



Mrs Katie Booth
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Dear Mrs Booth

I felt I had to write to commend and thank one of your pupils, Miss Laura Heaton, for her tireless endeavours in helping to support St Leonard's Hospice patients and families. During the last year alone Laura has supported a number of Hospice events and initiatives, helping to generate income and spread the word about our services. These include:

- Distribution of leaflets around Huby & Sutton Forest, often in the pouring rain, leading and encouraging her friends to become involved
- Arriving early at weekend events, helping with the setting up processes and then helping to run stalls such as a Toy Tombola and clear away
- Helping with Hospice Collections, even after a long day at school

In all that she does Laura never complains, appropriately and actively engaging in conversations with adults and children about St Leonard's. She demonstrates a maturity and sensitivity beyond her years, acknowledging that she is representing the Hospice and needs to communicate professionally at all times. Indeed, in recognition of her hard work and commitment, we have awarded Laura her very own St Leonard's Volunteer Badge, which she wears with pride.

Laura fully understands that, although our care is free of charge to patients and their families, it is not free to provide, and that, as a charity, we rely heavily on the generosity of people like her to help us raise the funds required to run the Hospice. She even donates her own clothes and shoes to our shops. The special interest Laura shows in our work, especially for such a young person, gives me great encouragement and is deeply appreciated.

With kind regards,

Sarah Tarpey
Fundraising Manager