

Press Release

King's Lynn, 11th May 2010

Sainsburys Support Local Hospice!

The Norfolk Hospice, Tapping House was chosen by Sainsburys staff and customers to be their 'local community charity' to support over the last year, and on Tuesday a cheque for £2000 was presented by Store Manager Simon Cross to Ryan Kerr from The Norfolk Hospice, Tapping House.

During the last twelve months, staff in the store have been hard at it holding various raffles, bingos and other events, as well as collecting on their busy tills.

Community Fundraiser, Ryan Kerr said, "It's fantastic that a large national company chose to support a local charity. And on behalf of the patients, families and carers that receive our care, I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone involved in raising this incredible amount! It costs over one million pounds a year to run our Hospice and only 15% of this is funded by statutory income streams. So we need to raise a considerable amount of money each year to continue our vital work. Without the support of companies such as Sainsburys, we simply wouldn't be able to provide the care that we do."

Simon Cross added, "I would like to thank all of my colleagues for supporting the fundraising over the last year and I would also like to express my gratitude to the many customers who have made this figure of £2000 possible".

If you are interested in fundraising, volunteering or supporting The Norfolk Hospice, Tapping House in any way please call **01485 542891** or visit **www.norfolkhospice.org.uk**, for more details.

- ENDS -

Notes to editors:

Since 1984, The Norfolk Hospice, Tapping House, has been providing palliative care to people with cancer, neurological and other life-limiting conditions, to enable them to live life to the full for whatever time is left.

Our services include: holistic day care, home hospice support, bereavement support for families, regular carer support groups, transport, equipment loan and an information service.

The area we serve is large and covers West and North Norfolk, neighbouring parts of the Fens in North East Cambridgeshire and the borders of South Lincolnshire.

We care for over 200 people a month at the hospice and at home. Our care is provided without charge, and it costs £1 million a year to run our Hospice. We depend on the generosity of the community to survive: 85% our costs are paid for by the individuals, organisations and groups who give generously to support our vital care. We are a Registered Charity, with reg. no. 1062800.

In life nothing is certain but, with your help, we can ensure that we continue to provide the finest hospice care possible, now and in the future.

For media details, further information and photo opportunities please contact:

Dianne Rowe

Director of Fundraising

Tel: 01485 542891

Email: dianne.rowe@norfolkospice.org.uk

Website: www.norfolkospice.org.uk

The Norfolk Hospice

Tapping House

Common Road (West)

Snettisham

King's Lynn

Norfolk

PE31 7PF