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The Duke of Cornwall Raises £4000.00 in a Landmark Year

2013 was a special year for the Duke of Cornwall as Plymouth's leading hotel marked its 150th Anniversary. The team raised an amazing £4000.00 for three local charities – Jeremiah's Journey who offer support and information to children and their families who have experienced or are anticipating the death of someone special. Friends and Families of Special Children, who provide information, support and services for families and carers of children with various special needs and St Luke's Hospice who provide specialist end of life care.

Having opened in 1863 as Plymouth's first luxury hotel The Duke of Cornwall remains dear to many local people's hearts, it was therefore important to choose charities where the local community would benefit. Jonathan Morcom, Director said "In such a significant year for the Hotel it was important for us to give something back to Plymouth and especially to some very special charities particularly close to our hearts." Walter Combstock, Managing Director said "We would like to thank all of our team at the Duke for embracing our 150th Anniversary. They were behind all of the ideas for the events and helped us to pick the three local charities; the whole year really has been a team effort".

The team raised the money in a variety of ways from hosting Beatles and Big Band Nights, to raising awareness of each charity by engaging with guests. The hotel also offers an exclusive experience to take 'Tea at the Top'! This takes place in their stunning tower where from the glass turret you can see for miles taking in all that Plymouth and the surrounding area has to offer – cityscapes, sea views and a glimpse of the Moors. Each guest has the tower to themselves for two hours to escape daily life and a percentage from every afternoon

tea was added to the charity pot. Many generous guests donated more on hearing about the great causes.

Leila Nottage, Fundraising, PR & Comms Manager for Jeremiah's Journey said "We are so thankful to everyone at the Duke of Cornwall for their support. Sadly we have more and more local families who need our help when going through a difficult and often traumatic time in their lives. The money raised will make a real and significant difference."

Lorna Damella, Corporate Fundraiser for St Luke's Hospice added:

"St Luke's would like to thank everyone at the Duke of Cornwall for choosing us as one of their nominated charities for 2013. It's great to have the support of local businesses and we really appreciate all of the hard work they have put in to raise over £4000 in the 12 months. The fantastic amount they have raised for us will help provide end of life care to those who need us most in our local community."

Kay O'Shaughnessy, Chair of Trustees for Friends and Families of Special Children Ltd said "We are hugely grateful to Jon, Wally and all of the staff at the Duke for their continued support. The money raised during the Dukes anniversary year is a big boost for us and we are planning to use it on a music therapy project for our families. As a very small local charity we rely heavily on local support."

Asides from raising crucial funds the Hotel also host charity Balls and support the community as much as they can, this year they continue to mark historical events. In August they are hosting the centenary of the farewell meal and overnight stay at the hotel by Sir Ernest Shackleton before sailing from Millbay dock with the Imperial Trans Antarctic Expedition, aboard 'Endurance'. Rich with history and set in the heart of the City, the Duke of Cornwall have made a real difference to the lives of many residents.

If you would like to know more about upcoming events at the Duke of Cornwall please call 01752 275850, email info@thedukeofcornwall.co.uk or visit their website www.thedukeofcornwall.co.uk

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