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PRESS RELEASE

Air Cadets organise Grand Charity Auction for Keech Cottage Children's Hospice

The Grand Charity Auction in aid of Keech Cottage Children's Hospice organised by Air Cadets from 22 (Sandy) Squadron will be held on Friday 6th October, 7pm for 7.30pm, at Russell Hall, Shuttleworth College, Old Warden Park, Old Warden, near Biggleswade. BBC Three Counties Radio presenter John Pilgrim has very kindly offered his services to be the Auctioneer. Among the Guests supporting the Squadron and Keech Cottage will be H.M. Lord Lieutenant Mr Samuel Whitbread, The High Sheriff Mr Richard Banks and The Station Commander RAF Henlow/Brampton and Wyton's representative.

Commanding Officer Ft. Lt. Margaret Bell said "following a presentation by Keech Cottage last year and a fundraising effort, the Cadets decided they wanted to do more to raise funds, and came up with the idea of holding a Grand Charity Auction. The instigator of this former F/S Phil Racher, now a Civilian Instructor decided on a more positive action after seeing the presentation. It saddened the Cadets and brought home how much money was needed to run the Hospice, and the needs of the children. As all the Cadets are in the same age range as the children being cared for in the Hospice they decided on some positive action, as they all could have been in the position of having a life-limiting illness".

Pauline Mitchelmore, Community Fundraiser at Keech, said: "The time and effort that the Cadets have put into organising this charity auction for us is fantastic. It's something we wouldn't be able to do without them and so it's a great boost to our fundraising. It costs nearly £2million to run Keech Cottage every year and as we receive so little funding from the NHS we strongly rely upon the support of community groups of all kinds. It's really encouraging to see local young people taking such an interest in our work and deciding to take action to support us."



The Squadron is extremely grateful to John Pilgrim for offering to be the Auctioneer and Town Cllr. Michael Scott and Mrs Linda Scott, who have "come on board", their help in this venture is so much appreciated. Grateful thanks also to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Town Councillors who are supporting us.



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For more information on the Auction Lots and updates log onto www.sandy-aircadets.org.uk under the News 2006 page, this will keep you fully updated with items and news on this event.

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