

Press Release

Midnight Walk Raises in Excess of £200,000 for St Luke's

More than 2,100 women turned the streets of Plymouth purple on Saturday 31st July by taking part in St Luke's Hospice Midnight Walk for women.

The event has so far raised £200,000 with more funds still flooding in. All money raised for St Luke's will go towards providing specialist palliative medical and nursing care, free of charge, to patients from Plymouth, South West Devon and East Cornwall.

The event, now in its fourth successful year, was hosted by Heart FM's Drivetime presenter Helen Sweetland and Amy of the Heart Angels. As the clock struck midnight outside Home Park, the warm-up was over and the eager walkers began the trek of their choice – either 13 or 26 miles.

Hayley Dann, Fundraising Manager at St Luke's said: "It is such a fantastic sight, seeing a sea of women all dressed in purple in such high spirits, supporting a local charity. The atmosphere on the night is always so much fun and charged with excitement."

Robert Parsons, St Luke's Director of Fundraising said: "This night has raised substantial funds for the Hospice, this will go a long way in helping us raise the £3.5 million we need each year, from the communities we serve, to keep the Hospice open. Our sincerest thanks go out to everyone who took part in the event, or is supporting in some other way."

If you missed out this year, registration for next year's walk will open in February 2011. Log on to www.stlukes-hospice.org.uk for information. Telephone 01752 492626 or email events@stlukes-hospice.org.uk

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