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“Tin Can Man” John succeeds again !!

John Leese , the renowned “Tin Can Man” who has already raised in excess of £350,000 for Douglas Macmillan Hospice has come out of retirement to help to try and boost funds which the Hospice desperately needs .

John was at the Potteries Shopping Centre for 3 days last week and managed to raise over £1,000 for the Hospice ,as part of his Christmas Appeal .

John said ; “ I am delighted that I have managed to raise this amount of money in my first week back in the Shopping Centre. People have been so pleased to see me again ,and of course, they have been very generous with their donations . I have read that the Hospice , like many other Charities is experiencing a shortfall in donations and I am pleased to be able to help the Hospice once again.

If anybody would like to make an on-line donation to John’s Appeal they should visit www.justgiving.com/John-Leese TinCanMan.

Karen Rose , Director of Fundraising said ;

“ It is absolutely magnificent that John has decided to help us again.

As we keep saying we are working our way through this recession only thanks to the generosity of our supporters. John is a shining example of why we are coping. Without his willingness to help along with the many thousands of people across North Staffordshire who assist too, we would not be able to maintain our care services”.

Photo opportunity: who where and when

At the \Potteries Shopping Centre Nov 26th, 27th 28th , from 10.00am onwards each day.

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 form 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