



Patron: Heather Mills

## Donor Family Network

# Connexions

## Christmas Wishes

As 2006 draws to a close we can reflect on another year of growth for the Network. Many more families have joined us having taken the brave decision to donate and as a charity our work and support has increased with the launch of our website, another successful Transplant Torch Relay, two well attended Precious Gift services, the launch of Friends of the Donor Family Network and the completion of the first panel of the Children's Quilt. On a personal level, 2006 saw the tenth anniversary of the death and donation of our daughter, Rebecca.

2007 will be our 10th anniversary year and plans are well underway with our second National Gathering in July, the Transplant Torch Relay taking the Donor Bus to Scotland, a new recycling appeal to boost funds and our first DFN supporter competing in the Great North Run. We look forward to meeting with you at some time on these events and along with all the trustees continue to be at the end of the phone or email to support you.



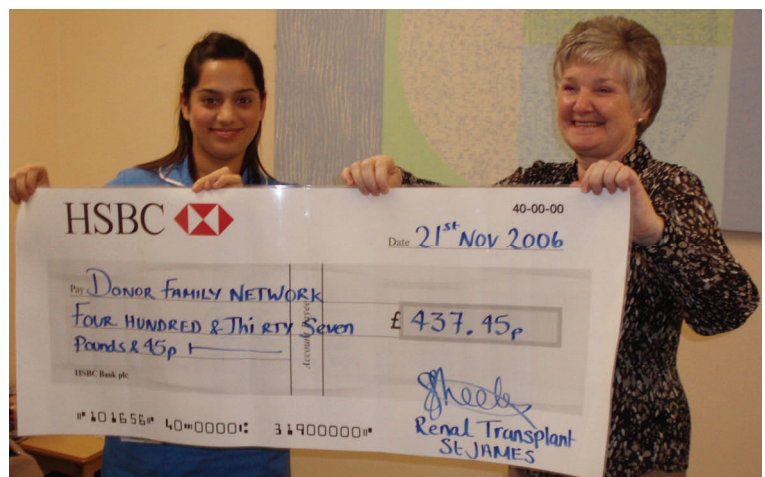
On behalf of myself, Jane and all the trustees may I wish you all a peaceful Christmas and New Year.

**David Nix, Chairman**

## Kidney Bean Triumph

Ward 59, the renal transplant ward of St James Hospital, Leeds has raised over £400 for the Donor Family Network by staging a kidney bean eating contest! The competition was the brainwave of staff nurse Sandeep Jheeta who organised the whole event.

The winner, consultant Dr Richard Baker managed to eat **40** kidney beans in just one minute. Sandy already plans to hold the event again next year and is pictured presenting the cheque to Donor Family Network member Marilyn Buckley.



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## Forthcoming Events

7 July 2007

2nd Donor Family Gathering

7 July 2007

AGM

8 July 2007

Service of Hope & Thanksgiving

19—29 July 2007

Transplant Torch Relay

Registered Charity: 1098781



Recycle Now

## Your Trash Is Worth Cash

Office materials that normally end up in the bin - toner and inkjet printer cartridges, & old mobile phones - can be recycled to raise valuable funds for us. If you're guilty of throwing away used printer cartridges and other recyclable office materials, read on!

The Donor Family Network has teamed up with leading recyclers at the Recycling Appeal in an environmentally friendly fundraising scheme. Every time you donate a cartridge or old mobile phone to the Recycling Appeal, the Network will earn cash.

Recycling allows you to raise cash and make a positive impact on the environment.

So put your old mobile phones, inkjet and toner printer cartridges into the envelope that came with this newsletter and pop in the post.

The Recycling Appeal provides free collections if you have more than ten items, so why not get work, family and friends all involved? To get more details and begin recycling, visit

[www.recyclingappeal.com](http://www.recyclingappeal.com) or call the Recycling Appeal team on 08451 30 20 10. **Don't forget to quote our reference number 728445.**

## Tribute



This is a photo of my daughter Josie (Josie's boyfriend Lawrence in the background). Josie & Lawrence were killed in a fire 2 years ago. My son Michael and I miss her so much.

I love you so much Josie

Your mom Christine Phillips