

## **Press Release**

### **Volunteers Sought To Tackle Cornish Charity's Clothing Mountain**

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A Cornish charity is asking for more volunteers to help sort a mountain of donated goods or to join its team of volunteers that work in its network of retail outlets across the county.

Cornwall Hospice Care relies on the support of more than 1000 volunteers who work in its two hospices, in its retail operation and as fundraisers in the community, contributing hundreds of hours in support every week

"This week (June 1-8) is Volunteers' Week and we want to take the opportunity to thank all our volunteers – they are an incredibly important part of the hospice team. Their contribution cannot be measured in savings alone as they bring with them a wealth of experience, knowledge and skills," said Paul Brinsley, Chief Executive of the charity, which provides specialist clinical care and support to patients with life-limiting conditions.

The charity has just moved its Income Generation department to a new 30,000 sq ft (check with Verity) distribution centre with offices in Daniels Lane, St. Austell and currently has a huge volume of donated items to be sorted.

"Our distribution centre services a network of 27 shops across Cornwall and last year the retail department raised in excess of £2million so is a hugely important source of income for the charity. However, with the move we now have to sort a mountain of clothing, collectibles, electrics and other items. We need people who have a few hours to spare each week who would be able help sort the items or to work on our vans providing stock for our shops," said Mike Voyzey distribution centre manager.

Cornwall Hospice Care provides specialist clinical care to patients with life-limiting conditions at its two hospices – Mount Edgcumbe in St. Austyell and St. Julia's in Hayle - and in other health care settings. It costs nearly £6 million annually to run its services, the majority of which comes from the public's support.

If anyone wishes to volunteer, please call Mike Voyzey or Lyn Tregilgas on 01726 66869.

**Ends**

#### **Further Information**

Volunteers' Week (June 1-7) is an annual event which celebrates the fantastic contribution that millions of volunteers make across the UK. The week plays a huge part in raising the profile of the millions of volunteers who regularly contribute to society, while inspiring others to get involved too.

This year is also the European Year of Volunteering 2011. This is an exciting opportunity for voluntary organisations across the EU to join together in a celebration of volunteering, and a discussion on the importance of volunteering on a local, national and international level.

In England, Volunteering England is working closely with other volunteering organisations and the Office for Civil Society (the UK's National Coordinating Body for the Year) to make sure that the Year represents a real opportunity to promote volunteering.