

## **SOS from Trinity Hospice**

**The effects of the recession have started to take their toll on Trinity Hospice and Palliative Care Services. The charity has seen a noticeable decline in donations received by its Trinity Hospice charity shops.**

Fiona Logan, Head of Retail and Trinity's own Mary Queen of charity shops said 'I would like to make an appeal to the public in the local community, we need your help to Stock Our Shops, any new and good quality used goods including clothes, toys, bric-a-brac and small and large items of furniture. We even have van drivers who are able to collect larger items at a convenient time.'

Trinity Hospice now has 9 shops around the Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre area. Red Bank Road and Collins Avenue, Bispham. Waterloo Road and Highfield Road, South Shore. Clifton Street, Central Blackpool. Two shops on Devonshire Road and Lord Street, Fleetwood. The latest shop in Kirkham opened to the public in February.

The Hospice's Director of Fundraising, Carole Headley said 'Our shops have a part time manager but are predominantly run by volunteers and all the profit that we make goes directly towards patient care. Our shops play a vital role in ensuring that Trinity Hospice can continue to provide care to the local community free of charge. I hope that people will continue to support us during this difficult time.'

Trinity Hospice, based in Bispham, Blackpool provides specialist palliative care for adults and children who have life limiting or terminal illnesses in Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre.

Trinity's family of services include inpatient care, day therapy, the clinical nurse specialist team, the lymphoedema clinic, complementary therapy, the learning and research centre, the Linden Centre for bereavement advice and counselling and Brian House Children's Hospice.

For anyone wishing to donate furniture or any other items to Trinity Hospice simply call into your local hospice shop or alternatively to arrange a collection call our Waterloo Road shop on 01253 405777.

For more information about Trinity Hospice visit **[www.trinityhospice.co.uk](http://www.trinityhospice.co.uk)**