

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Will Week a big success for local charity**

Cornwall Hospice Care's 'Make a Will Week' has been a huge success encouraging over 260 people to have their Wills written and raising more than £13,000 for the charity, it was announced today.

Twenty-two solicitors and independent financial advisers throughout Cornwall agreed not to charge their normal fees for updating or writing Wills during the Will Week (12<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> May 2008). In return donations were requested for local charity Cornwall Hospice Care.

"The response was amazing," said Fundraiser, Kevin Marsh. "Nearly all the participating solicitors and financial advisers were fully booked during our Will Week. As a result, some volunteered to have more even appointments at other times. Everyone involved has been very supportive and people have been so generous with their donations." Mike Robinson of Stephens & Scown Solicitors said, "Having your Will prepared by a professional adviser is important to ensure your wishes can be carried out as you want them. We were pleased to do this and help raise funds for this truly local charity."

All the money raised will help Cornwall Hospice Care provide specialist medical, practical and emotional care to people in Cornwall who are living with a life threatening illness, as well as support to their families and carers. It costs the charity over £5 million a year to provide the free, specialist care needed. Every year around 500 people stay in the charity's two hospices in Hayle and St Austell to receive treatment to alleviate pain and manage the symptoms of their illness. In addition, there are more than 2,000 patient admissions each year for day treatments and therapies. The medical staff and volunteers of the hospices provide not only medical care, but also emotional and spiritual support for the patients, their families and carers. The hospices offer a calm, sensitive, understanding and peaceful environment to anyone dealing with the physical and psychological distress of facing a life-threatening illness.

Kevin Marsh continued "We would like to thank all the participating solicitors and financial advisers for volunteering their time and services to help raise money to support the charity. This is the first time that we have run this initiative and because of its success we intend to run it again next year."

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#### **Attached**

- Jpeg of Make a Will Week logo and image

#### **Contact Details**

- For further information please call Kevin Marsh on 01726 65711