

Welcome to Issue Two of the Alex Hulme Foundation Newsletter.

Following the publication of our first issue in January, we received many kind words and comments about the newsletter for which we are truly grateful, thank you.

We have had a very busy three months since the first issue with plenty of events taking place and also a few major milestones that we are sure will prove to set us on an excellent footing in our quest to meet the aims of the Alex Hulme Foundation.

CHARITABLE STATUS ACHIEVED

To enable us to grow the Foundation, it soon became evident that we needed to register the Foundation with the Charities Commission. To do this we would have to achieve and maintain an annual turnover of £5000. This then became our first target and, as indicated in issue one, we were astounded that total was achieved on 31st December 2011 only eleven weeks after the Foundation was formed.

We then set about completing the application and submitting a set of audited accounts which were lodged with the Charity Commission.

The Foundation became a recognized charity in England & Wales on 21st February 2012 and we were awarded the registration number 1146012.

In the short time since registration we have benefitted from charitable status by being able to register for fundraising ideas such as TheGivingMachine and have received donations from larger organisations which wouldn't have been possible before as being a registered charity is a stipulation for most corporations to even consider making a donation.

After much thought and discussion we decided to set our next target at an ambitious £20,000 by 15th October 2012 to mark the first anniversary of when the Foundation was formed. We are totally amazed but delighted to report that target was reached and passed on 3rd April 2012 a mere 178 days after the Foundation was formed. To put this into perspective, this means that due to the generosity of everyone supporting the Foundation, we had raised over £15,000 in just three months!

Thank you so much to everyone concerned.



WE WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU

FOUNDATION STRIDES AHEAD

The Alex Hulme Foundations aim is to enhance research into B-Cell Non Hodgkin Lymphoma and as a result provide better futures for children diagnosed with the disease. Following on from the last newsletter, where we indicated we had made contact with Dr. Amos Burke, the UK's Lead for Lymphoma, and a Consultant who specialises in NHL in Children, on Wednesday 11th April 2012, we travelled to Addenbrookes Hospital in Cambridge for a meeting at the adjoining University of Cambridge, Division of Molecular Histopathology Laboratory.

As a result of this meeting, the Alex Hulme Foundation is proud and delighted to announce that we have agreed collaboration with Dr. Suzanne Turner, the only Paediatric Lymphoma Researcher in the Country. At the meeting we were able to put forward the aims of the Foundation and outline what we hope it will achieve in Alex's name. It soon became apparent that our hopes were mirrored by Dr. Turner and that there were immediate steps that, with the help of donated funds from the Foundation can be put into place to allow Dr. Turner to set up and develop a pioneering research project to investigate B-Cell Non Hodgkin Lymphoma. The work will focus on the causes and the treatments needed to provide children with not only more individualised treatment protocols but most importantly a better outcome in life. Dr. Turner writes;



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I am delighted to be working together with the Alex Hulme Foundation to further our research into the causes of and new treatment approaches for childhood lymphoma. Research into paediatric cancers is under-resourced and limited due to the relative rarity of these diseases in comparison to many of the adult cancers. Our research for the past 10 years has been focussed on paediatric lymphoma and in that time we have made some significant discoveries that have improved our understanding of how these tumours develop. In more recent times we have shown that not all tumour cells are created equal and some are more errant than others being instigators of tumour growth. These studies were performed with T-cell lymphomas and we now wish to extend our studies to the B-cell lymphomas. We want to examine these tissues in order to identify the parts of the tumour that are responsible for growth and disease relapse. We believe that every tumour consists of a variety of cells, a small percentage of which are the drivers of tumour growth. Furthermore, we think that current treatments do not kill this small population of driver cells and therefore when treatment stops, they reproduce the bulk tumour leading to relapse. Hence, we propose to examine the heterogeneous patient tumours for distinct sub-populations of cells and then to examine their efficacy towards tumour growth. We also need to look in patient blood samples for evidence of these cells in order that we can pinpoint those patients most likely to relapse. Ultimately, we want to develop treatments that induce the death of these cancer propagating cells therefore preventing disease relapse. We are also keen to understand why some lymphomas are different to others; whilst in one patient they may be easily curable but in another patient not so. In this regard we want to sequence the genetic code of these tumours to try and understand what makes them so different with the aim of generating personalised therapies in the future.



WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU

Our initial aim, together with the Alex Hulme Foundation is to establish a childhood lymphoma viable tissue bank in Cambridge. Access to clinical samples is currently limited and lacking in our research and such a resource will be invaluable towards our long term goals. At present, biopsy samples are stored in fixative for diagnostic analysis and this storage technique limits what we are able to do with the tumour. If we can obtain 'living' cells from patient tumours we will be able to carry out much more detailed analyses of the cells within the tumour. We look forward to working with the Alex Hulme Foundation and to contributing to Alex's legacy in order that children and their families in the future can look forward to healthy and happy lives.

Dr Suzanne D. Turner PhD.

Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research Bennett Fellow

We can relate to a lot of what Dr. Turner says when thinking about what happened with Alex which only makes us more determined that we should do our utmost to make a difference in Alex's name. We feel this is a massive step forward for the Foundation and we are excited to have secured the services of such a talented scientist and to be able to assist her to make the **difference** that we wish for.

BRANDED

You may have noticed that we have a new logo. Many thanks go to **ASK Design**, especially to Rob Jones for his skill in coming up with so many excellent options for us and also the many people who offered their opinions on the design to

THEGIVINGMACHINE

We have registered **TheGivingMachine** as it's an easy way for people to help the Foundation without doing any fundraising or donating any money.

Simply register at www.thegivingmachine.co.uk and next time you go online to shop at any of the retailers listed, a percentage of your purchase will be donated to the Foundation.

SALE SHARKS

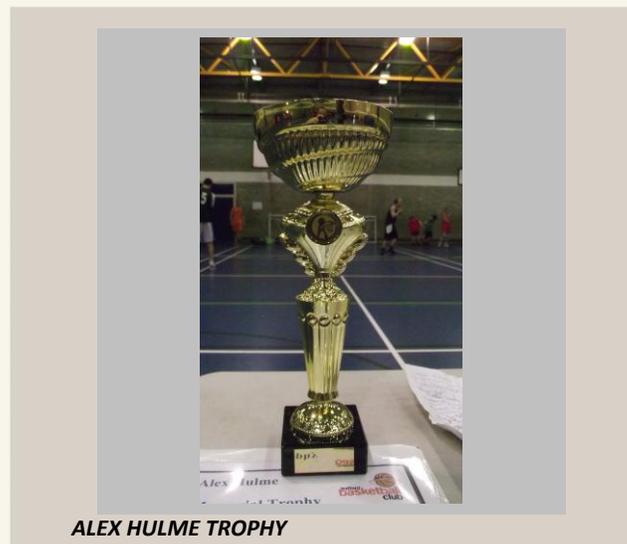
Starting with the game against Harlequins on Saturday 5th May at 2pm, which will be the last game played at Edgeley Park before the move to the Salford City Reds Stadium, if you call **08444 994 994** during office hours and quote the code **ALEXH05** we will receive a percentage of every match day adult or child ticket purchased.

Support **Sale Sharks** and in turn support the Foundation.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

As mentioned previously and itemised on the next page, we passed £20,000 at the start of April 2012. To achieve this amazing amount we have received support in so many ways from individual donations and events to friends and previously unknown people undertaking sponsorship events in aid of the Foundation.

- **Jonathan Kettle** completed the Endurancelife marathon in Anglesey and raised £671.25.
- **Team Alex - Liz O'Grady, Elaine Parker-Boyd, Jill Pinington, Anne Gavin and Theresa Gavin** completed the Trafford 10K and have raised **£1,153.04** to date.
- **Mark and Sheila Simon** completed a marathon 100 mile walk in seven days along the South West of England coastal path and have so far raised. **£666.47**
- **Carole Coram** raised £1000 from a Boden party at her house, a figure that was matched by her husband David's company, Aspen RE to make a total of **£2000**.



**ALEX HULME TROPHY
TRAFFORD BASKETBALL CLUB**

- The Foundation was nominated as one of **Waitrose** Altrincham's Charities of the Month for February 2012 which raised **£317**.
- An open house for Nic's Birthday consisting of cake decorating by **Joanne Crewe** and her Sisters, a raffle and rides in **Grandad's 1954 Cadillac** raised **£220**.
- At the same event **Alan Cook** and his mate **Colin Parker** were 'waxed' in aid of the Foundation. To date they have raised **£765.17**.
- The Foundation received brilliant support at the Wilmslow Half Marathon with the following amounts raised so far: **Dan Feldman, £1620.69, Jo Parkinson, £140, Paul Fry £369.08, Mike Marn, John Sloan & David Hilliard £447.90**.
- **Jeni Fogg**, our amazing lady 'Swam 40 lengths for Alex" and has raised **£1,275.35** so far.
- **Phil Sephton** has so far undertaken two of three runs and has raised over **£100** to date.
- Finals day at **Trafford Basketball Club** where a trophy in Alex's name was presented, raised **£50** for the Foundation.

Thank you to everyone for their efforts

Events

EVENTS DURING 2012

Sunday 29th April 2012 - Greater Manchester Marathon

Nicola Bromley, from Tameside & Glossop Community Healthcare, **Andrew Earl** from Woodheys Primary School,, **Annette Bowden**, **Scott Johnson** and **Alex Lindsay** are taking part in this event for the Foundation.

Sunday 13th May 2012 – Zumbathon

Brigitte Campbell is taking part in a marathon two hour Zumba session and raising funds for the Foundation.

Saturday 19th May 2012 - Junior Great Manchester Run

Jack Waywell, **Sam & Charlie Concannon** and **Jordan Gmerek-Iftakhar** are running in this race for the Foundation.

Sunday 20th May 2012 - BUPA Great Manchester Run

Alex's Mum No.2, **Carolyn Waywell**, Dave's colleagues, **Kate Calder & Tracy Turley**, **Thomas Bragg & Georgina Newton** from Ashton on Mersey School, **Steve Creely** and **Emma Cross**, friends of Nicola & Dave plus Team Alex made up of members of Alex's family, **Amy Jackson**, **Chris Johnstone**, **Sarah Carlisle** and **Renco Theunissen** have entered the event for the Foundation.

Sunday 3rd June 2012 - SKY DIVE - 1

Lizzi Rutter, Dave's colleague is fulfilling a lifelong ambition and supporting the Foundation by completing a Sky Dive.

Monday 4th June 2012 - Greater Manchester Cycle 2012

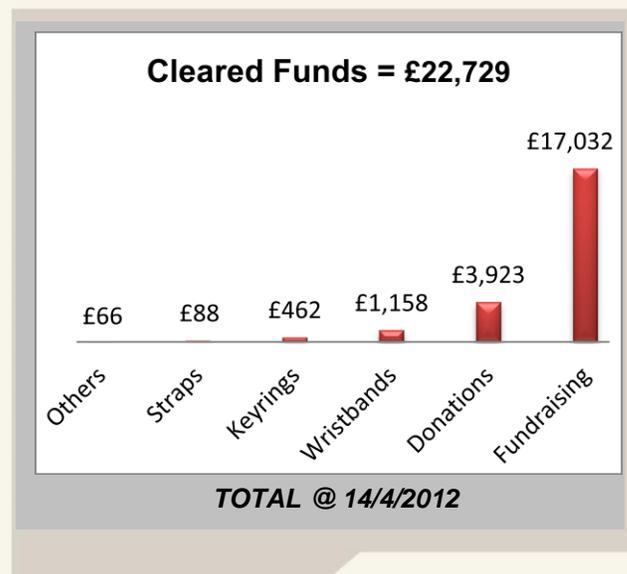
Shaun Croston & Mark Wolstenholme, Nic's colleagues have entered this event and collecting sponsorship for the Foundation.

Saturday 23rd June 2012 - SKY DIVE – 2

Dave's colleagues **Victoria Owen**, **Stephen Beswick**, **Tom & Heather Daubney**, are each undertaking a Sky Dive and at the same time raising money for the Foundation.

Sunday 8th July 2012-Manchester to Blackpool Bike Ride

TEAM ALEX has been entered for the 60 mile event. So far over thirty people have signed up including **John Ainscough**, **Steve Allinson**, **Stephen Beswick**, **Richard Bircher**, **Kate Calder**, **Nicholas Curtis**, **John Doldon**, **Thomas Doldon**, **Alan Dow**, **Liz Eckles**, **James Garratt**, **Sara Garratt**, **Katie Heywood**, **Adam Hinchliffe**, **Rachel Hinchliffe**, **Amy Jackson**, **Maria Kenyon**, **Ali Lewin**, **Ian Lewin**, **Pat McKelvey**, **Simon Parker**, **Tim Renshaw**, **Judith Stevens**, **Debbie Teasdale**, **Clare Symons**, **David Walford**, **Alison Whelan**, **Tom Wilson**, **Steve Wood**.....



Saturday 28th July 2012

Inaugural *Star* Ball in aid of the Alex Hulme Foundation - 7:30pm for 8:00pm

Piccadilly Suite at the Macdonald Manchester Hotel and Spa, London Road, Piccadilly, Manchester M1 2PG.

This will be a formal occasion, black tie – evening/cocktail dress and tickets are priced at £45 each. Guests will be provided with a 3 course meal plus coffee and fudge. Entertainment will be provided by James Anthony and Tour Guide with other activities throughout the evening which will include a DJ, an auction and a raffle for which we have already had some excellent prizes donated. We are sure it will be a night to remember so hopefully you will be able to join us and support Alex's Foundation.

For further details of these and the many events taking place throughout the year, please visit the website:
www.alexhulmefoundation.co.uk

Also on the website – **ITEMS FOR SALE**

* **Wrist Straps** * - AHF - Alex Hulme Foundation
* **Wristbands** * - Adult & Ladies/Youth Sizes
* **Keyrings*** - AHF - Alex Hulme Foundation
All £2 each (+ 50p p&p where applicable)
Cross Stitch Cards £1.50 to £2 (+ £1 p&p)

Thank you for your continued support it is greatly appreciated by us all. **Dave, Nic, *Alex* & Matt xxx**