

Press Release

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Maddie Power!!!

Most people like to slow down a little when they reach retirement age – but not this wonderful lady!

91 year old Madeline Harwood has raised an incredible £3,802.99 for St Peter & St James Hospice by holding auctions and table top events. Maddie started organising and running this event around 12-15 years ago and enjoys every moment of it.

Held about once every three months, the residents of Mayflower Court in Haywards Heath donate food, gifts and money so that Maddie can raise valuable funds for St Peter & St James. Then once everything is sold the totals are announced to the residents and the process begins all over again!

It all started many moons ago when Maddie's friend Pam became ill. Maddie wondered how she could help. At the time, Pam had a shop and knew all about the retail trade, so Maddie decided to raise money for the hospice by selling things like her friend did and she hasn't looked back since. When asked if she would like to carry on with her fundraising for the hospice Maddie said "oh yes, definitely - I couldn't imagine not!"

St Peter & St James would like to thank Maddie for her long term support

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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 500 patients and their families. All of our Hospice services are free of charge and we receive less than 20% 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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