

## Working together

By encouraging pupils to actively support our charity and making the most of what we can offer your school, students will not only be contributing to a local hospice, they will also be learning more about us and the hospice movement in general.

St Catherine's is happy to provide your school with...

- Support and advice from an experienced schools fundraiser
- Assembly talks adapted to suit your student age range on a variety of subjects including the work of St Catherine's, the hospice movement, current organisational developments and volunteering
- Visits from our clinical staff to discuss topics like end of life care and euthanasia
- Information about student volunteer opportunities available at St Catherine's
- Professional advice for teachers about bereavement issues
- Speakers for your public fundraising events
- Assistance with local publicity
- Acknowledgement of your support on our website
- Providing you with St Catherine's materials such as display board information, banners, T-shirts, balloons, pens and sponsor forms

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**Visit the Schools and Colleges section of our  
website, [www.stch.org.uk](http://www.stch.org.uk), for examples of  
schools who have chosen to get involved**



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# Schools and St Catherine's: Supporting each other

By pledging your support for a period of time (i.e.: a term or a year), we can make the most of both your fundraising efforts and our ability to educate and inform students about our work in their community.

You may have your own ideas about how you can support us and we are keen to get involved. Alternatively, here are some simple and popular suggestions...

## Autumn term

### Christmas cuddlies

Perfect for primary and middle schools. Small soft toys are supplied on a sale or return basis. Last year this initiative raised over £10,000.

### Your Christmas production

Incorporate a collection or raffle for the hospice.

### Donations in lieu of Christmas cards

Request donations instead of sending Christmas cards at school.

### Crawley 10K Race on 17th October 2010

Encourage staff, parents and over 15's to sign up for the 10K Race.

## Spring term

### Enterprise challenge 2011

Engage the creativity and resourcing skills of your secondary students by entering our award winning Enterprise Challenge. Backed by West Sussex County Council, this popular and educational event raised almost £5,000 in the 2009/10 school year.

### Support our charity shops

A great time to donate unwanted spring cleaning finds and unused Christmas presents! Simply give our blue bags to families, encourage them to donate quality clothes, toys, DVDs, etc, and arrange a day for them to be returned to school. We would be happy to collect these from you and let you know their total value.



## Summer term

### End of year charity event

Allow St Catherine's to benefit from a collection, raffle or refreshments sales at your summer fete, sports day or end of year production.

### Midnight Walk - June 2011

Female staff, family members and over 13's can take part in this exciting challenge taking place in Horsham. Over 1000 women took part in our 2010 event!

## Ideas suitable throughout the school year

### Duke of Edinburgh Awards students

If your students are already Duke of Edinburgh Awards participants or if they are interested in signing up to the scheme, please let us know. Supporting their local hospice could contribute towards their voluntary service hours.

### Blue bag collection

Blue bag collections can be organised at any time. Bags can be given out before school events such as sports days and performances. Simply arrange a collection point at the event and St Catherine's will collect the bags from you.

### Dress down days

Hold a non-uniform day and ask students to donate £1 to the hospice.

### Collection boxes

Perfect for staff rooms and reception desks.

### Badges

The sunflower is the national hospice flower. If your students are keen badge collectors or if you would like to sell these or our other types of badges on reception, we would be happy to supply them.

### What do you do already?

We would love to hear your fundraising ideas and support them as much as we can with fundraising advice and materials.