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HULL CHILDRENS DENTAL EDUCATION CHARITY RECEIVES GRANT FROM THE GARFIELD WESTON FOUNDATION

The Garfield Weston Foundation has kindly awarded a £15,000 grant to Hull-based charity Teeth Team, as part of its support for charities across the UK.

Teeth Team received the donation from the Trustees after applying for grant funding to support the work being done in primary schools across Hull, East Riding, Lincolnshire, North Yorkshire, and Nottingham.

The Garfield Weston Foundation is a family founded grant-maker that gives money to support a wide range of charities across the UK. In total the Foundation donates around £90 million each year. It was founded in 1958 by Willard Garfield Weston, a Canadian businessman, who had moved to the UK with his family in the 1930s. He created the Foundation with an endowment of shares in his company Associated British Foods Wittington Investments. In doing so Garfield gave away 80% of the Weston family's wealth for the benefit of the nation. Today the Weston family work hard to ensure their businesses are successful, so that the Foundation can donate more money to charities every year. Willard's son Garry became Chair of the Foundation in the 1970s and today the foundation is run by his children Guy and Sophia. In total the Foundation has donated over £1.4 billion since 1958.

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.

The grant to Teeth Team will be used to purchase toothbrushes, toothpaste, and other dental supplies for the charity to use and to run the programme within the supported schools.

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

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 garfieldweston.org.

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Pictured: Willard Garfield Weston and Willard's son, Garry Weston.