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Hospice staff spring clean their wardrobes to raise money

Staff at Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice recently delved deep into their wardrobes to find good quality clothes to donate to their 13 shops, as part of the charity's Bag It And Give scheme. In total, staff donated over £1600 worth of stock to help fund free care to patients and their families affected by life limiting illnesses across West Surrey and North East Hampshire.

Bag It And Give largely targets companies, schools and community clubs, although anyone can donate clothing via any of the Hospice's 13 shops. The scheme is free, convenient and effective and enables an organisation and its employees/attendees to support their local hospice by each person donating a bag of quality clothing. All you need to do is call Tim Osborn, Head of Retail, on 01252 729449, where you will be able to request donation bags and supporting literature, to help publicise their involvement in the scheme, both internally and externally. The Hospice will then arrange a bulk collection of bags at a convenient date and time.

"100% of the profit from all of the Hospice's shops goes towards the provision of free care to patients and their families affected by life limiting illnesses in your town, making Bag It And Give an extremely important scheme for the Hospice," says Tim Osborn, Head of Retail. "Our shops are always in need of good quality donations and we hope that by showing how easy it is to take part we are able to encourage even more people to get involved in the scheme."

For further information on the scheme please contact Tim Osborn or visit www.pth.org.uk/get-involved/bag-it-and-give.

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Notes for Editors:

Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice provides Specialist Palliative Care to adult patients and their families living with life limiting illnesses in West Surrey and North East Hampshire. We aim to give excellent specialist care and support and, through training, empower other healthcare professionals serving our community of 600,000 residents to do the same.

Every day we support over 100 patients and carers in their own homes, in the community and at the Hospice (on our In-Patient Unit, in Day Hospice, at out-patient appointments and through Patient and Family Services). We firmly believe in offering an integrated package of care that reflects both clinical requirement and patient choice.

The NHS covers less than 16% of the Hospice's costs. This means we have to fundraise 84p in every pound the Hospice needs to spend so we rely heavily on the support and generosity of our local community. All our services are free of charge to our patients and their families, but we need to fundraise over £10,000 a day to offer such an exceptional standard of clinical care and support.

Our vision is to be able to give local patients and their families both an excellent service and a choice about where they'd like to be cared for by the Hospice. We can only do this with the continued support of our community.

Please get in touch for more information on how you can support your local hospice. Please visit www.pth.org.uk or call 01252 729446 for further information.