

GPT Employee

Save a life

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Latest Hand-Over Brings Fund to £250,000

£9,500 Machine Will Detect Eye Cancer

GPT employees and friends have dug deep in their pockets to buy another vital piece of medical equipment for local hospitals, bringing the amount raised by the GPT Employees Save-A-Life Fund since it was formed in 1974 to around £250,000.

The latest purchase is a Bebig Plaque Simulator, now being used by the Royal Liverpool and Broadgreen University Hospital to detect cancers of the eye.

The £9,500 machine was bought with the help of a £5,000 donation from the GEC Charity Committee, at the personal suggestion of GEC Chairman Lord Prior. The balance was raised by the Save-A-Life Fund through their regular programme of



Mr Damato shows GPT employees the Bebig Plaque Simulator

fund-raising activities, including bingo sessions and sponsorships.

Hospital staff are so delighted with the machine that they insisted on bringing it along to the Edge Lane staff restaurant on December 5th, where consultant Mr Bertil Damato

demonstrated how it is being used to save the sight of patients through the early detection of cancers. During the event, the machine was officially handed over to the hospital by George Campbell, GPT Public Networks Group Personnel Director.

"I am extremely proud of the continuing efforts of employees to support this most worthwhile cause. I know that the Save-A-Life committee and its supporters put in a tremendous amount of work every year," said Managing Director Mike Parton. "We must also give particular thanks on this occasion to Lord Prior and GEC for their generous contribution".

The Save-A-Life Fund is a registered charity run by GPT employees and in the past 22 years has bought more than 100 items of medical equipment for hospitals in and around Merseyside.

Save-A-Life Committee Vice Chairman Ron Adlington said: "We would all like to thank the local and higher management for allowing the committee the time to run this charity, and the many people who have contributed to it".