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News Release

DONATION BOWLS OVER SHEFFIELD CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

For the fourth year running The Co-operative Bank's South Yorkshire Corporate Banking Centre hosted a successful Charity Crown Green Bowls this summer, with 2008's event a record breaker.

The competition was again held at The Rockingham Arms in Wentworth and raised £1,567 for Sheffield Children's Hospital Charity – more than any previous year.

Nineteen teams of four players representing solicitors, accountants and other professional firms from across South Yorkshire took part, with UK Steel Enterprise bowling over the competition, beating Keeble Hawsons in the final.

David Lee, Corporate Manager at The Co-operative Bank's South Yorkshire CBC, said: "The bowling evening has become something of a fixture in the South Yorkshire corporate calendar, and this was reflected in the high level of interest we had again this year. Everyone who came along had a great time, and our congratulations go to the UK Steel Enterprise team. It is also fantastic to raise over £1,500 for the Sheffield Children's Hospital."

Cheryl Ridge, fund raiser for Sheffield Children's Hospital Charity, said: "Events like this are a perfect way to raise funds for a good cause whilst enjoying a fun evening out. It is always good to see the local business community rallying round in support of the excellent work being done at the Sheffield Children's Hospital, and we must say a big thank you to everyone who took part in the bowling competition and David and his team at The Co-operative Bank for organising it."

The Co-operative Bank's South Yorkshire Corporate Banking Centre provides banking services for SMEs and MEs within the mid corporate market including acquisitions, refinancing and property transactions. The Bank is keen to build on existing relationships in addition to establishing contact

with those companies in the £1m - £50m turnover bracket who feel they are not being provided with the service they deserve.

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