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London Gateway raises £20,000 for local charities

London Gateway, the deep-sea container port being developed near Stanford-le-Hope, raised in excess of £20,000 for Essex-based Little Havens Hospice and the Thurrock branch of Foodbank at its stakeholder charity quiz night.

The event, which raised funds through a quiz, raffles, auctions and donations, was attended by over 400 people including the project's contractors, consultants and service providers.

Little Havens Hospice provides respite breaks, symptom control and end-of-life care to children not expected to reach adulthood because of a life-limiting illness. One of the areas the money raised will go to is providing music therapy to the children cared for by the hospice.

Thurrock Foodbank, an organisation which provides non-perishable emergency food for local individuals and families in crisis across the borough, requires premises to store its food which London Gateway will provide, with some of the funds raised being used to 'fit out' this facility.

Simon Moore, CEO of London Gateway said: "This was London Gateway's first charity evening and we were overwhelmed by the support from the local community and the result. We are very grateful to all those who came along to contribute to such great causes and really give back to the community in which we work and many of us live."

Tanya King, Corporate Fundraiser of Little Havens Hospice said: "Many of the children we care for have illnesses which mean their senses are impaired. Music therapy is a great way to communicate with children who may not be able to see or speak, plus it's a lot of fun the whole family can join in with. London Gateway's generosity, and that of all the guests at the event, has been greatly received by the team at Little Havens Hospice in order for us to continue on our path to providing the best quality care for those in need in the local community."

London Gateway's port will open next year and is expected to bring economic benefits to the area including the creation 12,000 direct jobs and over 24,000 indirect and induced jobs when the project reaches full development. Recruitment is currently on going and vacancies for a range of long-term permanent jobs for all ages and skill sets are available on www.londongateway.com.

When a family has been told that there's no cure for their child's illness, Little Havens Hospice, which is part of Havens Hospices, can help. The charity aims to make the journey as comfortable as possible, controlling pain and medication, offering respite and caring for children at the end of their lives. This specialist care is free for as long as is needed, within the family home and at the hospice itself.

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Tanya King, Corporate Fundraiser Little Havens Hospice & Simon Moore, London Gateway CEO at the handover of a £20,000 cheque and miniature moxy trucks similar to the ones seen in the construction of the new London Gateway Port which were auctioned and donated to the hospice.

About London Gateway

Opening in Q4 2013, London Gateway will be the UK's first 21st Century major deep-sea container port and Europe's largest logistics park. Owned and operated by DP World and situated on the north bank of the River Thames, London Gateway will provide unrivalled deep-sea shipping access to the largest consumer markets in the UK. The port's location, with its superior operational systems and service, will ensure ships load and unload as fast as possible, making London Gateway a world class asset for the UK.

About DP World

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(1) As of 29 August 2012. Includes non-container terminals.

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