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ellenor thanks its loyal band of volunteers

ellenor is marking Volunteers' Week – the first week of June - by acknowledging the contribution made by the 600 volunteers who support the charity. Volunteers give their time to every part of the charity – from fundraising to Day Therapy and from shops to the cafe at **ellenor** Gravesend.

“We could not possibly provide the support we do across North and West Kent and the London Borough of Bexley without the help of our volunteers,” says Claire Cardy, Chief Executive at **ellenor**. “They both save us money and help us to raise much needed funds.”

According to the national organisation for volunteers, NCVO, over 21 million

people volunteer in the UK at least once a year and this contributes an estimated £23.9 billion to the UK economy.

To mark the contribution volunteers make at **ellenor**, the charity is holding a 'thank you' tea at **ellenor** Gravesend on Friday 3 June.

ellenor volunteers have also been recognised recently in a number of awards programmes recently. Pat Allen, who has volunteered for **ellenor** for 14 years, has been recognised with a coveted Order of Mercy. She will travel to the Mansion House in London for a ceremony in July to receive her award.

In the meantime, Dinah Williams has been short-listed in the Perrys Exceptional Awards (Exceptional Individual) for her hard work for **ellenor** and has been invited to attend an awards dinner at Leeds Castle in November.

ellenor is currently looking for volunteers of all ages and with a variety of skills to help across the whole organisation. Roles are available within fundraising/events, administrative/clerical, retail, driving (minibus or own car), bereavement support and befriending, helping at youth group activities and outings.

“Volunteering with **ellenor** is both enjoyable and rewarding and a great way to meet new people and learn new skills in a supportive and friendly environment,” says Claire Cardy. “It can also be a good way to build your confidence if you are looking for work and add evidence of regular volunteering to improve your CV.”

If you want to find out more about volunteering at **ellenor**, please call: 01474 320007 or visit: www.ellenor.org/volunteering-opportunities

We are **ellenor**, a charity funded by the generosity of our local community, offering the best care and support to families facing terminal illness in Kent. We are the **only** charity in the county that provides hospice care for people of all ages – babies, children and adults - and their families. This includes pain and symptom relief, end of life care, respite, bereavement support and emotional and spiritual care.

Our Children's Hospice Care, formerly known as chYps, is provided in the

comfort of the family home and spans across North and West Kent and the London Borough of Bexley. Adults living in Gravesham, Dartford and Swanley, receive care in their place of choice, including their own homes, at our Hospice in Gravesend and in local care homes.

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