

NEWS RELEASE

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Marathon Press 1

‘Do a Runner for the Dougie Mac’

The Douglas Macmillan Hospice has five Gold Bond places for the London Marathon 2010 and they need filling. These places are paid for by the Hospice, so are extremely valuable to them.

It is a great opportunity for the holders of the places to raise some money for the Hospice and take in the atmosphere of the London Marathon at the same time.

If you are interested in running for the Douglas Macmillan, please send us a letter explaining if you have raised funds in the past, how you plan to fundraise (ideas outside of sponsorship), and what your training plan is.

We are asking anyone who runs for us this year to pledge to raise £1,500. So if you fancy a new challenge next year and want to help the Douglas Macmillan in the process, send your letters to Nicola Hancock, Fundraising Department, Douglas Macmillan Hospice, Blurton, Stoke-on-Trent, ST3 3NZ.

These must be received by Friday 11th December 2009.

Ends.

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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 344304

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