

Press Release

20th July 2009

Sleep Walk Super Stars!

700 women dressed in their pyjamas marched through the streets on Saturday night to raise vital funds for St Peter & St James Hospice. Walkers, aged from 10 to 76, pledged the record breaking amount of £61,000 after completing the 10km sponsored walk around Haywards Heath and Lindfield.

After a lively warm up the walkers set off from Olympos Haywards Heath at midnight. The first walkers arrived back after an hour and 36 minutes to be greeted by a goody bag and a well earned breakfast provided by Burgess Hill, Haywards Heath and District Round Table.

Gill Cronin, Head of Fundraising at the Hospice in North Chailey said: "This was our second Sleep Walk and we are absolutely overwhelmed with the number of ladies who took part and the amount of money that they have pledged. I hope that all of our Sleep Walkers managed to have a nice long lie in on Sunday morning! We have to raise £3,600 every single day and the money raised by our fantastic Sleep Walkers will help us to keep providing our free hospice services for our patients and their families.

"Special thanks also go to the 70 volunteer marshalls who helped were out on the route and to all those who helped out at Olympos on the night, we simply could not have done it without them. Our thanks also go to our main sponsors Tracmaster, icon Live, Burgess Hill, Haywards Heath and District Round Table, Olympos, Lighter Life, Bright FM, Profiles Health and Beauty and Sainsbury's for their fantastic support."

If you took part in the Sleep Walk, please check the Hospice's website, www.stpeter-stjames.org.uk, to see all of the photographs from the night. Please send your sponsorship money to St Peter & St James Hospice, North Common Road, North Chailey, Lewes, East Sussex, BN8 4ED by Friday 11th September.

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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 £1.3 million every year through fundraising. That's £3,600 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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