

Stoke City Football Club

Press Release



DOUGLAS MACMILLAN HOSPICE TO RECEIVE £4,000 DONATION
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Douglas Macmillan Hospice in Stoke on Trent has received a charitable contribution of £4,000 from the Premier League as part of its community initiative, 'Creating Chances Places for Players'.

It costs in excess of £7million each year to run the Hospice and this donation will go directly to patient care and support services.

'Places for Players' is a high profile initiative that uses Premier League stars to highlight the diverse and wide-ranging community and good cause work carried out throughout the year by the 20 Barclays Premier League clubs. From September to November every club turns the spotlight on five community projects that receive player visits.

One of these appearances is exclusively available to local not-for-profit organisations who, over the summer, were invited to apply through a National Application Process to win a Premier League from their local club and £4,000 to raise awareness of the work that they do in their local community. Each club also had five runners-up prizes of £4,000. Douglas Macmillan Hospice were selected by Stoke City Football Club and the Premier League to receive the donation after being chosen as a runner-up.

A delighted Head of Community Adrian Hurst said, 'We are delighted that the Douglas Macmillan Hospice have received the donation from the Premier League.

'They are one of our nominated charities and links between the Hospice and Club continue to go from the strength to strength.'

Richard Scudamore, Chief Executive of the Premier League, said: 'Football's ability to inspire and engage communities is something that is now virtually universally accepted. What is less accepted is the sheer range, depth, quality and commitment work undertaken by the Premier League and our 20 member clubs. They are now working across a more diverse range of areas than ever, such as family learning, healthy eating, anti-social behaviour and tackling inequality.

'With this year's we wanted to show the Premier League's continued commitment to the local communities of our clubs. I hope these £4,000 donations for our runners-up will help them to continue their fantastic work, leave legacy in their community and help them achieve their long-term goals.'

Zoe Hollingsworth, Senior Fundraising Development Manager of the Douglas Macmillan Hospice added, 'How fantastic that the Premier League wish to support the charities nominated by their Premier League Clubs. Stoke City FC nominated us to receive this donation from the Premier League, showing yet again their commitment to the Hospice. On behalf of the patients and their families of the Douglas Macmillan Hospice, thank you so much & we wish Stoke City every success for this season.'

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