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## Media Information

**ROLLS-ROYCE MOTOR CARS**

**PROVIDES VINTAGE SEND-OFF FOR 2019 HOUSE CHARITY**

**4 March 2020, Goodwood**

Rolls-Royce Motor Cars staged its final fundraising event for its 2019 House Charity, Home-Start Arun, Worthing & Adur, on Leap Year Day, Saturday 29 February. Around 130 invited guests and VIPs gathered at the Home of Rolls-Royce, Goodwood, for a gala evening of vintage-themed glamour, entertainment and conviviality.

Following welcome drinks, the assembled company enjoyed a silent auction and dancing to music from across the decades, courtesy of local seven-piece band Taylor Maid. The evening culminated in the presentation of a cheque for £13,170 representing the final sum raised by employees across Rolls-Royce, in addition to monies already donated through other events held during Home-Start Arun, Worthing & Adur’s 12-month tenure as House Charity. In addition, the fundraising evening itself raised almost £10,000.

Catherine Hobson, Development Manager at Home-Start, who masterminded the Vintage themed event said, “It was a pleasure to invite our supporters to Rolls-Royce for the fundraising evening. Our Charity Patron, Mrs Sarah King, was particularly impressed with the warm welcome, fun atmosphere and support from the Rolls-Royce team. The whole year has been a pleasure and we are thrilled to have raised funds, to be spent immediately supporting families going through challenging times. One in five families referred to us cannot be supported due to lack of resources but this money, raised at our jointly held event, will go some way to helping a further ten families.”

This fond farewell does not mark the end of the relationship, or the company’s support, however. In November 2019, for example, Rolls-Royce hosted an event for the Snowdrop Trust, which was House Charity more than a decade ago. The company is now looking forward to planning fundraising activities on behalf of its 2020 House Charity, Families of Ocean Ward.

Andrew Ball, Head of Corporate Relations, Heritage and Philanthropy, Rolls-Royce Motor Cars, said, “Each year, our House Charity becomes a genuine part of the Rolls-Royce family. They are nominated, chosen and supported entirely by our employees, so there’s real interest and engagement across the business. The farewell event is always a poignant moment, because we’ve formed a deep relationship over the preceding 12-months; but that sense of connection also means there’s a real determination to maintain links and involvement in the charity’s life and work in the longer term.”

He concluded, “Working with Home-Start Arun, Worthing & Adur and seeing the highly challenging but incredibly rewarding work they do at first hand has been a tremendous privilege and pleasure for us; we wish them every success in the future.”

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**Further information:**

**Home-Start Arun, Worthing & Adur**

* For more details about Home-Start Arun, Worthing & Adur visit:

<http://www.home-startarun.org.uk/>

* Registered charity number: 1132416.
* Home-Start Arun, Worthing & Adur supports over 175 local families each year raising their own funds to do so.
* Charity Patron, Mrs Sarah King, is an Arundel resident and keen supporter of the work to help local families with children under five. She joined the Charity in 2019.
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