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Business donations raise thousands for local charities

The generous nature of the North-east has been underlined with a donation of over £6,500 to local charities from a leading business awards event.

Attendees at the Northern Star Business Awards put their hands in their own pockets to raise £6,530 for five local charities.

Aberdeen FC Community Trust, DA (Drugs & Alcohol), Satrosphere, The ARCHIE Foundation and the bread maker are to benefit from the donations.

Organised by Aberdeen & Grampian Chamber of Commerce and now in their twelfth year, the Northern Star Business Awards recognise companies in the North-east for their exceptional accomplishments across a range of fields from energy to innovation, people development to customer service.

Membership director at the Chamber Liam Smyth said it was important that as well as celebrating business excellence, the event could support member charities.

“It is a good time to remember others less fortunate than ourselves and we are delighted by the generosity of those that attended the gala evening,” he said.

“The awards night was a tremendous event celebrating business achievement.

“We are already looking forward to next year’s Northern Star awards and hearing some great business stories at an evening of excitement and glamour.

Ally Prockter, chief executive of Aberdeen FC Community Trust, said, “We are extremely grateful for the money received from the Northern Star Business Awards 2015.

“Funds raised in this manner provide AFCCT with the flexibility to support existing initiatives and add value to those programmes.

“Arranging ‘special events’, helping with essential transport costs, and allowing for bonus activities for existing participants are all areas where this money may be used.

“On behalf of everyone at AFCCT, I extend a sincere thank you to everyone who donated to the charities on the night. These donations will help change lives for the better.”

Thirty-nine finalists joined the 750 guests at the Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre for the annual accolades for successful businesses across the region.

Balmoral’s chairman and managing director James Milne CBE was handed a lifetime achievement award for his outstanding contribution to the region, and CHC Helicopter West North Sea received the Overall Business of the Year award.

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Notes to editor

- Aberdeen & Grampian Chamber of Commerce (AGCC) is North-east Scotland's leading private sector, member-focused, business organisation. The Chamber represents more than 1,350 businesses with almost 130,000 employees in the private sector covering all industry sectors, ranging in size from sole traders to multi-national corporations.

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