

News Release

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**FORESTERS FRIENDLY SOCIETY DONATES £47,000 TO CLIC SARGENT**  
***Fundraising Programme Supports Children's Cancer Charity***

Foresters Friendly Society today announced that fundraising activities undertaken by its members to support CLIC Sargent, *the children's cancer charity*, raised a total of £47,000 between September 2007 and September 2008.

CLIC Sargent was selected by John Levett as the Society's nominated charity during his year in office as the Society's President, the High Chief Ranger, which came to an end at the Society's annual High Court meeting, staged last month in Scarborough.

The fundraising programme was supported by members of the Foresters Friendly Society's 250 UK branches accompanied by major events including a charity dinner hosted by John Levett aboard HMS Warrior in Portsmouth in June 2008.

CLIC Sargent is *the children's cancer charity* helping children and young people with cancer and their families with the trauma of diagnosis, the often long journey through treatment and continuing to support them afterwards. CLIC Sargent spends approximately £3,500 per child it supports.

Kevin Dann CEO at Foresters Friendly Society, said; "As a mutual organisation dedicated to looking after the interests and well-being of our members since 1834 we're naturally committed to lending our support to the work of charities such as CLIC Sargent which work tirelessly to support those who are experiencing times of hardship, illness or challenge.

Kevin Dann continued "We're pleased that our members have been able to help make a real difference to CLIC Sargent's fundraising efforts during 2007 and 2008.

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This success reflects the genuine sense of community spirit shared by our members, who also benefit from the ready-made social network and infrastructure we are able to offer them."

The funds raised by members of the Foresters Friendly Society will be used to support a range of CLIC Sargent services, including *Homes from Home*, a scheme which provides free self-catering accommodation to families of children and young people affected by cancer and undergoing treatment outside their home area.

Ann Cooper, Community Fundraising Manager for CLIC Sargent added: "On behalf of CLIC Sargent I would like to thank members of the Foresters Friendly Society who have enthusiastically fundraised for us over the past year. The money raised will make a real difference to families whose lives have been turned upside down by childhood cancer. Right now we can only help two out of three families whose child has cancer. We need help from organisations like the Foresters Friendly Society to be there...for each and every one."

There are 3,600 new cases of cancer in children and young people throughout the UK every year. CLIC Sargent currently supports 2,400 of these. CLIC Sargent is aiming to increase its services to enable it to meet the needs of all children and young people diagnosed with cancer.

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## **Notes to Editors**

### **About Foresters Friendly Society**

Foresters Friendly Society was founded in 1834 and offers a range of financial saving, investment, insurance and protection products, as well as educational grants and healthcare support for its members. All financial products come with the accompanying benefits of membership of the Society at no additional cost. There is no obligation to purchase a financial product in order to become a member. The Society currently includes over 70,000 members across 250 UK branches.

### **About CLIC Sargent**

Every day 10 families are told that their child has cancer. Diagnosis often comes as a shock. Treatment usually starts straightaway and can last up to three years. As the children's cancer charity, CLIC Sargent is there... with clinical, practical and emotional support, every step of the way. For more information visit [www.clicsargent.org.uk](http://www.clicsargent.org.uk) or call the Child Cancer Helpline on 0800 197 0068.

**Note to Sub Editors:** Please note that the name 'CLIC Sargent' should not be abbreviated to CLIC, and that the word 'CLIC' should always appear in capitals, as above.

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