



ALLAN BURTON'S MEMORIAL FOUNDATION DONATES OVER £63,000 TO LEADING UK CHILDREN'S AND CANCER CHARITIES

In five years, The Memorial Foundation set up in memory of Thompsons (UK) Ltd's co-founder Allan Burton has raised over £63,000 to support leading UK children's and cancer charities.

Administered by Allan's daughter Candice Parr, the Foundation has a particular focus on helping children and their families.

For CLIC Sargent, the Foundation has donated £25,000 towards Paul's House, a 'Home from Home' which opened in London in September 2010. Paul's House provides accommodation for families who would otherwise have to travel long distances once their child is on cancer treatment. This can cause considerable strain at what is already an incredibly difficult time for them.

£26,000 from the Foundation has also been donated to the Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity for the specific purchase of an incubator for neo-natal patients - over 100 tiny babies a year require the support of one of these vital units - and to help fund a new ventilator - providing life support to critically ill children.

£5,000 has been donated to Pancreatic Cancer UK to go towards research. Cancer of the pancreas is difficult to treat - it rarely causes any symptoms in the early stages so it's often not detected until the cancer is fairly advanced. More research is urgently needed to help improve the diagnosis and treatment of this abhorrent disease.

A further £6,500 has been donated to Macmillan Cancer Support to help provide individual grants and much needed financial support to people living with cancer.

Speaking on behalf of everyone connected with the Foundation, Candice says:

"Dad had an extraordinary zest for life and he adored children; he loved their boundless energy, enthusiasm and joy. He was acutely aware that life is precious and too often tragically cut short by the devastation of cancer and other illnesses.

As such, the Memorial Foundation is exactly what Dad was really all about and we are hugely grateful to everyone who has contributed. We hope the Foundation will continue to grow bigger year on year to enable us to expand our support to all the charities, families and individuals that are so especially deserving.

To you all, on behalf of our family and the Foundation's recipients, we say a huge 'Thank You!'"