Press Release

Hampshire Hospitals staff wow the audience at annual Hospital pantomime

STAFF from Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust wowed the audience and managed to raise over £4500 for charity at the annual hospital pantomime.

Those who were lucky enough to get tickets were in for a treat as staff across all three sites performed an exciting re-telling of the classic fairy-tale Jack and the Beanstalk.

The pantomime, named Jack and the Basingstalk, featured a variety of staff from across Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, which runs Andover War Memorial Hospital, Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital and Royal Hampshire County Hospital.

Roles in the performance, which took place at the Haymarket theatre in Basingstoke, were open to everyone working at Hampshire Hospitals, with casual auditions held last September and weekly rehearsals to ensure everything went to plan.

It was a massive success, with tickets selling out in advance and a grand total of £4574.32 being raised from ticket sales and collection buckets. The money raised will be split and donated to the North Hampshire Medical Fund, The Pink Place and the Ark Cancer Centre Charity.

Some of the money from the collection buckets will also be going to Carl Potts, who is running the London Marathon to raise money for St John’s Ambulance.

Sharon Watson, who helped organise the pantomime and played Daisy the Cow, said: “I want to say a massive thank you to all the cast who gave up their time over the weekends to make sure we put on the best show we could.

“Everything went really well on the day and we put on such a great show. Everyone had such a good time performing and the crowd were amazing!

“I’d also like to say thank you to everyone who bought tickets, came to see us and donated money.”

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PHOTOS – Hampshire Hospitals staff take to the Haymarket stage for their annual pantomime

Notes to Editors

1. Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust provides hospital services to a population of approximately 570,000 people in Hampshire and parts of West Berkshire.
2. HHFT has around 6,000 staff and a turnover of £385million a year.
3. HHFT delivers one hospital service across multiple locations including its own hospitals, Andover War Memorial Hospital, Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital and Royal Hampshire County Hospital in Winchester. It also provides outpatient and assessment services from Bordon and Alton community hospitals.
4. As a Foundation Trust, HHFT is accountable to the local community through a system of local
ownership with members and elected governors. HHFT has around 18,000 staff and public members. Foundation Trusts are free from central government control and can reinvest any surplus to develop clinical services. They are authorised and regulated by NHS Improvement, an independent regulator.

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