Funding for East Anglian Children’s Hospices’ appeal for a new centre

Borough Mayor, Cllr Colin Manning, will present representatives from East Anglian Children’s Hospices with a cheque for £4,321 on Tuesday 27 October at 9.30am at Mintlyn Crematorium.

The donation has been raised through a charitable scheme, operated by the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management (ICCM), of which Mintlyn Crematorium is a member. Under the scheme metal from medical implants is recycled after cremation, with the consent of the family of the deceased. Twice a year the institute asks its members to nominate local charities, which help to support people to cope with the death of loved ones, to receive a donation.

In the five years that Mintlyn Crematorium has been part of the scheme, around £20,000 has been donated to local charities. This year, staff at Mintlyn Crematorium have chosen to support East Anglian Children’s Hospices’ (EACH) Nook Appeal.

Cllr David Pope, Cabinet Member for ICT, Leisure and Public Space, said “We are delighted that the Borough Council of King’s Lynn & West Norfolk can support EACH by making this donation, and we congratulate them on the excellent work they do for young people and their families in Norfolk”.

The Nook Appeal is to raise funds for “the nook”: a brand new hospice for young people set in an idyllic five-acre woodland plot. EACH have been providing care at their Quidenham hospice for over twenty years, and have supported a huge number of Norfolk families. But the demand on their services is ever-increasing, and they are rapidly outgrowing the building.

EACH have planning permission to build the nook in Framingham Earl, five miles south of Norwich, in a wonderfully tranquil setting. If they raise the funds they require, they will be able to provide a purpose-built facility for children, young people and families which will include a significantly larger care area on a single floor; seven large well-equipped bedrooms; a hydrotherapy pool, a sensory room, a quiet haven, and an outdoor play area with specialist equipment.
James Bacon from EACH said “We are so grateful for the support of the Borough Council of King’s Lynn & West Norfolk. Their support will make a huge difference to making our vision of a new hospice for local life-threatened children and their families a reality. We need the support of all sectors of the Norfolk community – individuals, schools, community groups and of course the business sector to achieve our fundraising target, so the Borough Council’s support is fantastic.”

Mintlyn Crematorium is owned and operated by the Borough Council of King’s Lynn & West Norfolk. Previously, the crematorium used money raised through the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management (ICCM) scheme to support Scotty’s Little Soldiers, SANDS (Stillborn and Neonatal Death Society), Friends in Bereavement and Nelson’s Journey.

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Reporters and photographers are welcome to attend: Mintlyn Crematorium (PE32 1HB), Tuesday 27 October at 9.30am. Please report to the site office.

For more information about East Anglian Children’s Hospices Nook Appeal please visit: http://www.each.org.uk/the-nook/about-the-nook

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