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HULL CHILDREN'S DENTAL EDUCATION CHARITY RECEIVES DONATION FROM THE CHARLES & ELSIE SYKES TRUST

The Charles & Elsie Sykes Trust has kindly awarded a £2,000 grant to Hull-based charity Teeth Team, as part of its support for charities across Hull and the East Riding.

Teeth Team received the donation from the Trust after applying for grant funding to support the work being done in primary schools across Hull and the East Riding of Yorkshire. The Trust provides a range of financial support grants to charities and statutory authorities, to help vulnerable people change their lives, specifically in Yorkshire.

Charles Sykes started his career as a twelve-year-old office boy and became a successful businessman in the West Riding knitting wool trade with his own four-storey mill at Princeville, Bradford. He never forgot his roots and pledged that if he ever became wealthy, he would help those in distress who had not been as fortunate as himself. He achieved his life ambition in his eighty-second year when he launched the Charles Sykes Trust on 16 December 1954. He died in 1967 aged ninety-four and his widow Elsie continued his charitable work for which she was awarded an OBE. The Trust was renamed following her death in 1987 in recognition of her considerable contribution. Today, the Trustees are still mindful of the principles and preferences of Charles and Elsie Sykes in setting their criteria for grant making.

The Trust's donation to Teeth Team will be used to purchase toothbrushes, toothpaste, and other dental supplies for the charity to use in the 23 local schools it currently supports.

Chris Groombridge, Chair of Teeth Team, commented: "This fantastic grant from the Charles & Elsie Sykes Trust is very gratefully received and will be a valuable financial donation in assisting us rolling the Teeth Team programme on into 2024. Donations like this really help the thousands of primary aged children in this region that we currently support with their oral health. Thank you!"

Teeth Team is a school-based supervised tooth-brushing programme, supporting thousands of pupils across 23 primary schools. The programme incorporates clinical dental assessments, applications of fluoride varnish and the subsequent signposting for accessing primary and secondary dental care. It is a collaborative working partnership between local dental practices, schools, and parents to improve the dental health of children in all Teeth Team schools.

If you would like to support Teeth Team, please visit www.teethteam.org.uk for further information. For more information about the Garfield Weston Foundation go to www.charlesandelsiesykestrust.co.uk.

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