

News Release



Ipswich Hospital Band

Street performances by the Ipswich Hospital Band have raised thousands of pounds for charity.

Shoppers in the town centre donated generously, raising a total of £3,400, of which 50% will go to East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH) Treehouse Appeal.

The dedicated band, who played carol concerts throughout December outside Debenhams, Sainsbury's and Morrisons supermarkets, were overwhelmed with the generosity shown by the public. They also played at the EACH Carol Service at St Augustine's Church, Morrisons in Felixstowe and The Fox Inn at Newbourne.

John Pickering, who is the band's Vice Chairman and Treasurer, said: "It's wonderful to support the EACH Treehouse Appeal as it's such an important local charity.

Mr Pickering, who is also a Treehouse Appeal committee member, continued: "We would like to thank everyone who made a donation during the performances."

Melanie Chew, EACH Director of fundraising, said: "We can't believe how much was raised from the performances and are delighted to have the support of the local residents."

"We are getting ever closer to our £3m target, and the efforts by Ipswich Hospital Band, will help us reach our goal." **Ends**

A photocall has been arranged for 3pm on Friday January 14 at Epsilon House, Room 23-24, West Road, Masterlord Office Village, Ransomes Europark, Ipswich, IP3 9FJ.

Notes to editors

The current EACH hospice bungalow in Ipswich is inadequate for the demands of children's hospice care services in Suffolk and North Essex- which is why we need to move to a new premises.

We have been donated a four acre woodland plot in Ipswich by a local charitable trust and the new building will allow end of life care to be delivered in greater privacy, provide more bed spaces for life-threatened children and provide private overnight accommodation for families to name but a few.

The Treehouse Appeal aims to raise £3 million to build and equip the new hospice and for more information contact The Treehouse Appeal Fundraising Office, EACH, Room 23, Epsilon House, West Road, Masterlord Office Village, Ransomes Europark, Ipswich, IP3 9FJ, Tel: 01473 276115.

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