



# Bridging the gap

Newsletter July 2024



The Teesside Charity

# Dance like nobody's watching

**Our Annual Ball will take place this year at Hardwick Hall Hotel on Friday 4th October** and guarantees to be a memorable night of fantastic food, drink, music, dancing, great company and fundraising.



4th  
October

## **The Teesside Charity Annual Ball Friday 4th October 2024, Hardwick Hall Hotel**

This year the Annual Ball promises to surpass all expectations with a live auction, silent auction, grand raffle, 360° photo booth, casino games, local band Storm and fun-filled surprises!

We are thrilled to announce that for the first time, the renowned broadcaster, comedian, and charity auctioneer, Alfie Joey, will be hosting our Annual Ball! Known for his charisma, wit, and personality, Alfie is sure to make this a night to remember.

### **Our last Annual Ball raised an amazing £70,000!**

Will you help us raise even more this year to continue our mission to help businesses and individuals join together to make Teesside a better place in which to live, work and do business? Of course, as always, the funds we raise will go to hundreds of fantastic causes and every penny raised will stay right here on Teesside. As the Ball is always a complete sell-out, we urge you to act soon and reserve your space to avoid missing out, only a few tickets remain.

We'd like to thank the six amazing companies who are sponsoring this year's Annual Ball: headline sponsor Boodles, co-sponsor px Group, programme sponsor The Endeavour Partnership, drinks reception sponsor Begbies Traynor Group, wine sponsor Racz Group, and room décor sponsor Waltons Business Advisers and Chartered Accountants.

### **Support is already flowing in from the great and good of the region with the following individuals and businesses confirmed for tables!**

Middlesbrough College, Cleveland Cable Company Ltd, Grey-Smith Legal, PD Ports, Waltons Business Advisers & Chartered Accountants, SRC Ltd, Marton Electrical, Mandale Group, Ian and Adrienne Stark, AV Dawson Limited, Fleet Factors Ltd, px Group, Jacksons Law Firm, Spark Tees Valley, The Build Directory, Barclays (Middlesbrough), Riverdale Healthcare, Sanderson Weatherall, Unity World, Populus Select Ltd, Sembcorp, Better, Wander, Caswells Group, Razorblue, Ward Hadaway, Pickering's Lifts, Atha Developments, Square One Law, Cygnet Law, Parker Barras, Eton College, Azets, Achieve Hospitality, MGL Group, CFB Risk Management, MAI Solutions Limited, Leonard Bye Chartered Accountants, AbacusBean, Active Chartered Financial Planners, Womble Bond Dickinson, Cornerstone Business Solutions, Host & Stay, The Endeavour Partnership, Clive Owen LLP, Handelsbanken, Resolution, Racz Group, Knights, Paul Card Recruitment, Durata, First Choice Labels, Teesside International Airport, Meldrum Group, ITS (Industrial Technology Systems Ltd), Wilton Engineering, Mercury Wealth Management, K2 Construction Management, MKM Building Supplies (Middlesbrough), Begbies Traynor Group, Anderson Barrowcliff, Punch Robson Solicitors, FRP Advisory, Gallagher, BA Joinery, Barrier Architects, Attis Insurance Brokers, Tees Business, Tindles LLP, Boodles.

# Foreword



Lee Bramley, **chair of trustees**

The Teesside Charity is a force to be reckoned with and that is down to you. Year after year, the charity gathers supporters from all areas of Teesside and beyond, and what we achieve together is incredibly humbling. I thank you once again for continuing to help the charity make a difference to lives on Teesside.

Supporting mental health initiatives is one of the charity's key functions and a particular focus for the next six months. We are working with certain projects and have announcements to

share about them soon. The charity provides funding to numerous mental health initiatives across Teesside, as well as raising funds for these organisations through our events programme, including 'Walk into the Light'. We launched 'Walk into the Light' in 2021, a unique 12-mile walk through the night that ends as the sun rises. The walk raises awareness and funds for mental health charities on Teesside and has been incredibly successful since its inception - good luck to those participating this year!

As we move into our fourteenth year, we remain committed to supporting a wide range of local worthy causes. We can only help these causes with the help and support of the many people and companies who continue to raise funds for The Teesside Charity.

Last year, we launched The Teesside Charity Christmas Toy Appeal, which was a huge success. We gave presents and stocking fillers to over 2,500 children across Teesside, all from your donations of toys or funds. Thank you once again for rallying together to provide children in Teesside with a Christmas to remember. We will launch this year's toy appeal in Autumn, and it will be amazing if we can join forces again to put smiles on faces this Christmas.

As ever, I thank Diane, Mandy, Jenny, Sheila and our team of volunteers who help facilitate fundraising and charitable donations. Together and on behalf of my fellow trustees, I invite you to take pride in the difference you have made, and continue to make, by being involved with The Teesside Charity.

**Together, we are making a difference to lives on Teesside.**

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# Spreading Christmas Magic

The Teesside Charity's first ever Christmas Toy Appeal proved to be a huge success thanks to the support and generosity of the wonderful people of Teesside.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who contributed to The Teesside Charity Christmas Toy Appeal 2023. Whether a gift was donated, a collection organised, or funds provided, the generosity is deeply appreciated.

The volume of donations and support for the appeal ensured that over 2,500 children in Teesside woke up to presents under their Christmas tree.

We spoke with parent support advisor Katy Hawkins of Beech Grove Primary School, who commented: "It's truly heartwarming to see the impact the charity's Christmas Toy Appeal had on the children at our school. Knowing that we helped kids experience the magic of Christmas is incredibly rewarding. No child should go without at Christmas, and the relief the charity's donation brought many parents/carers is immeasurable. We had parents/carers come to us in tears, with the worry of not being

able to provide their children with a gift at Christmas looming over them, but with the charity's support, this worry was taken away, and the parents/carers were able to wrap presents for their children to wake up to on Christmas morning. For this we are incredibly appreciative; we can't thank the charity enough for their support."

Charity manager, Diane Williamson of The Teesside Charity said: "On behalf of The Teesside Charity and the families involved, we would like to say a massive thank you for helping us bring the magic of Christmas to thousands of children."

The toy appeal wouldn't have been what it was without our dedicated team of volunteers. Their time and support are appreciated, and we thank each and every one of them.

This year's toy appeal will launch this autumn. Our aim is to surpass the success of last year, bringing the magic of Christmas to even more children in Teesside.

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## How you can get involved

- Get in touch to receive Christmas gift request tags for your workplace
- Get in touch to receive a reusable donation station for your workplace
- Buy a gift of your choice and deliver it to our office
- Fundraise in your workplace to buy toys then contact us for delivery/collection details
- Fundraise in your workplace and donate the money to the charity for us to buy presents on your behalf



If you would like to find out more information about how you can get involved ahead of our 2024 Christmas Toy Appeal, please email [jenny.w@teessidecharity.org.uk](mailto:jenny.w@teessidecharity.org.uk).



The  
Teesside Charity  
**CHRISTMAS  
TOY APPEAL**



# Teesside Heroes



**Meet the true heroes of Teesside, amazing people, doing amazing things for the community.** All Teesside Heroes are presented with a personalised trophy and £1,000 to donate to their chosen local charity.

## December 2023

Marie Christie

### £1,000 to Home-Start Teesside

Marie has volunteered over 2,250 hours of her own time for free to ensure a better start in life for local children. She visits families with young children in their homes weekly to provide practical and emotional support.



## January 2024

Victoria Pointon

### £1,000 to TEES Community

Victoria is a dedicated volunteer who tirelessly undertakes various responsibilities at TEES Community. Currently contributing 16 hours weekly, Victoria plays a crucial role in enabling the organisation to provide essential services free of charge.



## Do you know a hero?

If you know someone worthy of a Teesside Hero award why not nominate them at

[teessidecharity.org.uk](https://teessidecharity.org.uk)

## February 2024

Nicola McBean

### £1,000 to Autism Parents Together

Nicola, who is a mum to two children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), helped set up Autism Parents Together - Tees Valley in 2018 as a result of her own experiences. Autism Parents Together provides support to parents/carers and children and young people aged 0-18, either diagnosed with or undergoing assessment for Autism Spectrum Disorder.



## March 2024

Graham McBain

### £1,000 split between Changing Futures North East and LilyAnne's Wellbeing

Graham provides free haircuts to the people of Hartlepool to help those less fortunate who otherwise wouldn't be able to afford the simple luxury. Graham has raised the self-esteem of many throughout his time as a barber from helping those seeking assistance before job interviews to homeless individuals in local car parks, even restoring dignity to a man who had previously concealed his head for a year due to his hair.



## April 2024

Paul Simpson

### £1,000 to the Leven Football Club

Paul Simpson has been coaching football for many years, bringing smiles to the faces of countless young children. He dedicates his time to running 3 football teams in the area, Leven under 14's, Leven under 18's and Leven girls under 12's. His commitment to the teams is so strong that he has been coaching the boys on the under 18's team since they were under 12's.



## May 2024

Peter Downey

### £1,000 to Clover Group Education and Social Hub

Peter has volunteered at the Clover Group Education and Social Hub, formally known as Middlesbrough Life Services, since they opened their doors 7 years ago, and has played a major role in the growth of the centre. He volunteers his time Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm, providing support, organising activities and making the best cups of tea in 'Boro'.



# Above and beyond

**Every year our wonderful trustees, patrons, Infant Hercules Charity Club members and centurions go above and beyond,** and we want to thank our team of supporters for going the extra mile. Their time and effort never go unnoticed.

## Match Day Fun

Patron Host & Stay kindly gifted us ten season tickets to each Middlesbrough FC home game. To date, these tickets have been warmly received by 310 individuals across the numerous charities, groups, and schools that we passionately support.

Increasing their commitment, Host & Stay have generously donated twelve tickets for every home game of the upcoming Middlesbrough FC season. We are thrilled that we can now extend these experiences to hundreds more, helping to fulfil the dreams of many Teessiders.

## A Shooting Success

A huge thank you to long-standing patron AV Dawson Limited for organising a clay pigeon shooting charity day at Thimbleby and choosing our charity as one of their two beneficiaries, donating an incredible £2,447 from the day.

## Marathon Runners

Thank you to Lee Elgie of patron Gallagher for running the London Marathon raising an impressive £3,659 for our charity.

Thank you also to Richard Pearson of Infant Hercules Charity Club Member Aspire Technology Solutions for running the Manchester Marathon raising a fantastic £215 in support of our cause.

## Great North Run

We are proud to announce that we have assembled our largest team of runners ever for this year's Great North Run, all running in support of our charity. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the following businesses: Fleet Factors, Active Chartered Financial Planners, InBond, Host & Stay, Causeway Technologies, Desap Electrical, Crystal Galleries, Wasley Chapman, Mercury Wealth and Attis Insurance Brokers for their invaluable participation and commitment to our cause.

## Charity Grand Prix

Active Chartered Financial Planners recently organised a Charity Grand Prix event with local businesses where the first three winning teams chose a nominated charity for their winnings. Thank you to Waltons Business Advisers & Chartered Accountants and Racz Group, runners up in the race who chose our charity to receive their combined £750 winnings.

## A Special Mention

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to long-standing personal patron Rob, for his 12+ years of support for the charity.



Lee Elgie from patron Gallagher running the London Marathon raising an impressive £3,659 for our charity



Emma Littlewood from AV Dawson and Joe Nicholson from Burnside Distribution & E-commerce Fulfillment with The Teesside Charity's events manager Mandy Shields



# Beneficiary visits

Every donation we receive goes right back into the communities of Teesside to help those that need it most. Here is a snapshot of where the funds go and how you have helped.

## Ubuntu Multicultural Centre CIC

### The Build Directory

We funded Ubuntu Multicultural Centre CIC with £306 to create fresh, nourishing food parcels for elderly residents in Middlesbrough. The food parcels were thoughtfully prepared and personally delivered to the residents by the dedicated team of volunteers. Trustee and patron Alisdair Beveridge of The Build Directory visited the centre to meet the wonderful volunteers who helped make it all possible and see how the money had helped the community.

**Donated £306 Impacted 50 people**



## Hartlepool Reloved Clothing

### The Teesside Charity and The PFC Trust

Last year The Teesside Charity and The PFC Trust match funded Hartlepool Reloved Clothing to help ensure they could operate in 2023. Hartlepool Reloved Clothing is a registered community interest company which recycles used clothing and provides it to individuals and families in need, completely free of charge. Kelly Brooks from The PFC Trust and Jenny Williams from The Teesside Charity visited the charity. Kelly said: "The work that Natalie and her team do is invaluable and is in increasingly high demand within our town. For organisations such as Hartlepool Reloved, relying on the generosity of charity donations is crucial for their sustainability and we are honoured to have been able to help."

**Donated £1,750 Impacted 8,000 people**



## St Mary's Catholic Primary School

### Better

Charlotte Linton from patron Better met the children from St Mary's Catholic Primary school at Middlesbrough Train Station to wave them off for a fun-filled day in York, after we funded the school £369 for their transport for the trip.

**Donated £369 Impacted 30 people**





# 1st Hartlepool Boys Brigade and 9th Hartlepool Scouts

## Azets

Joanne Reagan from patron Azets visited the 1st Hartlepool Boys Brigade and 9th Hartlepool Scout Group. Both Scout Groups have been able to renew their camping equipment, which will help them continue their outdoor learning, as a result of the public vote in last year's Golden Giveaway.

**Donated £2,500 Impacted 95 people**



# Stockton Baptist Church

## Gallagher

Stockton Baptist Church were awarded £2,000 for their Luncheon Club, which allows them to provide free meals for elderly residents in Stockton. Isolation, poor nutrition, and escalating energy costs all impact elderly people who live in Stockton-on-Tees. To combat this, the church runs a project that offers weekly free lunch sessions for up to 80 people over the age of 65 to ensure that they receive a good meal, keep warm and have the facility to socialise with their peers. Ian Miller from patron Gallagher visited the church to see first-hand the benefits the funding has provided to those who attend the group.

**Donated £2,000 Impacted 69 people**



# Thornaby Methodist Church

## Active Chartered Financial Planners

Ruth Conner from patron Active Chartered Financial Planners, visited Thornaby Methodist Church, following our recent donation of £5,208 for venue costs and equipment for their baby and toddler playgroups. The church were aware of depression and anxiety issues within the community, especially amongst mothers with young children. In response, they launched a project with the help of Peer Talk and Umbrella Hugs CIC that aims to create a warm community atmosphere, where individuals can freely support each other without fear of judgment. Staffed by professionals, the playgroups offer direct access to additional services as needed, addressing mental health concerns and combating loneliness among young parents.

**Donated £2,604 Impacted 180 people**



## Where do your donations go?

As you can see your donations are helping organisations right across Teesside. The benefit of The Teesside Charity is that every penny you donate goes right back into the community to help those who need it most.



# Joining forces



Zarach's Hartlepool warehouse

**The Teesside Charity's latest round of donations sees Zarach benefit from £23,070 funding.** We are excited to announce our recent partnership with children's bed charity Zarach, who are committed to helping vulnerable children and families living in poverty. The charity has recently launched in Teesside, where child poverty is incredibly high, and it is estimated that over 22,000 children are experiencing bed poverty.

Working in partnership with local schools, the charity identifies children experiencing bed poverty. Within 48 hours of receiving a referral, they conduct a home visit to the family and arrange for the delivery of a brand-new bed, bedding, pyjamas, and hygiene kits.

Zarach will use the funding to help facilitate their work in Teesside; delivering beds, supporting families

and schools, and providing families the opportunity to break the cycle of poverty.

The charity believes it takes more than a bed to end child bed poverty, which is why as part of their plan they also provide family engagement. Their family engagement officers work with the families to identify any unmet needs, where statutory services are not already involved and develop action plans to get them back on their feet.

Having first-hand knowledge of the seriousness of bed poverty in Teesside through our work with our hardship fund and bed distribution, we were eager to support the charity.

Talking about the partnership patron and trustee, Ian Stark said: **"We are delighted to support Zarach with establishing their new hub to**

**provide beds for underprivileged children in Teesside. We feel strongly that every child deserves to have a bed to sleep in, ensuring a full night's rest to enhance their education and overall quality of life. It's heartbreaking that so many school children don't have a bed to sleep on at night. Zarach has efficiently distributed thousands of beds with the support of bed manufacturers. We look forward to collaborating with them to further their mission to distribute beds to children in need in our area to help give them a fair chance at school."**

Jess Sandy, national development manager at Zarach commented:

**"Zarach is a national charity committed to helping vulnerable children living in poverty. By providing beds and bed bundles, we are lifting children out of bed poverty, helping to ensure that they get a good night's sleep and have an equal opportunity at school.**

**"Thanks to our partnerships with generous organisations and individuals, we have been able to deliver over 8,000 bed bundles to children who have been living without. The generous donation from The Teesside Charity has been instrumental in our launch and will support us as we establish our work in the region; delivering beds, supporting families and schools, and changing the narrative for these children."**

# Swinging Success



Keen golfers stepped out for charity on 21st June, raising £6,500 for our 10th annual Charity Golf Day, making it a day of triumph both on and off the course at Middlesbrough Golf Club.

The fundraiser kicked off with the golfers enjoying breakfast rolls on arrival, before fun and games on the putting green, organised by Phil Lyons of patron InBond and Richard Marsden of RMS Solutions.

After 18 holes of high-quality golf, the players enjoyed a two-course lunch followed by an awards ceremony for the winners.

Team Mandale Group won the day's events with a score of 99. In a closely contested second place was Cath Devereux of Devereux Transport, Emma Simkins of Attis Insurance Brokers, Catherine Devereux and Lucy Adams of Knights and finishing in third was InBond.

Congratulations to all the teams for their outstanding performances!

The coveted 'Nearest the Pin' prize was claimed by Jamie Skinner, while Dale Smith's impressive drive earned him the title of 'Longest Drive'. Our star golfer for the day was Kevin Neal who secured 'Best Overall Individual Score'.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the golfers, to those who donated prizes and to all our sponsors including The Endeavour Partnership, Middlesbrough College, Anderson Barrowcliff and Wilton Engineering for their generous contributions which directly support the charity's vital work.

Our sincerest thanks go to Barclays Doxford Park – Sunderland for matching the fundraising amount on the day; their support is invaluable.



# Teesside 'V' the Rest of the World

Our Ryder Cup style Teesside 'V' the Rest of the World Charity Golf Day, in partnership with Teesside Airport Foundation, was a swinging success.

On Tuesday 7th May, we hosted our first Teesside 'V' the Rest of the World Charity Golf Day in partnership with Teesside Airport Foundation at the picturesque Rockliffe Hall.

We're thrilled to announce the charity golf day raised £6,300 split between both charities.

The day saw an impressive display of golfing talent, with some notable scores from all our players with prizes available for first place, 'Longest Drive' and 'Nearest the Pin'.

The successful tournament was followed by a two-course lunch and a prize giving ceremony for the winners.

Congratulations must go to our champions 'The Rest of the World' for winning the Ryder Cup style tournament.

Among the highlights of a great day were Sam Raby and Michael Wicks' impressive performances with Sam claiming the title of 'Longest Drive' and Michael winning 'Nearest the Pin'.

Our thanks go to everyone who attended the event and donated a prize for our raffle. We couldn't have done it without your wonderful support.

Events manager, Mandy Shields commented: "Our Ryder Cup style tournament was a fantastic day that brought together an amazing group of competitors and golf enthusiasts. The atmosphere was electric as everyone thoroughly enjoyed the blend of tough competition and fun games."

A special thanks is owed to Barclays Doxford Park – Sunderland for matching the fundraising amount, significantly boosting the overall impact of our event.



Matthew Ord collecting the trophy from patron and trustee Bill Scott OBE DL on behalf of Michael Wicks



Sam Lowes with patron and trustee Bill Scott OBE DL



Phil Lishman with patron and trustee Bill Scott OBE DL

# Golden Giveaway

At a joyous ceremony hosted at the Riverside Stadium, our annual **Golden Giveaway** saw 20 local organisations each receive a share of £25,000 with groups receiving donations of at least £500.



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This year, we received a record-breaking number of votes from the public in support for our 20 finalists who were chosen by a panel of our patrons.

**SNAPS Tees Valley**, a support group for parents of children with additional needs, topped our poll and took home an amazing £5,000! James Dale of patron Anderson Barrowcliff presented the award to the lucky winners who were overjoyed.

The children of **Skelton Primary School** were jumping for joy when they were awarded their second-place prize of £2,500 which will be used to purchase new library books.

Third in the poll was **Billingham Tidy Up** who received £2,000 to purchase additional litter picking equipment.

**Teesside Academy of Gymnastics**, a voluntary-run establishment, polled in fourth place and were awarded £1,750.

Elated with £1,500 were **Soccability Frame Football, The Bungalow Partnership** and **Nite Light CIC**.

Amounts of £1,000 were awarded to **Sea Cadets and Royal Marines Cadets Middlesbrough, Rubies Charity** and **Look Ahead Cancer Campaign**.

**37th Middlesbrough St. John's Brownies, ReGenerate - Hope for Autism CIC, Stockton Baby Bank, SEND Family Voice Redcar & Cleveland** and **Red Balloons** were each awarded £750 during the ceremony.

Smaller but no less important amounts of £500 were awarded to **Tees Valley Sound Tennis, Young At Heart ULO, Creative Minds, TEES Together.Engage.Encourage. Support CIO** and **Parkfield Lighthouse**.

Thank you to our supporters, Bill Scott, Andrew Rowe, Ian Stark, Nigel Willis, Amy Willis, Angela Turley, Anthony Suddes, Nicola Quigley, Lauren Fleming, Rachel Smith, James Dales, Paul Good and James Robson for attending the event and presenting the awards.

**Thank you also to Dave Allan of Infant Hercules Charity Club member, Tees Business, for hosting the event.**

# Pitching for Purpose

Let's make a difference together!

Early this year, we held our second Pitching for Purpose event which was a huge success once again. The sold out event welcomed over 100 attendees to listen to six charities pitch their purpose for a chance to win a share of £5,000.

Held at Play Brew Co in Middlesbrough, with Lucky Teds pizza, attendees had the chance to get to know each other and sit back and listen to each charity pitch. The line-up included North East Immediate Care, YouCan, Pallister Park Pride of Place, Saltburn and East Cleveland Befrienders, The Rise Up Community CIC and Transformers HPL.

The aim of pitching is to win over the crowd in under six minutes in exchange for votes from the audience, each vote turns into money, and the more votes a charity receives the more funds the charity will be presented with for their initiative or projects.

The event provides a platform for incredible small charities in Teesside to give them a chance to have their voices heard and win much needed funds. It's a daunting task for new charities to pitch to a huge audience yet, they were all amazing, everyone was blown away by their efforts and causes.

Thanks to the audience's votes, each organisation left the event with an impressive share of £5,000, which will significantly impact their cause. YouCan received the highest number of votes and as a result, took home a whopping £1,482!

A huge thank you to Play Brew Co and their team for providing a fantastic venue and amazing support and Lucky Teds for the delicious food.

Our final thanks to **Mandale Group, Resolution** and **The Endeavour Partnership** for sponsoring the event!

Tracey Kyle volunteer & community engagement practitioner at Family Action commented: "What an amazing night! Well done to all the finalists who walked away with funding for their charities, it was so difficult to pick my favourite three. It was great to see finalists offer to support each other in the future too. The best way to work within the community is together!"



Our 2024 venue Play Brew Co



YouCan presenting their pitch



Host Alex Savage of Resolution accepting votes



**£1,482**

**YouCan** plan to use the money to fund days out for the children and family fun days in the community centre and are currently in the process of booking a residential trip.



**£1,241**

**Pallister Park Pride of Place** are using their funds to purchase sensory equipment to suit the needs of the children and a chest freezer to store food for summer holiday activities.



**£793**

**North East Immediate Care** will use their funds to purchase medical consumables and equipment, fuel and essential running costs whilst responding to 999 calls.



**£603**

**Transformers HPL** impressed the crowd and took home £603. The funds will go towards their cultural workshops which are run in local schools, colleges and community centres.



**£586**

**Saltburn and East Cleveland Befrienders** will use their money to help with expenses such as hire of the hall, transport, catering, games, craft materials and their next trip to Minsteracres.



**£295**

**The Rise Up Community CIC** received a wonderful amount to contribute to their cause that will go towards purchasing speakers, microphones and DBS checks for new leaders.

# Dates for your diary

## Big Teesside Sleepout

**Friday 1st November 2024**

Join us and sleep rough for the night, to raise money and awareness in the fight against homelessness and poverty. All funds raised from this event will be used to support local food banks and homeless initiatives on Teesside. [The entry fee is £10 and we ask participants to raise £100 in sponsorship.](#)

## Princesses & Superhero Party

**Sunday 17th November 2024**

The 'As you Wish' events team are back again to bring you another fun, family orientated interactive event for children and the young at heart where you can sing-a-long and dance to the music. Taking place at the Teesside University Hub on Sunday 17th November from 1-3pm, you will be entertained by your favourite Princesses and Superheroes. There will also be face painting, a sweet stall and a chance to have your picture taken with the cast. [Tickets are priced at £6 per adult and £12 per child \(which includes a selection box\).](#)

## Ladies' Lunch

**Thursday 28th November 2024**

Our next Ladies' Lunch event will be held at Hardwick Hall Hotel. Enjoy a welcome drink and time to network and browse the many gift stalls, before being seated for a two-course meal with wine followed by a Q&A with our guest speaker Nahla Summers. Nahla is an inspiring and established speaker that takes the audience along with her on some incredible adventures through captivating stories both from research and real life. She is unique, as not only has she completed ground-breaking research in leadership and organisational culture, but she is also an endurance adventurer and Guinness World Record holder. [Tickets are priced at £39.50.](#)

## Christmas Shopping Trip

**Saturday 30th November 2024**

We are organising a fantastic day out for those of you who want to spend time browsing Meadowhall's 1.5 million square feet of shopping space. The coach will leave from The Blue Bell Hotel in Middlesbrough at 8.30am and return from the centre at 5.30pm so you can enjoy the full day in big brand stores and independent boutiques. [Tickets are priced at £23 per person.](#)

## End Of Year Roundup

**Thursday 12th December 2024**

We'll be at Middlesbrough Football Club to celebrate the charitable work carried out in The Teesside Charity's name over the past 12 months, with one of our amazing trustees giving an update on 2024's successes and challenges. Confirm your attendance no later than Thursday 28th November. Booking is essential - the lunch event is free to attend but numbers are limited to 100.

## Quiz Night

**Thursday 6th February 2024**

Teams of up to six people are invited to take part in our quiz night, with all profits going to charity. There will be three rounds featuring general knowledge, news stories of the past 12 months and all things Teesside. [The cost is just £15 per person including curry, rice and naan.](#) In addition, a raffle and silent auction will be held on the evening.



Quiz Night 2023 at Teesside University Students' Union





# Empowering futures

In 2022, we partnered with Teesside University to offer new scholarships to support more students from the local region, who may not traditionally consider university, to reach their potential.



**Gavin Scotchbrook and Simon Scotchbrook patrons of The Teesside Charity pictured with Sam Rutley and Stuart Goodman**

We originally pledged £15,000 to support three undergraduate students entering courses within Teesside University's International Business School and the School of Computing, Engineering and Digital Technologies, with a scholarship awarded in 2022, another in 2023 and a third in 2024. However, we are delighted to announce that in 2023, we had the privilege of awarding scholarships to two deserving students.

Stuart Goodman (18) and Sam Rutley (19) were the two lucky recipients who received our 2023 scholarships.

When speaking with Stuart about his scholarship, he said: "Receiving

a scholarship while studying is a relief because you feel like you have someone in your corner and there's someone there through thick and thin backing you.

"Having the scholarship makes me want to work harder. I've been given a chance that not everyone is going to get, and I don't want to waste it because it could really help me in my future."

Sam commented: "The scholarship is going to take away the financial burden that I would have had studying. I want to use the money to help myself and I want to look back on it and know I've made good use of it.

"Receiving the scholarship has made me really proud, especially when I say someone has chosen me out of a group of people, because it means I must have stood out in some way. And when I've told people, I know I've made them proud of me too, it really has given me confidence in my abilities."

We take great pride in our scholarship initiative and eagerly anticipate the bright futures awaiting both our current and future recipients.

Applications are open for this year's scholarship and will close on 23 October 2024.

**For further details on the scholarship program and application process, please visit:**  
[www.tees.ac.uk/sections/fulltime/scholarships\\_teesside\\_charity.cfm](http://www.tees.ac.uk/sections/fulltime/scholarships_teesside_charity.cfm)

# Volunteering

**The Teesside Charity launched its volunteering portal last year, and it has been a huge success with 14 organisations giving up their time to volunteer to charities within the Teesside region, following its inception.** The volunteering portal is available to access on our website and matches businesses with opportunities. Visitors have the option to shortlist based on location, manual or desk-based positions and trusteeships, as well as individual or team options, it is simple to use and can be accessed 24/7.

## Nite Light CIC

### SRC

Infant Hercules Charity Club member SRC volunteered their time at Nite Light CIC, based in Southbank, to create sleeping bags out of recycled crisp packets for rough sleepers.

The sleeping bags are waterproof and warm due to the foil coating acting as an insulator. It takes 150 crisp packets to create a single sleeping bag. The charity collects crisp packets and is grateful for any donations.

Doug Harris, senior safety consultant said: "I am very much aware that we are all only two or three steps from homelessness should there be a traumatic circumstance suddenly arrive in our lives such as family breakdown, redundancy or a mental health illness perhaps. It's unthinkable that we could be sleeping on the streets, without the ability to feed or clean ourselves properly and all of us should do something to prevent this or to make the lives of those who cannot avoid it just a little more comfortable. Knowing that others care is surely a source of warmth."



## Stockton Baptist Church

### Resolution

Infant Hercules Charity Club member Resolution traded their desks for paintbrushes to brighten up the facilities at Stockton Baptist Church.

Managing director, Sharon Starkey said: "We are incredibly proud to operate from Teesside, and as a local business we believe it's our responsibility to do as much as we can for our community.

"Taking a few hours to do some painting in a local church was a small gesture, and as well as the benefits to the church, it provided valuable team-building opportunities and allowed us to step away from our screens for the morning."



# The Endeavour Partnership

## FareShare North East

Carly Cornell from patron The Endeavour Partnership took up the opportunity to volunteer her time at FareShare North East after connecting with the organisation through our volunteering portal.

Senior associate, Carly Cornell said: "I volunteered with FareShare to give something back to my local community. It was fascinating to learn about the important work the charity does from Andy Pople and get stuck in with the team putting together the day's deliveries. I thoroughly enjoyed the morning I spent volunteering with FareShare and would encourage others to get involved."



## The Shack

Harry, Sophie, Kyra and Sophie, employees from The Endeavour Partnership volunteered at The Shack, Ragworth in May. They used their volunteering day to provide valuable help in the kitchen and delivering leaflets to local homes.

The staff at The Shack were delighted with the support they received: "Many thanks to the team at The Endeavour Partnership for releasing some of their staff last week to serve at the Shack; we're grateful for your support!"



# Newport Primary School

## Azets

Five employees from patron Azets used their volunteering day to support our volunteer scheme and provide valuable help to Newport Primary School while braving Storm Ciaran.

Andrew Rowe, partner at Azets, said: "At Azets, we love to be involved at the heart of the communities we work in. This is why we have been long-time patrons of The Teesside Charity to support the fantastic work it does.

"We were pleased to get even more 'hands-on' to help Newport Primary School decorate and tidy up their outside learning space."



## How do I give back?

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