

MIDDLESBROUGH FREEMASONS IN THE COMMUNITY

On Thursday 17th May 2007, at the Masonic Hall, Middlesbrough, local Freemasons presented cheques totaling in excess of £17,500 to various local charities. This was the sixth such evening and the total amount donated has now exceeded £67,000.

The £17,500 that had been raised locally during the last twelve months is in addition to other money donated by the Freemasons for distribution both nationally and internationally. It was raised by Freemasons, their wives/partners, families and friends at events such as social evenings, sponsored walks etc. and of course from donations.

The presentations were made at the Annual Charity Presentation Evening when representatives from 27 Charities together with their partners and colleagues had been invited to join members of the eleven Middlesbrough Masonic Lodges, the Zetland Ladies Club (a club for the wives/partners or widows of Middlesbrough Freemasons) and the Deputy the Provincial Grand Master of the Masonic Province of Yorkshire North & East Ridings, Jeffrey Gillyon.

The Charities which received cheques were the Cardio Thoracic Trust (JCUH), Teesside Hospice, Cleveland Army Cadet Band, Zoe's Place, Meningitis Research Foundation, MANDET (Diabetes and Midwifery,) Stroke Unit (Ward 28), Yatton House, the Provincial Grand Charity, South Cleveland Prostate Cancer, Daisy Chain Respite, Marie Curie Cancer, South Cleveland Heart Fun, North East Air Ambulance, Holistic Cancer Care Unit, Children and Families learning Department, Cardiac Risk in Young, English Federation of Disability Sports, Cleveland Unit fund, Look Ahead Cancer, Upper G.I. Support, Larchfield Community Centre, Diabetes UK, Beverley School, Macmillan Nurses, Action Aid, and Severn Area Rescue.

The evening followed its usual format, with drinks on arrival before a meal was served. There was then a short talk about the South Cleveland Heart Fund and Teddies for Loving Care, which is an initiative funded by Freemasons and recently introduced at the James Cook University Hospital enabling distressed children to be given their very own teddy upon arrival at the A& E Department. Cheques were then presented and the evening was brought to a close by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

At the end of the formal part of the evening, guests were invited to tour the building to see where Freemasons meet and members were available to answer questions.



Teddies attend Middlesbrough Freemasons 'Picnic'

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