

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Local Restaurant pledges gifts for Hospice .

The Church Bar and Restaurant in Hanley , Stoke on Trent will play host to some several thousand diners celebrating Christmas throughout November and December .

Diners have been invited to share their party with others by donating a wrapped gift marked for either a boy or girl and the relevant age group.

These gifts will then distributed by Santa's little helpers to a number of local organizations ..

Diane McDaid , the owner of the restaurant said ;

“ We are delighted that the Douglas Macmillan Hospice is one such Charity that we will be helping. We will be donating some 500 gifts for the children who will be taking part in the Hospice Sponsored Santa Saunter which takes place on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 11.00am from the Visitor Centre, Trentham Gardens.

. It is not an obligation for our parties to make a donation, but in previous years we have found that a great many have been very generous in this way.

It has been quite amazing to see the huge volume of presents that our customers have donated and we hope that we will be able to make a lot of children happy again this Christmas.”

Zoe Hollingsworth, Senior Fundraising Development Manager said ;

“ We are extremely grateful to the Church Restaurant and their customers for donating these gifts so that the children taking part in our Santa Saunter will be able to receive a present on completion of their walk .”

**Photo opportunity:**

**Around 500 gifts which have been donated, will be collected by 2 Hospice Volunteers from the Restaurant (61-63 Old Town Rd , Hanley ) on Fri Dec 18<sup>th</sup> at 11.30am.**

**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.

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