

Blackbaud Europe Staff Donate Christmas Toys For Tots

Yorkhill Children's Foundation supporting children in hospital this Christmas



21 December 2010 - Employees from **Blackbaud Europe's** Scottish office visited Yorkhill Children's Hospital today to hand over two huge boxes of toys, the latest in a long line of generous supporters bringing tons of Christmas cheer to the sick children who will be in hospital over the holidays.

Said David Welch, Head of Fundraising, Marketing and Communications for **Yorkhill Children's Foundation**, "From books and baby toys to games and dressing up kits, we have been absolutely overwhelmed by the generosity of the public who have been raising money to buy gifts for the kids at Yorkhill.

"Our elves will be very busy over the next couple of days making sure everything is wrapped in time for Santa to do his rounds on the wards next week!"

Robert McAllen, Manager of Internet Solutions, Blackbaud Europe (pictured) comments, "As a company that specialises in the not-for-profit sector we have a deep understanding of how challenging fundraising and appeals can be, and the whole team grasps the opportunity to act in a very real and hands on way to make such a huge difference for these children. The charity is local to us and everyone in the office has some connection to the hospital. Whether that is a child, a nephew, a cousin, or in my case it's because as a child I had to spend a birthday in Yorkhill and was so happy with the generosity (and the present!). These toys are used both at Christmas and throughout the year."

"We make this collection annually but this year was an exception as the amount of toys brought in was way in excess of anything we've done before."

Notes for editors:

- 1) Yorkhill Children's Foundation is not a client of Blackbaud Europe.
- 2) **Yorkhill Children's Foundation** was established in 2001 following the incorporation of Yorkhill Sick Children's Fund which had been in existence since 1981. Three sub-committees, each chaired by a Director, meet bi-monthly, prior to board meetings to which recommendations are made.

There are 13 paid members of staff in the Foundation office working within fundraising, administration and finance. Extensive use is made of volunteers, particularly in the gift shop and tea bar but also in the office, the can collection service and speaking to community groups.

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The Charity owns and operates a retail shop and tea bar under a separate company, Yorkhill Fund Trading Limited. The Foundation's income is made up primarily of voluntary donations from various sources including individuals, companies and trusts. The Foundation is a grant making charity and as such the majority of the annual expenditure is on charitable grants. The fundraising income for Yorkhill Children's Foundation has grown steadily since its inception, raising £319,000 in 2001 (7 months) to £2.3 million in 2009-2010.

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