

# NEWS RELEASE



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## Another Milestone Reached !!

John Leese, the well name local Tin Can Man who has been raising money for the Douglas Macmillan Hospice for over 14 years, has reached the amazing total of £325,000. John has raised £25,000 in just 10 months and said John “I would like to thank members of the general public who have given so generously to the Hospice. I would also like to thank the Management of The Potteries Shopping Centre and Morrisons, on The Festival Park for allowing me to collect on a regular basis on their premises. I am quite overwhelmed by the kindness shown by so many people and the warm response when people see me with my Dougie Mac Sash and tin can”

The Hospice has used the money that the public have given to John over the last 12 months, to fund some of the developments and improvements made to nursing and patient areas.

Karen Rose Director of Fundraising said on behalf of the Hospice “Some of the money John has collected has partly funded such developments as:- 2 more single en suite rooms to increase dignity and privacy for our more elderly patients each with access to the gardens; a multi sensory room for patients with severely restricted mobility; a dining room for patients to increase their opportunities to socialize and enjoy meals with their families and friends when visiting, with emphasis on easy access for people with special needs - particularly arising from age related problems; updating some of the other en suite bathrooms. Local people can be assured that we have used this money to benefit our patients and their families”

**Photo opportunity: who where and when**

### 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

4. It costs over £6 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