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FREEMASONS' APPROVE £1.3 MILLION FOR CHARITIES

Charities large and small are set to benefit after a meeting of The Freemasons' Grand Charity approved the distribution of charitable funding totalling a stunning £1.3 million. The money will benefit non-Masonic charities throughout England and Wales working in the areas of medical research, vulnerable people, religious buildings and hospice services.

Following approval to support thirteen projects including an information and advice service for people affected by multiple sclerosis and research into type 1 diabetes, the meeting set aside £750,000 to be distributed during 2007. This includes £600,000 for children's and adult hospice services via the long-running Hospice Grants Scheme and £150,000 for support for at least 30 other charities.

After the meeting, The Freemasons' Grand Charity announced the first thirteen charities to benefit from the earmarked funding, with grants of up to £5,000 each towards their general activities. Further charities will benefit throughout 2007.

For a complete listing of the grants approved, please visit www.grandcharity.org or contact Natasha Treweek on 020 7395 9394.