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BIGGINS MAKES SURE HOSPICE SHOP CUSTOMERS GET MORE THAN THEY BARGAINED FOR!

Customers at The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice's Castlemilk shop found a well known face behind the counter yesterday as comedy actor and former King of the Jungle Christopher Biggins joined staff and volunteers to lend a hand.

Biggins offered his assistance as he visited the shop to find out a little more about volunteering for Glasgow's Hospice in one of their 12 shops around the city. As well as helping behind the counter, he also took the opportunity to browse through the wide variety of clothing, CDs and books on display.

He said:

"My father passed away in a Hospice two years ago so I'm very aware of the difference the Hospice's work makes to their patients and their families in Glasgow. It was a pleasure to meet some of the volunteers who give up their time to support this great cause. As well as doing a great job they clearly enjoy themselves and I would definitely encourage others to consider it."

Hospice Retail Director Bobby Grant added:

"It was fantastic that Mr Biggins was able to give the time to visit the Castlemilk shop and find out more about what can be done to support our Hospice. We're urgently looking for more people to become shop volunteers and would be delighted to hear from anyone who can spare a few hours a week or fortnight to do so."

To find out more about volunteering for the Hospice, please visit www.ppwh.org.uk or call 0141 429 5599.

Picture 1 & 2 – Christopher Biggins with shop volunteer Lilian Spiers and customer Joyce Murray, both from Castlemilk.

Picture 3 – Christopher Biggins with Hospice staff, volunteers and customers outside the Castlemilk shop.

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.

The Hospice has 12 shops around Glasgow which contribute over £250,000 to the Hospice's income annually.

In March the Hospice announced plans to build a new facility in Glasgow, due for completion in 2016. In addition to enhancing existing services for adults, it will also encompass a specialist palliative care service for young people aged between 15-25.

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