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## **MEDIA INFORMATION**

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### **St Gemma's Gives Thanks To Kebabeesh Restaurant**

St Gemma's would like to say a special thank you Kebabeesh restaurant in Greengates, for organising a charity dinner on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 09. The evening was a fantastic mix of excellent food, entertainment, an auction and a raffle and raised a grand total of £1,216.00 in aid of the Hospice. If it wasn't for the generosity of Kebabeesh and the guests who attended the event this amount of money would not have been raised.

Owner Jehangir Durrani chose to support St Gemma's Hospice after they cared for his mother, Zahida Shahnaz. The family were very grateful for the care and support St Gemma's provided to the whole family during that time.

St Gemma's Hospice, based in Moortown, Leeds, provides specialist medical and nursing care for local people with life threatening illnesses, predominantly cancer, and support for their families too. Care provided is free of charge to patients and their families so St Gemma's relies on donations and local fundraising initiatives in the community.

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**....Notes to Editors:**

- Care provided by St. Gemma's Hospice is offered to patients and their carers through our team of community nurses, our Day Hospice, In-Patients beds or as an Out-Patient. Carers are also supported by the Hospice's Bereavement Service.
- The annual running costs of St Gemma's are over £6.5 million, more than half of which must be raised from donations and fundraising initiatives.
- The 32 bedded hospice provides specialist medical and nursing care to over 1000 local people with cancer and other life threatening illnesses each year. All services are provided free of charge to patients and their families.
- The care provided is multi-denominational and respectful of all beliefs, religions and cultures.
- St Gemma's Hospice was opened in 1978 in Moortown, Leeds. It is the largest Hospice in Yorkshire and the fourth largest in England.
- Last year (2006-7):
  - St Gemma's Hospice received 952 new referrals
  - The Hospice had 626 In-Patient admissions
  - The St Gemma's community nurses made 3,400 visits
  - There were 2,349 Day Hospice attendances.
- The Hospice has won many prestigious awards over recent years including UK Charity of the Year 2002/3, the Department of Health's Building Better Healthcare Award for Patient Services, and Yorkshire in Bloom.