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PARAGON RAISE THOUSANDS FOR BIRMINGHAM CHARITY, HELP HARRY HELP OTHERS

Employees at Solihull-based finance specialist, the Paragon Group, have raised a staggering £12, 348.11 for the charity Help Harry Help Others.

The Charity Committee, made up and run by employees from across the Group's two offices at Homer Road and Highlands Road, organised various fundraising events from a charity football match, samosa sales and a golf tournament. One of the most popular fundraising events was a Mary Berry inspired Great British bake-off!

Georgie Moseley, founder of Help Harry Help Others and Harry's mum, said: "We're so appreciative of Paragon's support over the past year. Their kind donation will help towards the running of our new drop-in cancer support centre, a home-from home environment, which is available to anyone suffering from or affected by cancer. Paragon's help will also help us promote the fantastic work of our Help Cure, Help Care and Help Cope initiatives too."

Jennie Smith, Chair of Paragon's Charity Committee, said: "The last 12 months have been nothing short of spectacular. The employees have been absolutely fantastic helping support Help Harry Help Others, a great cause and legacy that helps those affected by cancer. They have been so generous and donated so much time in arranging fundraising events from a charity football match to delicious cake sales. Harry's mom, Georgie, continues to do an amazing job and we were thrilled we were able to help."

The Group, a buy-to-let lender, bank and portfolio acquisition specialist, holds an annual employee vote to determine the company charity. This year, the Group will support the Alzheimer's Society and Birmingham's Children's Hospital.

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The Group is a highly experienced buy-to-let mortgage lender to landlords and residential property investors in the UK through its Paragon Mortgages and Mortgage Trust brands.

The investment division of the Group, Idem Capital, undertakes acquisitions of loan portfolios including first and second mortgages as well as unsecured assets. In addition, the Group services mortgage and loan portfolios for itself and on behalf of a number of clients such as banks, private equity houses and specialist lenders.

In February 2014 the Group launched its banking subsidiary, Paragon Bank PLC. It is a retail-funded lending bank with a direct-to-consumer Internet platform for savings and loans. Its lending products are distributed via intermediaries. The Bank is authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority.