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PRESS RELEASE

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

Air Cadets from 22 (Sandy) Squadron have been very busy lately organising a Grand Charity Auction for Keech Cottage Children's Hospice.

Following a presentation by Keech Cottage last year and a fundraising effort, they decided they wanted to do more to raise funds, and have come up with the idea of holding a Grand Charity Auction. The instigator of this F/S Phil Racher said "the Cadets were saddened after seeing the presentation, 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 we decided on some positive action, as we all could have been in the position of having a life-limiting illness".

The Officer Commanding 22 Sqn Flt. Lt. Margaret Bell said "The presentation really brought it home to the Cadets that they could have been in that situation too". She also stated "Following a brainstorming session with Cadets and Staff the plan was set in place, and the organisation began, Cpl Alex Turtle formulated the letter and both Cadets signed it and the vast posting and packing system to various companies came into operation. The Cadets are thrilled with the support they have already received nationally and locally. I am very proud of them".

The Auction will take place on Friday evening 6th October 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, and it is hoped to make it a special evening by having a celebrity or two to attend and support this event.

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 have to go to the 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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