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'RAISING £1,000,000 FOR UK CHARITIES IN 2018'

Charity Reception Dinner – East Hampshire District Council

Charities and local businesses got a charity walk off on the right foot when they gathered for a launch event in Petersfield on Friday 9th March 2018 at East Hampshire District Council's offices.

The Charity Walk for Peace welcomed organisations from around the town as they announced this year's fundraising initiative in association with East Hampshire District Council.

The Charity Walk for Peace is held annually to promote community spirit and raise money for worthy causes.

This year's five-mile walk will be held in Petersfield on Saturday 12th May with over 500 walkers taking part with the objective of raising funds towards the £1,000,000 target for UK charities in 2018.

The annual Charity Walk for Peace is sponsored by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Elders Association UK [AMEA UK] and guarantees every single penny goes direct to charity, all administrative costs being met by AMEA UK and its members from across the country.

Cllr Julie Butler, East Hampshire District Council's Portfolio Holder for Customer Relations, said:

"AMEA have always been fantastically supportive of the district and its residents and has a truly impressive fund-raising record across the country. Last year's walk, in Bentley, raised £7,000 which was distributed among local charities. This year we are hoping to raise £15,000 - £20,000 to support more good causes in East Hampshire. If you want to see some

attractive corners of Petersfield while also doing some good for your local community come along to the walk on 12 May.”

Last year the money raised was donated to Southern Domestic Abuse Service, Homestart Butser, HomeStart Weywater, The Rosemary Foundation and Artscape.

The President of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Elders Association [AMEA UK], who sponsor the annual walk, Dr. Ijaz Ur Rehman, said:

“I am grateful to East Hampshire District Council for their wonderful support every year and we are very much looking forward to reaching a milestone this year with the Charity Walk for Peace by raising £1,000,000 for UK Charities. It is always so humbling to see the support received and the incredible enthusiasm of the participants. Together we can truly make a difference to the lives of so many people who rely on the support and help that so many charities across the UK provide them with.”

Mr. Zaheer Ahmed, Chairman of the Charity Walk for Peace said:

“The Charity Walk for Peace epitomises our objective of serving humanity through peaceful initiatives, and this year more than ever before, we have received incredible support from across the UK from charities, community groups, schools and organisations who share our goal. It really is wonderful to work for the common good of mankind, we could not ask for more.”

Guest speakers at the Charity Reception included:

- Cllr. Lynn Evans – Chairman of East Hampshire District Council
- Cllr. Richard Mallard – Leader of East Hampshire District Council
- Cllr. Julie Butler – Deputy Leader of East Hampshire District Council
- Cllr. Laetitia Pienaar
- Cllr. Jamie Matthews – Mayor of Petersfield

Participating charities at the Charity Reception included:

- Dementia Friendly
- FitzRoy
- Homestart Weywater
- Homestart Butser
- Artscape
- Alton Foodbank
- Alton Community Association
- Rosemary Foundation
- Kings Arms
- Challengers
- Community First

The Charity walk will take place on Saturday May 12th 2018 at:

East Hampshire District Council
Penns Place
Petersfield
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TO REGISTER FOR THE CHARITY WALK FOR PEACE, please visit:

www.charitywalkforpeace.org

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Awareness Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ApK2c8cpO5g&feature=youtu.be&a=>

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President of AMEA UK, Dr. Rehman, addressing the guests at the charity reception



A wonderful show of support by the many charities that attended

