

Press Release

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Hospice Seeks Unpaid Sleep Walk Sponsorship

Fundraisers at St Peter & St James Hospice are still waiting to receive more than £11,000 in sponsorship from their July Sleep Walk.

700 Sleep Walkers pledged a staggering £61,000 in sponsorship on the night. So far £50,000 has been received by the Hospice. The deadline for sponsorship to be sent in was Friday 11th September. Gill Cronin, Head of Fundraising at the Hospice in North Chailey said: "The Sleep Walk was a fantastic event and we've had some incredibly positive feedback from both walkers and volunteers. A huge amount of money has been raised and we are very grateful to all those who have sent their sponsorship in already. We understand how hard it can be to collect in sponsorship but now we really need the rest of our Sleep Walkers to send theirs in as soon as possible so that we can put it to good use caring for our patients and their loved ones."

If you took part in the Sleep Walk and still have outstanding sponsorship please send it in as soon as possible to: Fundraising Department, St Peter & St James Hospice & Continuing Care Centre, North Common Road, North Chailey, Lewes, East Sussex. BN8 4ED. Please also ensure that you send in your completed sponsorship forms to enable the Hospice to claim Gift Aid where appropriate.

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Photograph: Sleep Walk 2009 - photograph courtesy of Eddie Howland - www.eddiehowlandphotography.co.uk

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Notes to Editors: About St Peter & St James Hospice & Continuing Care Centre

Our mission as a registered charity is to provide specialist care, love and support for those living with progressive, life limiting illnesses from East and West Sussex. We will endeavour to meet the needs of each patient, their family and friends. We aim to encourage and enable all patients to live their lives to their full potential despite their illnesses.

We care for patients from Burgess Hill, Haywards Heath, Lewes, Uckfield and the surrounding villages. Last year we provided care for more than 400 patients and their families. All of our Hospice services are free of charge and we receive just 15% of our funding from the Government. This means we have to raise more than £1.4 million every year through fundraising. That's £4,000 every single day.

If you are interested in working or volunteering at St Peter & St James please contact Human Resources on 01444 471598 or visit www.stpeter-stjames.org.uk.

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