



PRESS INFORMATION

Gates Garden Centre raises over £5,000 for #teamgeorge

Throughout 2016 Gates Garden Centre and its customers have been raising funds for **#teamgeorge**. This most recent donation has been achieved by the generous support of customers through donations into the Gates charity coin fountain. On Thursday 6 April a cheque for £2,633.50 was presented to George himself at the Garden Centre in Cold Overton near Oakham. This now more than doubles the funds raised by the Garden Centre to date for **#teamgeorge**, taking the total for the year to over £5,000!

George Robinson is in Year 13 at Stamford School. On 27th July 2015 George was injured playing rugby in South Africa on the School Rugby Tour. He incurred a serious, life-changing spinal cord injury in a tackle, causing a transection of his spinal cord.

The George Robinson Discretionary Trust, otherwise known as **#teamgeorge**, was set up to unite the tremendous positive energy and goodwill that surrounded George, in order to support his ongoing specialist care and long term rehabilitation, and to help him return to finish his education.

Gates Garden Centre is very proud to support this incredibly brave young man by naming **#teamgeorge** its Charity of the Year for 2016 in order to raise funds for George's Trust.

Gates Garden Centre has a long history of supporting good causes, both locally and nationally. Thanks to the generous support of customers and colleagues, our charitable partnerships have raised an enormous sum of money over the past 20 years. Through organising a range of fundraising events, both at the Garden Centre and elsewhere, together with our charity coin fountain, this has enabled us to support many worthy causes, including:

- Air Ambulance
- Anna's Hope – For Children and Young People with Brain Tumours

- Brain Tumour Research Nottingham
- Chernobyl Children
- Claire Lomas for Spinal Research
- CLIC Sargent – Cancer Support for the Young
- East Midlands Immediate Care Scheme (EMICS)
- Home Start Melton and Rutland
- Hope Against Cancer
- Matt Hampson Foundation
- Millie Baker for Rett Syndrome
- Oakham Medical Practice Crash Trolley Appeal
- Rainbows Children's Hospice
- The Harley Staples Cancer Trust
- The Parks School, Oakham
- The Romy Fund

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PHOTO:

Picture shows George Robinson (right) accepting a cheque on behalf of the **#teamgeorge** campaign from old school friend, Frankie Gates at Gates Garden Centre.

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