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GLASGOW HOSPICE PATIENT RECEIVES MBE FOR WORK FOR THE LOCAL CHARITY.

Local lady Margaret Bissett is planning a trip to Holyrood House this summer, where she will receive an MBE for her work for supporting two local charities, The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice and the Beatson Oncology Centre.

Since 2003, Margaret has raised an incredible £30,000 through a series of fundraising events. Her achievement is all the more remarkable as she has been receiving treatment for cancer herself during this time.

Margaret organised her first annual fundraising evening in 2003, after spending time at the Beatson, and wanting to give something back. The event, held at the Ramada Jarvis Hotel in the city centre, became an annual one with over 100 guests attending every year.

As well as support from local businesses, Margaret has recruited help along the way and says she couldn't have achieved what she has done without "The Essentials"; her good friends Shona Gonnella, Jeanette Bruton, Carol Warne and Karen Speak. Shona, who also volunteers for the Hospice, will be attending Holyrood with Margaret.

Margaret said:

"I was both surprised and delighted to find out that I had been nominated to receive the MBE by my colleagues. The success of the fundraising evenings is a tribute to everybody who has been involved.

"I have always really enjoyed organising them and having the opportunity to see friends and colleagues having fun at the same time as supporting two very special causes. And it's always a great excuse for a new outfit!"

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Notes to Editor:**About The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice**

The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice, situated on the river Clyde in Glasgow, exists to help our patients achieve the best quality of life possible in whatever time remains for them by providing care and support for patients, their families, children and carers. All care is free of charge with annual running costs for the hospice will reach £4 million this year of which £2.6 million must come from fundraising and voluntary donations.

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