



McFLY STAR SURPRISE VISIT TO LOCAL CHARITY CHILDREN'S PARTY

Children at the Alexander Devine Children's Cancer Trust (ADCCT) Christmas Party were delighted to receive a surprise visit from McFly frontman Tom Fletcher. The lead singer of the chart-topping band popped into the party at the Oakley Court in Windsor on Sunday, December 13th 2009. The party was attended by children under the care of Wexham Park Hospital, together with children from the Royal Berkshire Hospital in Reading.

Tom said: "It was great to meet some of these amazing children and their families, and it really brought home to me just how much these families need a local children's hospice. I think the work Alexander Devine Children's Cancer Trust is doing is fantastic, and I hope they achieve their aim of building the hospice in the very near future."

34 families were invited to the party and enjoyed an afternoon of Christmas fun and activities including 'Peter Pan's Christmas Adventure' – interactive themed entertainment provided by leading children's party company Boo Productions!; face painting, balloon modelling, Santa's Grotto, storytelling, a soft play area, a Wii chill out zone and live reindeer! The event was made possible by sponsors Mars Chocolate UK who funded all the entertainment and presents, Oakley Court hotel who provided the venue and catering and SEGRO, sponsors of the reindeer.

Fiona Devine and John Devine, founders of the charity said: "It was wonderful to meet so many of the families who are now being supported by Lucy, our community paediatric palliative care nurse, and also families from West Berkshire who would also benefit from having a children's hospice in the county. Hearing the stories of how far these families have to travel for hospice support reinforced our commitment to making Alexander Devine Children's Hospice a reality for local families with children with life-limiting conditions."

The event was also attended by Tony Blackburn, Coronation Street star Patti Clare and Sarah Lark, who is currently appearing in Oliver! in the West End. Local Deputy Mayor Catherine Bursnall also lent her support, together with Air Marshall Ian Macfadyen, (Constable and Governor of Windsor Castle), Cllr David Burbage (Leader of the RBWM Council) and Nick Parkinson, patron of Alexander Devine Children's Cancer Trust.