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At the beginning of 2012, the **Co-operative Banking Group graduate intake of 2011** committed to a year of fundraising and volunteering for **The Booth Centre** - a local charity situated in Manchester City Centre set up to support homeless people.

We are sending this newsletter to say **thank you** to everyone who has supported and donated to our year of fundraising. Below you will find a summary of all activities as well as a message of thanks from The Booth Centre.

Easter Lotto: £145.01

In the spirit of chocolate and confectionery we held an Easter lotto, complete with Easter Bunny Ears, and a DillyDallyDaisy cake up for grabs. Colleagues bought tickets in their hundreds, receiving a chocolate token for each one. Five lucky colleagues won Lush goodies, DillyDallyDaisy cup cakes, and of course, the extravaganza cake, from which the Olympics opening ceremony took its inspiration*.

*one fact in this account may, or may not, be true



The Co-operative Banking Group Graduates cordially invite you to the **SIZZLING... Summer Charity Pub Quiz & Raffle**

Thursday 5th July
Arrive from 8pm for 8.30pm start
The Waldorf, Grove Street, Manchester
NB: Food will still be served at the pub, so just may want to eat in advance!

Win fantastic prizes including:

- **FREE COCKTAILS** and your own **private table** at above venue.
- **AUSTRALASIA** WALKERNA
- **Free tickets** to the Frog & Bucket Comedy Club
- **Wine, chocolates and shopping vouchers**
- **Luxury handmade cosmetics** from **LUSH**

Quiz tickets: only **£3.50** per person!
Raffle tickets: **£1** for **FIVE** chances to win!
For tickets and further info please contact:
Chris Hughes (0161 488217) (strong.hughes@icm.ac.uk)

Maximum 5 people per team

In support of the 

Summer Charity Pub Quiz & Raffle: £870.50

Hosted, free of charge, by The Waldorf, 16 teams battled it out on 5th July for a night of quiz questions, dingbats, Play-doh modelling and drinks aplenty! Incredible support from colleagues and friends, and support from the Co-operative Booster Fund, brought in a fantastic £870.50.



Football Tournament: £808.30

Britain's 'Summer of Sport' was capped off in climactic fashion in September with the nationally recognised and critically acclaimed Booth Centre charity football tournament. It was a close fought tournament, with the spoils (beer) going to the eventual victors in the final by a score of 4-0 - the Dave Moore Foundation.



Olympic Raffle: £323.25

We caught Olympic fever during the summer and organised an 'Olympic scale raffle' in August (lame connection to the Olympics - we know!). Colleagues across the business won spa treatments, a 3 course meal for two at Tampopo, champagne, chocolates and theatre tickets to name but a few. Our top prize of a £150 Red Letter Day experience went to Jan Orwin in Debt Management.

Sponsored Sleep-out: £2147.84

Several of us slept rough on 9th November to experience first-hand some of the hardships that homeless people face every single night. This was a daunting challenge but proved to be by far our most successful fundraising event of the year, thanks to the overwhelming donations received from colleagues and friends. A huge thank you to all who made the night such an incredible success.



Festive Pub Quiz: £204

The final event of the year was our festive pub quiz. We racked our brains to find challenging questions, worthy of University Challenge, and wore antlers/Christmas jumpers/ Santa hats to give a festive feel on 4th December.

We were kindly hosted by Odd Bar, free of charge, who even provided an artistic bar tender to judge the plasticine nativity scenes. Despite some dubious answers, we found a winner and homes for some wonderful prizes in the raffle.



Dress Down days and other: £926.77

This brings our total raised to an incredible **£5425.67**, exceeding our target by over £700, which is beyond all our expectations! Thanks again for all your support and see below a message of thanks directly from the Booth Centre 😊

Message from the Booth Centre

“The Booth Centre is delighted to receive this amazing donation from the Co-operative Banking Group raised through a year of fundraising. We really appreciate the hard work that you have put into it and the support which everyone at the Co-op has given to the fundraising events.

All the money will be used to directly benefit the 100+ homeless people who visit the Booth Centre each week. None of the money will be spent on administration or staff salaries but will be directly helping to ensure that homeless people are helped to move off the streets as quickly as possible, are supported to get into hostels and flats and to work toward increasing their skills, gaining qualifications and getting back into work. This donation will help transform the lives of homeless people in the city. We should also be able to ensure that anyone sleeping out in the winter has a warm hat and gloves, reducing the chance of getting hypothermia and that the Centre doesn't run out of tea, coffee, soap and bread, so we are able to offer everyone who comes in a hot drink and something to eat.”

