

PRESS INFORMATION - AUGUST 2009

LEADING THE WAY IN SHAKING BUCKETS

Waverley Care's team of bucket shaking volunteers will find themselves with a new recruit this coming Friday afternoon (21st August) when Iain Gray MSP, Leader of the Scottish Labour Party will lend a hand at The Pleasance.

Waverley Care, Scotland's leading HIV charity, is celebrating 18 years of a fundraising relationship with the Pleasance, which has seen more than £100,000 generated via collecting buckets at the Pleasance Courtyard. The charity is aiming to break last year's £15,000 total raised via the collecting buckets and are already on target for a record breaking year.

Iain Gray will be asking Fringe-goers to make a donation towards Waverley Care's vital work with people living with HIV and Hepatitis C in Scotland and will be distributing the charity's distinctive tartan AIDS awareness ribbon.

Iain Gray said: "Waverley Care is a great organisation that helps many hundreds of people throughout Scotland. I'm delighted to support their fundraising effort. Following Annie Lennox's visit to Edinburgh and her call to action from all sections of society to raise the profile of HIV this is one small way of achieving that. Great things can grow from those initial small steps."

David Johnson, Director of Waverley Care, said: "We are very grateful to Iain for offering his time to shake a bucket for Waverley Care. Not only are the collections bringing in fantastic sums of money but they are also helping us to raise the profile of our work here in Scotland. At the end of the day every penny raised contributes to the care of people living with HIV or Hepatitis C. Iain's support in this is much appreciated."

There will be a photocall on Friday 21st August at 1.30 pm. Photographers should meet at The Green in the Pleasance Courtyard (located next to the tepee).

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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**