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CHARITY PARTNERS 2015

The Brighton Marathon is delighted to announce its local charity partners for the 2015 Brighton Marathon which takes place on Sunday 12th April.

The local charity partners are Whoopsadaisy and Chestnut Tree House.

"Perhaps the greatest satisfaction for us as Organisers of the Brighton Marathon, is knowing that literally hundreds of charities can benefit, meaning millions are raised for good causes," said Brighton Marathon Founder, Tim Hutchings.

"Being able to ensure that local charities can benefit is only right and fitting and focusing upon helping sick youngsters for our 2015 event is wonderful - in many ways these are the best possible causes we could target."

Whoopsadaisy

Whoopsadaisy is a local charity helping children with cerebral palsy, or other motor disorders, live life as independently as possible.

Based in Preston Park, Brighton, Whoopsadaisy provides weekly Conductive Education sessions which help children develop their physical, social and communication skills. The children work hard towards big goals such as learning to crawl, sit unaided, or eat and drink by themselves, with every little step along the way boosting their confidence and independence. The charity starts working with children as young as possible, in its Under-fives' Groups. Parents attend too, so they can learn how to continue helping their child at home. It's vital the progress made in the pre-school sessions is not lost, so for 5-12 year olds there are Saturday sessions and Holiday Clubs which also enable parents to take a break.

Whoopsadaisy Trustee Helen Palmer said: 'We're thrilled to be chosen as a Local Charity Partner for the 2015 Brighton Marathon! This partnership will be great for our profile and our fundraising - which will mean that more local children and their families will receive the support they need'.

Chestnut Tree House

Chestnut Tree House is the only children's hospice in East and West Sussex caring for 300 babies, children and young adults with life-shortening conditions. Chestnut Tree House offers support for the whole family and care is provided at the hospice and in children's own homes. It costs more than

£3m a year to run Chestnut Tree House. Families are never charged for their care and less than 8p in every pound spent by Chestnut Tree House comes from central government. The 2015 partnership with Brighton Marathon will make a huge difference to the children's hospice.

There are currently more than 1,000 children in East and West Sussex with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions. Chestnut Tree House currently cares for 300 of these children. Our goal is to reach more children and families and offer the care and support that they so desperately need - there are very many families in West Sussex and especially in East Sussex that Chestnut Tree House is not reaching.

It is an honour for Chestnut Tree House to be selected as official local charity partner for the 2015 Brighton Marathon. Our staff, volunteers, parents and children are overjoyed and very proud. This opportunity will raise vital funds and awareness of Chestnut Tree House, and will significantly help our campaign to reach **every** life-limited child in East and West Sussex. We expect that the Brighton Marathon charity partnership in 2015 will enable us to reach and help at least 15 more children and their families in Sussex.

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