

Newsletter - November 2010

MiH Concerts

We are well on our way to reaching our target for concert giving in hospitals, hospices, care homes, day care centres and special needs schools. Our projection for this financial year is 4,866 across the UK. 3,166 in England, Wales, Northern Ireland and the Channel Islands and 1,700 in Scotland.

The restricting factor will be obtaining grants to support our work. We appreciated fundraising is going to be difficult over the next couple of years and we have set our targets accordingly.

We are working on some exciting projects including; one based in the South West of England which is being supported by Pfizer Ltd, The Freemason's Grand Charity is funding concerts for older people across the country, Guy's and St Thomas's Charity have awarded us a grant for concerts in the two hospitals, plus concerts in their affiliated nursing homes, and we have just moved into the third year of our project with Bupa who are funding concerts in their homes and non-corporately owned care homes.

Next month, December, is building up to be as busy as ever and our carefully chosen musicians will be creating joy through live music in a vast array of healthcare settings looking forward to Christmas.

Our residents were 'swept away' by the quality of the entertainment. One said "I closed my eyes and I could have been at the Albert Hall".

Park House, Peterborough



Events

Gala Dinner – Haberdashers' Hall, London on Thursday, 3rd March 2011

Music in Hospitals' Ambassadors are organising an exciting evening at Haberdashers' Hall on the 3rd March, details of which are enclosed. We are hopeful that our Royal Patron, HRH The Duchess of Gloucester, will be attending. The evening is being hosted by our Vice President, Richard Stilgoe, and tenor, Toby Spence and mezzo-soprano, Yvonne Howard will be performing during the evening.

Do join us for what will be a fantastic evening. Tickets are £125 per person and all profits will be going towards the work of Music in Hospitals.

Fundraising Activities & Ideas

London Marathon: This year our runners in the London Marathon raised nearly £11,000, which was brilliant. If you or a friend has a ballot place for the marathon, or any other running event, please consider supporting MiH at the same time. If you contact the office we will help with fundraising tips and provide a technical running vest with the charity's logo.

Three Peaks Challenge: Butter Wakefield, one of MiH's Ambassadors, embarked on the Three Peaks Challenge earlier this year and raised an incredible £2,150. Congratulations and thank you!

Friends for Dinner: Christmas parties are almost upon us. Some of our supporters have been holding lunch and dinner parties amongst their friends who have most generously made donations to MiH. It is a fun way to raise money and also helps to spread the word about our work.

MiH concerts local to you: MiH is local to everyone. We can arrange a concert in your local hospital, hospice, care home, day care centre or special needs school. Every birthday or Christmas you wonder what to buy a relative as a gift. Why not gift them a MiH concert – it is only £230, and this is for a professional performance, which is specially tailored for the residents and patients. Or, why not encourage your local Rotary or Lions club, or similar, to fund a MiH concert.

Schools: Schools often choose MiH to benefit from a leaving collection after a school concert or Carol Service. Perhaps you can put us in touch with your local school or suggest to the head or music department that they might like to select MiH as their chosen charity. Money raised can always be designated for concerts in the local vicinity.

Become a Friend of MiH: If you are not already a Friend of MiH, why not join up? Please see the enclosed leaflet for details.

News from MiH North West

MiH helped to extend the audience of Marple Arts Festival by taking concerts into two special schools and three residential care homes in the Cheshire town. Festival organiser, Frank Blanchard, said "It is wonderful that so many people who would normally be excluded from attending events because of their illness or disability were able to be part of the festival. Thank you MiH for making the festival truly inclusive".



MiH also held a fundraising recital in Marple as part of the festival. Over 100 people attended to listen to X-tet, a recorder quartet followed by cellist, Adrienne Wininsky with Jamie Thompson on piano. Nearly £600 was raised at the event.

Everyone at MiH thanks you for your support and takes this opportunity of wishing you a very Happy Christmas