

NEWS RELEASE



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Time to give it up for the New Year

The start of the New Year is perfect for making your New Year's resolutions so why not think about giving something up and raise some money for your local Hospice, Douglas Macmillan Hospice. You may have already decided to give up alcohol, cigarettes, chocolate, swearing or simply want to get fit. Whatever you decide to give up you will not only make a difference for yourself but also to the lives of people facing cancer and other terminal illnesses who have come to depend on the care and support of Douglas Macmillan Hospice.

Something else to consider is saving your loose change including foreign coins. All the change you give, the Hospice can change into care. Simply save in a container of your choice and take to the Hospice in Blurton or any of the 12 Hospice shops.

The Douglas Macmillan Hospice would like to thank local people for their continued support, despite so many people being affected by rising day to day living costs. Without voluntary donations of money, time, goods and services the hospice cannot continue to provide the quality and quantity of care that families across North Staffordshire depend on when facing terminal illness.

So if you would like to make a difference and give it up for the Dougie Mac then simply contact the Fundraising Department on 01782 344304 or email fundraising@dmhospice.org.uk to request your fundraising pack.

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