

## **PRESS INFORMATION - AUGUST 2009**

### **CHRISTOPHER BROOKMYRE OFFERS HIS SUPPORT TO WAVERLEY CARE**

To coincide with the publication of Christopher Brookmyre's latest novel, "Pandaemonium", Waverley Care, Scotland's leading HIV charity, has launched an online auction which gives Brookmyre fans the chance to bid for the name of a character in his next novel.

This rare opportunity to immortalise a name in print has been donated to Waverley Care directly by Christopher Brookmyre, who recently supported the charity by participating in an 'in conversation' event and donating a similar prize for a private auction.

Christopher Brookmyre said: "I am pleased to be working with Waverley Care in a more public arena, offering them the chance to generate some much-needed funds for their vital work in Scotland. Another plus for me is that it saves me thinking up a name for a character. I've offered such auction prizes before, and the results have often been more appropriate names than the ones I originally came up with."

David Johnson, Director of Waverley Care, said: "Waverley Care is delighted to be working with Christopher on this project. This is the first time that we have been involved in a public auction and we are pleased that it is working with such a high profile author and is offering a genuine *money can't buy* opportunity. The money the auction will generate will be invaluable to us and the project will also help us to raise the profile of Waverley Care and of HIV in Scotland."

Waverley Care has joined charity auction site [www.buyoncegivetwice.co.uk](http://www.buyoncegivetwice.co.uk), a site which was set up in 2007 to generate funds for good causes and has already raised in excess of £500,000.

To bid, visit [www.buyoncegivetwice.co.uk](http://www.buyoncegivetwice.co.uk) and click on 'Celebrity' or search for Waverley Care. Closing date is Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2009.

For further information please contact: Karen Docwra or Alison Flintham, Waverley Care Fundraising and Communications Team (0131 556 9710) ([fund@waverleycare.org](mailto:fund@waverleycare.org)) or visit Waverley Care's website [www.waverleycare.org](http://www.waverleycare.org).

### **Notes to Editors**

Waverley Care provides care and support to people affected by HIV and hepatitis C. Whether someone is living with HIV or hepatitis C or are the partner or family member of someone affected by these conditions, we have services that can support them and provide up to date, accurate information and resources.

### **Our Services**

Below is a summary of the services we offer

- **Short-term Residential Intensive Support**
- **Support Services for all, including specialist services for**
  - Africans
  - Children & Young People
  - Gay Men
  - People affected by Drug Misuse
  - Women
- **Community Projects & Support Services including**
  - Advocacy and Information
  - Arts Project
  - Befriending / Buddying
  - Spiritual and Pastoral Care
  - Complementary Therapies
  - Counselling
  - Crusaid Hardship Fund Administration
  - Health Promotion
  - Outreach and Support
  - Skills and Employment
- **Prevention & Awareness Raising**

*PLEASE NOTE* - On behalf of our service users we are asking journalists to avoid words such as "victim" and "sufferers". Where possible, please use the words "people living with HIV" or "people with HIV". Thank you.