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### **Robert Half raises £100,000 for Teenage Cancer Trust**

Staff at specialist recruitment firm, Robert Half, are celebrating after reaching their mission of raising £100,000 for the charity, Teenage Cancer Trust (TCT). The funds will go towards the building of a day room at the planned Teenage Cancer Trust unit at the Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Phil Sheridan, UK Managing Director, Robert Half, yesterday (Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2008) handed over the £100,000 cheque to Simon Davies, Chief Executive of Teenage Cancer Trust, at the Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Phil Sheridan commented:

"We are very proud of the hard work and commitment our staff have shown towards Teenage Cancer Trust. They have actively dedicated their time and energy towards various initiatives to raise not only much needed funds but also awareness of this worthy cause."

Simon Davies commented:

"I am delighted to be accepting this cheque on behalf of Teenage Cancer Trust and would like to express my thanks to Robert Half and all the staff who have worked so hard to raise this money. Six teenagers are diagnosed with cancer every day, that's over 2,000 each year – our mission is to ensure that all these young people are given access to a specialised treatment centre which we do believe improves survival rates. This donation will certainly help us achieve this."

Robert Half staff across the UK have been very focussed in their fundraising efforts to raise money for Teenage Cancer Trust. Staff raised funds through auctions, quiz nights, football tournaments, marathons, fun runs and other activities.

The day room at the planned TCT unit will be a place teenagers can enjoy whilst they undergo their cancer treatment. At the same time, patients are provided with the best possible medical treatment in a recognised centre of excellence. The room will contain everything that teenagers today want – plasma screens, DVDs, games consoles, pool tables, iPods. Most

importantly, it will be an environment where teenagers and young adults with cancer can meet others their age who are going through the same experience and provide support for one another.

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**TEENAGE CANCER TRUST**

Teenage Cancer Trust recently launched an appeal in the West Midlands to raise £1million towards the cost of several state of the art cancer facilities in the region:

- A brand new six-bed unit at Birmingham Children's Hospital for teenagers with cancer up to the age of 16. Building work is scheduled to start in summer 2008 and is due to be completed in spring 2009.
- Facilities for teenagers with cancer at the Royal Orthopedic Hospital serving patients across the Midlands and parts of Northern England requiring treatment for bone-related cancers.

These developments will provide some of the country's best cancer facilities for young people and are expected to improve survival rates. These facilities will be built in addition to the existing Teenage Cancer Trust unit at the University Hospital of Birmingham.

Teenage Cancer Trust units provide in-patient beds, open plan social and recreational areas, a kitchen and dining area for patients and their parents, digital lighting systems, broadband connectivity, cutting edge computing, gaming and entertainment equipment as well as lots of innovative ideas about space and décor provided by the teenage cancer patients themselves.

Plans are also afoot for another new and exciting Teenage Cancer Trust unit as part of the brand new planned specialist cancer unit at the University Hospital Birmingham, due to be completed in 2010.

[www.teenagecancertrust.org](http://www.teenagecancertrust.org).

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