

## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **The Co-operative Bank's wine tasting event raises £500 for Disabled Living**

The Co-operative Bank's Relationship team held a wine tasting event in October to help raise funds for the Disabled Living charity as well as strengthen relationships with existing clients and contacts.

Approximately 60 people attended the event, held on the 24th floor of the CFS building. Wine was provided by Kingsland Wines and Spirits. Guests were treated to a three course meal with wine accompanying; Mark Elener (Kingsland Wines) provided a commentary on the chosen wines during the meal.

The £500 raised from the event was donated to Disabled Living, who provide an invaluable service to disabled people of all ages along with their families and carers. Disabled Living have banked with The Co-operative Bank for 15 years.

Kathryn Lambert, Corporate Relationship Manager at The Co-operative Bank, says: "The event proved to be a great success. Everyone really enjoyed the wine tasting and with over £500 raised on the evening we were delighted to be helping such a worthy cause."

Debra Evans, Chief Executive of Disabled Living, said; "Disabled Living were delighted to attend the Wine Tasting Evening. I would like to thank the staff and customers of The Co-operative Bank for their fundraising efforts on the night. This money will support a Free Information Event for anybody who is now or may in the future be 'Caring for Ageing Relatives'. The event is on Tuesday 13th January 2009."

Mark Elener, Commercial Manager of Kingsland Wines and Spirits, said; “Kingsland Wines are thrilled to work with The Co-operative Bank on Wine tasting events, being both a bank customer and a strong supply partner with the Co-operative Retail wine buying team.”

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**Notes to editors:**

- ISDN facilities are available for broadcast media interviews.

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