

**Press Release**

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**Mystery Donor Matches Funds**

A mystery donor has set a challenge to supporters of St Peter & St James Hospice in North Chailey. For every £1 raised by the local community for the Hospice's Raise The Roof campaign they will match it £ for £ up to a maximum of £25,000. Up to this threshold, any donations for the Raise The Roof campaign between now and the end of the year will be doubled.

Head of Fundraising Gill Cronin said: "We are really excited by this special opportunity to double the fundraising efforts of the local community. So make your ££s go further – if you or some friends are planning an event or would like to make a donation for Raise The Roof now is definitely the time to do it!"

"We are very grateful to Rubber Soul for dedicating all funds from this year's Burgess Hill Festival concert to Raise The Roof. All proceeds from the concert will be doubled thanks to our mystery donor. If you are a fan of The Beatles it is not too late to join us on Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm at Martlets Hall, Burgess Hill. Tickets are £8 and are available from the Burgess Hill Help Point" (Tel: 01444 247726)

The Raise The Roof campaign was launched in November 2007 to raise money for a continuous programme of improvements to the facilities at St Peter & St James. The target for the campaign is £222,700 and so far £145,945 has been raised through donations from the local community, businesses and Trusts. Gill said: "We currently have a shortfall of £77,655 and are hopeful that the local community will respond to this opportunity to reduce the shortfall by another £50,000."

Anybody interested in rising to the challenge can contact Gill at the Hospice on 01444 470206 or visit the campaign website [www.raisetherooftocampaign.org.uk](http://www.raisetherooftocampaign.org.uk). If you are interested in working or volunteering at St Peter & St James please contact the Personnel department on 01444 471598.

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