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Crematorium scheme donates £3,333 to Naomi House Children’s Hospice

The Oaks, Havant Crematorium in south east Hampshire has donated £3,333 to Naomi House Children’s Hospice, as a result of a share of funds from a national recycling scheme that the crematorium belongs to.

The Oaks, which is run by The Southern Co-operative and will have been open for one year in December, belongs to a metals recycling scheme run by the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management (ICCM).

Roddy McGinley, The Oaks Crematorium Manager, explained: “It’s important to understand that the recycling of metals following a cremation of a deceased person is only done with the written consent of each bereaved family. Following a cremation, the cremated remains may contain metals from orthopedic implants such as hip and knee replacement joints as well as items used in the construction of the coffin. This metal, always with the bereaved family’s approval, is recycled by ICCM with proceeds shared between its members to donate to a charity of their choice. For us, Naomi House struck a chord for the support it gives to children, young people and their families.” Roddy, who has served as President of the ICCM for the past year, added: “The Oaks crematorium was built to the highest environmental standards and we endeavour to offer a caring, professional service to everyone involved in funerals held here at The Oaks. The ICCM’s policy to donate funds to charity that have been raised through this recycling scheme reflects our own ethos at The Southern Co-operative to make a difference to the environment and communities we serve.”

The Oaks was recently short-listed for a green building award at the CPRE Hampshire Awards. Paul Morgan, Head of Fundraising at Naomi House, said: “Everyone at Naomi House and Jacks place is so grateful for The Southern Co-operative’s support. As you can imagine, without the tremendous generosity of individuals, businesses and groups in the community, we could not keep the doors of Naomi House and Jacks place open and continue to provide respite, care and support for children and young people with life-limited and life-threatened illnesses and their families, so once again thank you for your donation of £3,333, it does make a big difference. Earlier this year, The Oaks donated £3,473 to the Rowan’s Hospice from the same scheme.

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