren and the ‘Screwballers’, used cars with a value of no more than £750 and met at the start near Dover. They travelled 1550 miles over 5 countries and slept in a tent. They helped raise a fantastic £300 for the Hospice.

Our Great North Runners

Sinead O’Reilly – Bell organised a three legged pub crawl and race with an added bonus of a virtual Race Night which was held at The Green Squirrel in Haslingden. The event was held in memory of Janette Bell, who was cared for by the Hospice. They raised a magnificent £2,958 for the Hospice.

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Welcome

There are so many positives about being involved with the hospice. There is a satisfaction of knowing that we carry out care that is almost universally appreciated by our patients and their families. Then there is the pleasure of working with staff, trustees and volunteers. Everyone is so enthusiastic and dedicated to doing their very best and determined to make further improvements to offer an even better service.

The theme of continuous improvement is important to me. When I look back over almost 30 years hospice history, I congratulate those who created something so valuable from nothing. I am delighted to have played a part in building on the early successes to the point where we can be proud today that we are a highly professional organisation.

Readers can be assured that the pioneering spirit is still there. We are not resting on our laurels and will continue to strive to extend the quality and range of services on offer and to provide the necessary resources to support them.

Recent fundraising events I have attended include the magnificent Hospo Ball and the highly entertaining Colour Dash at Marl Pits. The reality is that a vast amount of effort goes into their planning and organisation and I have seen first hand how stressful it can be for those involved.

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Geoff Summers,
Chairman.

Shop til you drop!

We are incredibly proud of our 3 shops in Rawtenstall, Haslingden and Bacup, which over the past 4 years have gone from strength to strength.

You would be surprised how far people travel to get to us, not forgetting our local customers who pick up real bargains from our great range of stock, which is updated on a regular basis, thanks to the support of the community who donate some great stuff to us, and have done since we opened.

Did you ever wonder what happens to transformations and our window displays...

from this...


Introducing...

Our new Clinical Services Manager Nicola Whittaker.

Nicola joined us earlier in the year and brings with her a wealth of experience gained in her Nursing Career, within the NHS, spanning 20 years. She says she brings strong clinical and leadership skills to the role.

Having lived in the Rossendale Valley throughout her life, Nicola is delighted to have been given the opportunity to enhance the care developed and delivered at the Hospice and within her local community.

Nicola and her team are also going to be out in the community giving local people the chance to find out more about the hospice and answer their questions about our services.

Nicolette Whittaker

If you would like to help, please email: fundraising@rossendalehospice.org

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

You might be really creative and love to get involved in our window displays...

You might have a real eye for vintage or high end fashion; you might simply want to lend a helping hand to keep our shops well stocked and looking fabulous, which in turn raises money to pay for the service we provide, 7 days per week, 365 days per year.

We need Volunteer Drivers: To collect stock from our 3 shops (Rawtenstall, Haslingden and Bacup) you will need to return to the storage unit – Saturday’s for a couple of hours.

Window dressers: Have you got an eye for fashion and design? Come and share your talents with us!

Art & Craft Fans: Do you enjoy crafting? We have some fabulous Art & Craft materials which have been donated to us, just waiting to be transformed into things we could sell in our shops!

Give it a go if you’re not sure speak to Caren Cookson Shops Manager, come and see what’s all about, we really need more volunteers in our shops.

T: 07506 594 850 or 01706 213056

If you would like us to come and do a talk about our services, please email: fundraising@rossendalehospice.org

Did you know?

Did you know that you can also support us by shopping in the Co-op? All you have to do is pay a £1 to join their membership scheme. When you purchase Co-op products & services you receive 5% cash back to spend on further purchases and a further 1% is allocated to the charity of your choice.

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A Day in the Life of the Hospice at Home Team

Many people say ‘It takes a special person to provide hospice care’. Denise & Julie can talk you about the difficult journey of dealing with a terminal illness, speak of the many patients and families that stick in their hearts and minds and tell you how the power of human touch can be vital for those they support.

They can tell you this and more, but what does the Hospice at Home team do?

They start their 12 hour shift at 9 am and arrive for their first visit. The team make sure their patients are comfortable, pain free and feel good about themselves. ‘It’s all about making sure their quality of life is as good as possible” says Julie.

Every day and every visit is different and each patient needs to be assessed before giving care. We answer some of the most difficult questions, which requires us to respond respectfully and with empathy.

What’s your favourite part of the job?

‘It’s all about making sure patients are clean, dry and comfortable to see them through the night,” says Denise. We build a rapport with each patient so we can establish trust from the outset. Some patients call us ‘part of their family’ as we have entered their lives at such a difficult and emotional time – it puts you in the centre of it too.

“It’s a hugely rewarding job knowing that you have played a small part in enhancing their quality of life in the last few weeks. It makes every moment we give and everything we do worthwhile” says Denise.

If you know of someone who would benefit from the Hospice services please contact the Hospice at Home team on 01706 253633.

Through the eyes of a child

Many people say it is the most painful experiences we’ll ever go through.

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The Colour Dash held at Marl Pits Leisure Centre attracted almost 550 participants and has raised over £20,000 for the Hospice.

Keen runners to gentle walkers, all dressed with this team and wore a tutu! The event attracted groups of friends, family members and teams of colleagues. A team of twenty ladies who called themselves ‘The Real Lancashire Housewives’ dressed in pink tutus took part and collectively have raised over £2,500 in sponsorship. Our local MP Jake Berry also joined in the fun with this team and wore a tutu!

Jeanne Hilton and 16 of her family members took part in memory of their mother-in-law Barbara Hilton, who was cared for by the Hospice at Home nurses earlier this year. Jeanne and her family organised an event after the Colour Dash, which took place at the Red Lion pub in Newchurch and raised £1,560.

The Colour stations were generously sponsored by local businesses; Keenans Estate Agents, Woodcock, Haworth and Nuttall Solicitors and Bigtank Productions.

The event featured garlands and multi-coloured sunglasses in white, adorned with rainbow wigs, leis and dashers were covered with powdered paint that created the ultimate rainbow effect.

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The Colour Dash is a colourful triumph!

Putting Hospice awareness in the community

We are delighted to announce that Rosso Bus decided to repaint one of their buses and feature Rossendale Hospice in the design. The bus will shortly go out into the community and help raise awareness of the Hospice.

Brendan O’Reilly, Commercial & Marketing Director of Rosso Bus said “I was thinking about how I could support the local hospice and realise I can help by raising awareness. We decided that a bus would be a perfect way to get this message out into the community.”

The bus will tour the streets for at least five years. This is an amazing opportunity to make more people aware of the services. It is a great gift in kind to the Hospice.

Golf Day marks tee-riffic 10th anniversary of supporting Rossendale Hospice

Woodcocks Howarth & Nuttall Solicitors’ charity golf day has raised £6,170 for the Hospice, which adds to the grand total of £47,000 raised over the last ten years.

The day saw nineteen teams tee off at Rossendale Golf Club. Handlesbanken won the competition while golfers from Barclays, Peel group, Moore & Smalley, Best Supportive Tenancies and Lancashire Trade Frames were all treated to dry weather and picturesque views of the surrounding Pennines as they completed the 18 hole course.

I WOULD LIKE TO HELP ROSENDALE HOSPICE

By choosing to donate to Rossendale Hospice, you are helping to ensure the Hospice is here for years to come, to care for someone’s father, mother, son, daughter, relative or friend.

We thank you for your support.

If you are a UK taxpayer, Rossendale Hospice is able to claim the tax you have paid on your donation and increase the value by a further 25%. In order for us to reclaim the tax, please tick the declaration below:

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The panels inside the bus will give more information about the different hospice services available.

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If you wish to donate by debit, credit card, cheque or online, please complete your details below:

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Please make cheques payable to Rossendale Hospice

ONLINE

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