

Welcome to Issue Three of the Alex Hulme Foundation Newsletter.

What an incredible three months it has been since our last newsletter with plenty to report on so we hope you enjoy reading about the progress we have made. Thank you to everyone for their kind words, comments and support we have received both personally and for the Foundation. We are truly humbled and overwhelmed by the response we have received.

£50,000 RAISED IN JUST NINE MONTHS !!

It is difficult to think of any more superlatives for us to use to describe how overwhelmed we are at the support The Alex Hulme Foundation has received since it was formed in October 2011. Reaching this figure is beyond our wildest dreams and fully endorses our wish to create this legacy for our special young man. Everyone who has so generously either taken part in their own event or donated in some way has enabled the Foundation to be in a position to make a difference for future sufferers of NHL.

PATRON

We are proud and honoured to announce that **Councillor Jane Baugh** has kindly agreed to become Patron of the Alex Hulme Foundation.

In November 2011, whilst in her role as a Mayor of Trafford and less than a month after the Foundation was formed, Jane kindly added our charity to the list of charities to benefit from fundraising activities during her Mayoral Year. This was an incredible boost to us at that time and we have attended many events together since. We recently felt we needed a well respected person to head up the Foundation and it didn't take any thought at all into who that should be; Jane was the obvious choice.

Jane now has a remit within Trafford Council for Health & Social care which fits perfectly with the sector the Foundation operates in. We look forward to continuing our happy and close relationship for many years to come as we drive the Foundation forward.



WE MISS EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU

LETTER FROM THE PALACE

We were delighted to receive a letter recently from the **Duchess of Cambridge**, Princess Catherine in which she passed on her condolences to us all following the loss of Alex but also expressed her interest in the Foundation and recognized the impact we had all made in such a short time. The Duchess closed by sending us all her very best wishes in our fundraising efforts.

TRAFFORD CENTRE'S JOHN LEWIS PROMOTES AHF

The Alex Hulme Foundation has been nominated as one of the three charities to participate in the Community Matters Scheme at the **John Lewis** store in the **Trafford Centre** commencing **1st August 2012** for three months. Shoppers are given a token in exchange for a purchase made in the store and can then place it in one of three boxes, located outside the restaurant, to 'vote' for the charity of their choice. At the end of October, the charities will receive a share of **£3000** commensurate with the number of tokens /votes they received. This is a wonderful opportunity to gain awareness and recognition for the Foundation.

RESEARCH PROJECT COMMENCES

The aim of the Alex Hulme Foundation is to enhance research into B-Cell Non Hodgkin Lymphoma and, as a result, provide better futures for children diagnosed with the disease.

As reported in our last newsletter held a very productive introductory meeting with **Dr. Suzanne Turner**, the only Paediatric Lymphoma Researcher in the UK and we subsequently agreed that she is exactly the right person to take the necessary research forward on behalf of the Foundation.

As a consequence, Dr Turner has provided us with a detailed project proposal which indicates the methodology behind the research she will undertake along with a comprehensive breakdown of the costs required. This puts the Foundation in the position of being able to understand the financial commitment required to ensure Dr Turner is able to fulfill her work without constraint but also to give our supporters an exact understanding of where their generous donations are being spent.

We are therefore delighted to announce that we have made our first payment to Suzanne which will allow her work on the project to commence. Dr. Turner writes;



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**Determining the identity of the paediatric B-cell
Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma stem cell and its
chemotherapeutic sensitivity**

Summary

Paediatric B-cell Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma (B-NHL) is currently treated with a combination of toxic chemotherapies and at present the event free survival



TOGETHER WE WILL MAKE YOU PROUD

rate stands at ~75%. This statistic shows that unfortunately some children still suffer devastating disease relapse and we believe that this is because in many cases current treatment fails to kill the source of the tumour. This research will identify the source of the tumour, the cancer stem cell which gives rise to the bulk population and is presumed to exist in a protected niche. Furthermore, this project will address the weak points of these cells that might be exploited therapeutically

Research Objectives

1. What is the identity of cancer stem cells (CSC) in paediatric B-cell Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma (B-NHL)?
2. Are these cells spared following standard chemotherapy?

Current Progress

We have purchased the cell lines from a cell line bank in Germany and are currently awaiting their arrival in the lab. As soon as the cells arrive we will grow them and commence analysis for 'stem cell' populations. This may seem a small achievement at present but it means that we now have the funding and reagents in place to commence the project.

Dr Suzanne D. Turner PhD.
Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research Bennett Fellow

Simply Trafford COOKBOOK

At the end of her Mayoral year, Councilor Jane Baugh arranged for the publication of a cookbook compiled by the students at Trafford College. The book is available from Waitrose, the college or from the Foundation and is priced at £5.99. All proceeds will go to local charities including the Alex Hulme Foundation.

THEGIVINGMACHINE

We have received our first payment from **TheGivingMachine** which allows people to help the Foundation without doing any fundraising or donating any money. To see how you can help, please visit www.thegivingmachine.co.uk for more details

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

As mentioned previously and itemised on the next page, we have raised £50,000 since October 2011. To reach this amazing total so many people have undertaken events and received tremendous backing from their families and friends. Since the last newsletter we have received donations from the following. Please see the website for up to date totals raised.

Alan Cook & Colin Parker – Waxing!

Wilmslow Half Marathon - **Dan Feldman, Jo Parkinson, Paul Fry, Mike Marn/John Sloan/David Hilliard**

Jeni Fogg - "Swim for Alex"

Trash & Treasure Sale - **Hazel Grove URC**

Greater Manchester Marathon - **Annette Bowden, Andrew Earl, Hadrian Collier, Alex Lyndsey & Scott Johnson**

The **teachers** at **Woodheys Primary School**

Dress Down Day at **NHS Bury**

New Years Eve Party - **John & Mary Murray**

The **teachers** at **Greave Primary School**

Good Buddies Daycare in association with **Nic Nacs**

Dress Down Day with **Vicky Williams & Visioncall**

Sharon Saunders - Actiderm Party

Dress Down Day with **Sam Williams & Chameleon Telesales**

Ladies Night at **Woodheys Primary School**

Isabelle & Hannah Saunders – Guess the Sweets

Pelican Inn, Timperley – Football Cards.

Sue Davies and Ben Paddon - Charity Head Shave



MATT & THE MAYOR SIGN COPIES OF THE 'SIMPLY TRAFFORD' COOKBOOK

Dress Down Day with **Matilda & Dorothy Baldwin & Business Computer Projects Ltd**

Dawn Concannon – Charity Race Night

Brigitte Campbell - 2 hour Zumbathon

Cat Cutler - Chester Half Marathon

BUPA Great Manchester Run - **Jack & Carolyn**

Waywell, Antonio Shoobridge, Charlie Concannon,

Rachel Morrissey, Martha Parry-Hensley, Pete

Schofield, Georgina Newton, Jordan Gmerek-

Iftakhar, Anne Gavin, , Emma Cross, , Steve Creely,

Hannah, Bernard, Tim, Barry, Steve, Matt, Josh &

Sue, with **Dave,** from **Diamond Electronics Ltd.**

Alex's family, **Amy Jackson, Chris Johnstone, Sarah**

Carlisle, Renco Theunissen & Rachel Harrison.

Edinburgh Half Marathon - **John Sloan**

Lizzi Rutter – Sky Dive

Greater Manchester Cycle 2012 - **Shaun Croston &**

Mark Wolstenholme

Clarins Evening @ Didsbury Golf Club - **Carol Dalby**

Events

10 Mile Walk - Alex's cousins, **Joe & Caitlin Jamieson, Josh, Jack, Rhian & Sam McLoughlin, Oliver, Sam & Thomas White.**

Manchester to Blackpool Bike Ride - **Ali Lewin, Ian Lewin, James & Sara Garratt, Lorraine & Tony Bird, Adam & Rachel Hinchliffe, Katie Heywood, Alan Dow, Richard Bircher, John Ainscough, Steve Allinson, Stephen Beswick, Kate Calder, Nicholas Curtis, John Doldon, Thomas Doldon, Pat McKelvey, Simon Parker, Tim Renshaw, Judith Stevens, Debbie Teasdale, Clare Symons, David Walford, Tom Wilson, Tom Carlisle, Ian Bennett, Grant Jackson, Maria Kenyon, Gary Somerville, Stuart Hart, Aiden Sharrock & Steve Knowles.**

EVENTS – JULY TO OCTOBER 2012

Saturday 4th August 2012 – Sky Dive.

Stephen Beswick, Victoria Owen, Rachel Kerruish, Tom & Heather Daubney.

Saturday 11th to Tuesday 14th August 2012 – Bike Ride from Hyde to Llanfwrog on Anglesey

Luke Freeman, Ivan Freeman and Daniel Taylor

Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd September 2012

Bullock Smithy Hike – **Gordon, Brian & Conner Evans**

Sunday 2nd September 2012 - Tameside 10K

The Tameside branch of **Team Alex (Running)**

Sunday 2nd September 2012 - Bupa Junior Run

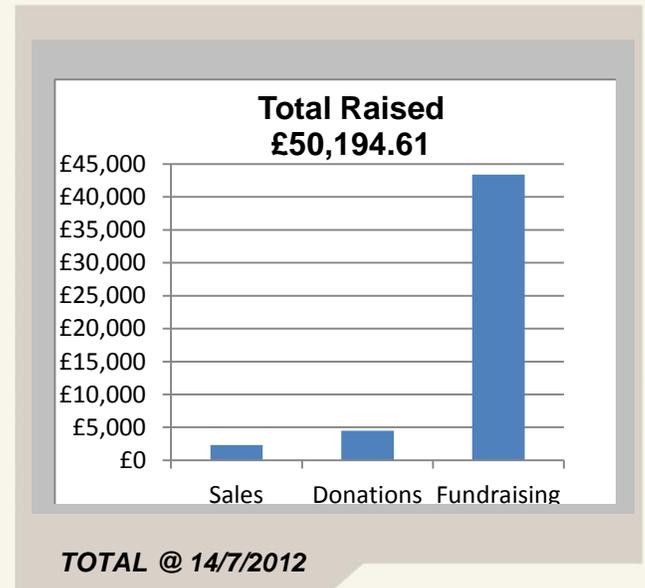
Sheffield - **Sam Concannon**

Saturday 8th September 2012 - Trash & Treasure Sale - 10am to 1pm - **Hazel Grove URC**

Sunday 16th September 2012 - Great North Run

Phil Murray

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



Saturday 28th July 2012

Inaugural *Star* Ball - 7:30pm for 8:00pm

Macdonald Manchester Hotel and Spa, Manchester M1 2PG.

Tickets are still available for our inaugural, annual ball to be held as a celebration of Alex and his Foundation. This will be a formal occasion, black tie – evening/cocktail dress and we are delighted that our Patron, Councillor Jane Baugh and our researcher, Dr. Suzanne Turner will be joining us. Tickets are priced at £45 each and guests will be provided with a 3 course meal plus coffee and fudge. Entertainment will be provided by **James Anthony** and **Tour Guide**. If you would like to join us, please check the website for details.

Also on the website – ITEMS FOR SALE

Join 'TEAM ALEX'. If you would like to support and promote the Foundation whilst taking part in an event or just to wear day to day, we now have white t-shirts priced at £10 each and come in various sizes. S(36"), M(40"), L (44") and XL (46").

*** 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.

Dave, Nic, *Alex* & Matt xxx