

Glover's Bakery has over the years helped many charities and local organisations. As a Company we sponsor a specific charity each year, previously Cancer Research was our nominated charity and currently we are collecting for Derian House.

In addition to the Company nominated charity, we also help where we can, any individual, especially an employee, who requests help for a special charity. Each request is treated on its own individual merit and does not overlap with any Company nominated collection. All monies placed into the collection boxes on the counter or collected on behalf of a specific charity do indeed go directly to that charity.

I have outlined below some of the Company's recent involvement with various charities and associations that have benefitted from donations from customers, staff involvement and direct contributions from Glover's Bakery Limited.

DERIAN HOUSE

This is our employee's current choice, helping many unfortunate children and is a favourite of many people. This is the 3rd time we have been happy to raise money for such a local, worthwhile cause.

CANCER RESEARCH

The response from this was absolutely fantastic, an amount of £2,160 was raised and a cheque will be presented to the charity soon.

DONNA LOUISE TRUST – 3 Peaks Challenge

Earlier this year an employee of Glover's Bakery was asked if they would be prepared to take on this challenge on behalf of the Donna Louise Trust, a children's hospice. It is difficult to say no at any time when sick children are involved, and although we are sponsoring Derian House as a Company, many of the bakery staff were willing to sacrifice their weekends in preparation, and a full weekend to do the walk. Eventually we had to restrict the numbers to 6, which meant that many staff were disappointed not to be involved in the challenge, but the bakery had to be open and bread had to be made.

The challenge started at Fort William in Scotland, climbing to 1,344m (4409 feet), then Scafell Pike in England 978m (3,208 feet) and finally Snowdon in Wales at 1,085m (3,559 feet). The challenge was completed in time (within 24 hours) by members of the bakery, the walk started at 9.15 am on Saturday 26 July 2008 and finished with tired and sore legs before 9.15 am the day after.

Glover's Bakery hired the mini bus and provided the fuel for the journey. All other expenses such as hotel accommodation was paid for by the partakers of the walk themselves, all the money that they raised, which will be over £1,500 by individual sponsorship from their relations and friends went directly to the charity.

The 6 participants of the walk (*please see photographs*), had to have a safe responsible driver and Gary & Lorraine, who are relations of one of the walkers and members of the local Millennium motorbike club based in Preston willingly offered their services. Gary and Lorraine were very positive and focused and made sure that schedules were kept to and we got to our destination on time. It was absolutely wonderful that after walking up and down a mountain, friendly faces were waiting for us with hot bacon butties cooked fresh - very welcoming indeed.



Before



During



After

OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Many local churches, schools, football clubs, cricket clubs, carnivals and individual donations have all benefitted from the efforts of the staff at Glover's Bakery; however a budget has to be allocated which restricts donations. It would be great to be able to help every worthwhile cause that contacts us but unfortunately financial restraints have to be in place.

I hope the above gives some indication of the commitment that the staff of Glover's Bakery gives to the community. To be able to help others who are less fortunate than ourselves, by making sacrifices, is a goal in life that we all should try to achieve. If we can make an effort, it is something that we all can do, and a difference can be made no matter how small, many children who face greater hardships than sore legs and tiredness, would gladly love the abilities that we have. This was our driving force on the walk when we knew we had to do it.