

## RBS Invoice Finance Charity Ball

On Friday 10th July 2015 RBS Invoice Finance organised a charity ball in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support and 'Give a Duck' which is part of Candlelighters, Yorkshire Children's Cancer Charity. The event raised an incredible £12,000 for both charities.



The event, which was held at The Queens Hotel in Leeds on Thursday 9th July 2015 was organised by staff from RBS Invoice Finance Leeds and Manchester offices. Over 200 people from across the Yorkshire and Lancashire business community attended the event which was compéred by Sky Sports presenter Pete Graves. Comedian Pete Emmett also entertained guests on the evening.

Kate Goldring, Fundraising Manager at Candlelighters said: "We were so pleased to be supported by this prestigious event. One of the families Candlelighters supports were the driving force behind this, as they are the driving force behind the 'Give A Duck' initiative. Candlelighters provide support to families coping with childhood cancer across our region and without the support of events like this we simply wouldn't be here."

John Gribbon, Regional Managing Director for RBS Invoice Finance in the North added: "We are delighted this year to be supporting Macmillan and 'Give a Duck' part of Candlelighters, Yorkshire's Children's Cancer Charity. It was a brilliant evening and we would like to thank everyone involved for their support.

"There are many worthy charities out there, but these two always seem to resonate and pull on the heartstrings of so many of us. Both charities carry out such incredible work for people with cancer across our region and I am pleased that we have been able to support their efforts. This is the fifth year we have organised the dinner and brings the total raised for charities over the last five years to £75,000."

## What is 'Give a Duck'?

Give A Duck is a fundraising initiative championed by Andrew and Karen Phillips whose son Harry is currently undergoing treatment at Leeds General Infirmary for Leukaemia. The initiative aims to fund a chemo duck for every child who needs one in our region. Invented in America by a mother whose own child had cancer, Chemo Duck is a cuddly, lovable friend to children with cancer.

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