

# NEWS RELEASE

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## 290 years service at the Dougie Mac

13 members of staff and 12 Hospice volunteers will receive long service awards from Mr. Ian Dudson, CBE, DL, Chief Executive Officer of the Dudson Group, Honorary President of Douglas Macmillan Hospice.

2 members of staff & 2 volunteers have completed 20 years service, the remainder have all completed 10 years.

The combined years service of the 25 people is 290 years.

The ceremony takes place in the Education Unit at the Hospice on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2009, commencing at 7.00pm.

Wendy Firth is one who has completed 10 years service.

Wendy said; “I started working in the Fundraising Department which I enjoyed very much..

I then became a Hospice Representative, and along with my husband Mike, we go along to accept monies from various organizations

within the local community who have raised funds for the Hospice.

I also work on the Main Reception on a regular basis .

I am very fortunate that I get to meet so many lovely people whilst at the Hospice and find my role very rewarding and fulfilling .”

Jan Myers , Volunteer Services Manager said;

“ We could not give the quality of care which we are renowned without the help of our volunteers . Wendy is just one of over 600 volunteers currently undertaking the many varied jobs the Hospice offers.”

If anyone is interested in volunteering ,they should call ,in the first instance 01782 344332 or e-mail ; [volunteernow@dmhospice.org.uk](mailto:volunteernow@dmhospice.org.uk) .

**Photo opportunity:**

**Long Service Awards will take place on Tuesday October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm at Douglas Macmillan Hospice.**

**NOTES TO EDITORS**

1. Douglas Macmillan Hospice provides specialist palliative care for adults across North Staffordshire who face cancer and other life-limiting illnesses
2. Care is provided at the Hospice and in people's homes across the community.
3. The Hospice is independent (it receives no funding from any national charity) and has no association with any organisation bearing the same or a similar name.
4. It costs over £7 million each year to run and develop the full range of services from the Hospice. More than two thirds of money comes from local voluntary donations.

For quotes and comments on behalf of Douglas Macmillan Hospice, contact in the first instance should be made through Peter Keller on 01782 344303