## Indian restaurant contributes to local charities

Dhoom Indian Streatery & Bar in Dunfermline has once again helped out the local community with a £5,250 donation of community help across seven different organisations.

Chef/Proprietor Prasad Dhaneshwar has made a long term commitment to donating to charity, and aims to give a £750 donation every single month to a different organisation.

Photographs were taken outside Dhoom to mark the latest handovers of cheques to representatives from the seven beneficiaries, which include two local Diabetes Charities, Type 1 Warriors Fife, and the Aidan Sutherland Foundation, a diabetes charity set up in memory of Aidan Sutherland who died aged 20 following complications with Type 1 diabetes.

Other beneficiaries included the Lomond Cricket Club, the only Cricket Club in Fife for girls; Charity Squeeze, which has offices in Fife and Dundee, supporting people suffering from short term financial hardship, and the Revive Well-Being Hub, based within the Vine Church at Garvock Hill, Dunfermline, a safe, welcoming space for people to come and relax with a cup of tea, also providing access to information and services which support mental health and well-being.

Two other groups to benefit are LADAMA, the Lochgelly & District Amateur Musical Association, and the Food Shack Fife,

which supports those struggling with the cost of living.

"It's once again our absolute pleasure to gather representatives together from all of these latest charities and community groups, and present them with some very special cheques to help them in their aims," said Prasad.

"Giving back to the community is what we're all about here at Dhoom. It's so important to us to recognise and reward the people who are involved day to day running these charitable and community groups — they do such a great job. We know that the money will be put to extremely good use. We will continue to do this as we have a routine and method in place to raise these amounts," added Prasad.

It's little wonder that Prasad has been nominated for a Community Champion award in the forthcoming Courier Food & Drink awards.

"I'm very humbled by the award nomination," he said, "but we don't do this to win awards. It is something that we very much enjoy doing. Giving back and being thankful is extremely important to our culture. We will continue to look for worthy groups and organisations that need our help."

Dhoom will have more reason to celebrate this week as it prepares to launch a new street food menu based on the street food from the Punjab region of India.

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