

OCSL and the NSPCC announce partnership as Charity of the Year

The NSPCC has been selected by IT solutions firm OCSL to be their 'Charity of the Year' for 2017.

Over the next 12 months the company have pledged to raise £25,000 to help the charity keep more children safe from abuse and neglect.

Fundraising efforts planned to help OCSL smash their target include running for the NSPCC in the 2017 London Marathon, with fitness enthusiasts from their offices in West Sussex, London, Hove and Cambridge all taking part.

The team overwhelmingly voted for the NSPCC in their staff engagement survey, highlighting their commitment to make a difference to the lives of children in need of help and support.

Prior to the vote OCSL had advised the charity on cloud computing solutions, and will continue to do this alongside their fundraising efforts.

Staff have formed a committee called OCSL HOPES to manage their fundraising endeavours throughout the partnership.

The HOPES committee were so keen to help the NSPCC that they held a series of events in December, before the official launch of the NSPCC as their charity of the year.

Employees and supporters took part in NSPCC initiatives such as Bobble Hat Day and held a Grand Raffle, all of which helped the team raise over £1,000 towards their target.

Reflecting on the commitment to support NSPCC as 2017 Corporate Charity Partner, OCSL Chairman Martin Hess commented: "We have a strong culture of charitable giving within the business and when we asked all our employees to nominate one national charity for 2017, they overwhelmingly voted for the NSPCC. Having visited the London offices with some of the team and seen at first hand the work the NSPCC do I know every penny we raise this year will make a huge difference. I am also delighted that we can support an existing customer outside of the IT transformation work we are doing with them. That's true partnership in action."

Ray Bilsby, Chief Information Officer at the NSPCC Said: "We are really grateful to the directors and employees of OCSL for making us their Charity of the Year for 2017. This builds on the partnership which has been developing between our respective organisations, with OCSL acting as trusted advisors during our adoption of Microsoft cloud technology, and recognises the critical work the we do in safeguarding children. We are now looking forward to working together over the next 12 months on a number of joint fundraising initiatives which will further enhance our relationship whilst helping us to reach more children and young people who are suffering from abuse and neglect."

To find out more and to support the team in their fundraising efforts visit:

<https://www.justgiving.com/companyteams/OCSLHOPES>

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About the NSPCC

The NSPCC is the leading children's charity fighting to end child abuse in the UK and Channel Islands. Using voluntary donations, which make up more than 90 per cent of our funding, we help children who've been abused to rebuild their lives, we protect children at risk, and we find the best ways of preventing child abuse from ever happening. So when a child needs a helping hand, we'll be there. When parents are finding it tough, we'll help. When laws need to change, or governments need to do more, we won't give up until things improve.

Our Childline service provides a safe, confidential place for children with no one else to turn to, whatever their worry, whenever they need help. Children can contact Childline 24 hours a day, 365 days a year on 0800 1111 or by visiting www.childline.org.uk

Our free helpline provides adults with a place they can get advice and support, share their concerns about a child or get general information about child protection. Adults can contact the helpline 24 hours a day, 365 days a year on 0808 800 5000, by texting 88858 or visiting www.nspcc.org.uk