

PRESS RELEASE: GARDEN SQUARE SHOPPING CENTRE

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GARDEN HOUSE HOSPICE RAISES £3,686.17 THANKS TO GARDEN SQUARE'S SHOPPERS!

Situated in Letchworth Garden City, the Garden House Hospice was opened in June 1990 and serves the communities of Baldock, Hitchin, Letchworth, Royston, Stevenage and the surrounding villages of North Hertfordshire.

Garden House is a registered charity offering hospice care and support to patients from the community with a life limiting illness. Volunteers play an enormous part in helping the Hospice to run smoothly and efficiently, giving their time freely working as part of the multi-disciplinary team as well as in support of fundraising activities.

All services are offered free of charge to patients and families needing the support of the Hospice. Garden House Hospice is a local charity which relies on over 62% of its funding to come from the local community. It needs to raise £2 million in voluntary income this year to continue providing its exceptionally high quality of services to the people of North Hertfordshire.

GENEROUS SHOPPERS

Garden Square nominated the Garden House Hospice as its charity of the year for 2015 and worked alongside them to help generate much needed funds. Monies were collected from Garden Square's shoppers during Mother's Day, Easter, Summer, Halloween and Christmas events. In total, an amazing **£3,686.17** was raised!

Karen Rabjohn, Head of Fundraising for Garden House Hospice, said: ***"We totalled up income during our partnership with Garden Square Shopping Centre from December 2014 to December 2015. £1,425 was raised from the Santa's Grotto at the end of 2014 and £1,025.54 was raised from 2015's Grotto. Other events raised £1,235.63. We're delighted with this amazing total and thank Garden Square and their shoppers for their generosity!"***

Jack Philbin, Garden Square's Centre Manager, adds: ***"Garden House Hospice is an excellent local cause and we're proud to be associated with them. We're thankful to our shoppers who helped raise this fantastic amount of money."***

For more information about the Garden House Hospice visit ghhospice.co.uk. Further details about Garden Square Shopping Centre can be found on their **website** or by following them on **Facebook** and **Twitter**.

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Note to Editors

Situated in the heart of Letchworth, Garden Square Shopping Centre comprises of over 30 shops, services and eateries. From fashion to home furnishings and electronics to eateries, Garden Square is the perfect place for retail convenience.

Further information about the centre can be found on Garden Square's website:

www.gardensqureshopping.co.uk

Or follow the centre on Facebook: www.facebook.com/GardenSquareShopping

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