McDonalds staff raising money for kidney charity

Staff at two branches of McDonald's in Edinburgh have raised over £800 for the charity Kidney Kids Scotland and the World Kidney Day campaign.

They raised the money by selling pens and organising a raffle with a top prize of a trip to Majorca.

McDonald's restaurants are run by franchisees and these two are owned and operated by Elliot Jardine. This is not the first time he has supported the charity as his team have raised almost £2,500 this year and over £9,000 in the last five years.

The charity helps children to be treated for renal and urology issues as close to home as possible. In Glasgow there is a centre of excellence at The Royal Hospital for Children meaning that children often have to go there several times a week. The funds raised will be spent on the HOME Haemodialysis service and improving psychology services in Glasgow and Edinburgh. The money will also help the Sick Kids to use teleconferencing allowing children to speak to consultants and experts in either city.

Fundraiser at Kidney Kids Scotland, Carol Gray, said: "Kidney Kids Scotland would like to thank all the staff and customers at McDonalds who have taken part with such enthusiasm and energy in our World Kidney Day Campaign again this year. Over the last five years Elliot Jardine's restaurants have worked together to raise a whopping £9139.91 towards this campaign. This money has undoubtedly helped to improve services and treatment for our most chronically ill children. Kidney Kids Scotland are a small charity and could not carry out the work that we do without such wonderful support."

Business Manager at the McDonald's in Newbridge, Cameron Fraser, said: "It was great to work with Kidney Kids Scotland and we're thrilled with the amount of money raised in Newbridge and Corstorphine, as well as our other restaurants. We'd like to thank our customers for participating in the fundraising and raffle and we look forward to raising more in the future."



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