**Chocolate Orange Challenge – Team North East**

**2019**

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**The Chocolate Orange Challenge was started in 2008 by Chris Lamb, DWP (Peel Park, North West). This is Chris’ story…………***My son Elliott was in Alder Hey hospital with pneumonia. The physiotherapist looking after him did such a good job in taking care of Elliott that I bought them a Chocolate Orange each to say thank you and word soon got around. Sadly, Elliott passed away at Christmas time 2010. He was such a brave little boy and showed so much courage. I learned so much from him in those four years than I ever did before he came along. He is still an inspiration in death as he was in life and I wanted his memory to live on in others in knowing you are not alone through difficult times.*

**Team North East** - This is our sixth year supporting the Chocolate Orange Challenge. Let’s hope we can smash last year’s total of **2041** to show our ‘Thanks’ and support to the brilliant charities, foundations, hospitals and hospices who support our loved ones in the North East. Here are some of the great people you have thanked over the past 5 years.



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**How you can help**

If you would like any more information or would like to donate a Chocolate Orange (or you can donate your money and I will purchase the goodies on your behalf), please contact me and I will be happy to collect. You can also drop off donations to any of the team as follows or any tea point across the BPV site where you see the collection boxes.

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We could not do this challenge without the huge support from our colleagues across DWP and HMRC and our family and friends across the North East and we are so pleased they continue to support us in this our 6th year as Team North East continues to expand across Benton Park View, Tyne View Park and Waterview Park. Drop off points for Team North East are as follows or the DWP Tech Bar in Building 9 ground floor (BP9051) are happy to take your donations:

**Twitter:** @chocoranges

#chocoranges

**Facebook**

Team Chocolate Orange

**Social media managed by**: Chris Lamb

The Chocolate Oranges will be distributed from **Friday 13th December** #Make A Difference Friday and your support would be very much appreciated to make this an even bigger event this year in supporting loved ones and the memory of Elliott Lamb.

**Thank You from** **Chocolate Orange Challenge – Team North East**

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**BPV & TVP ‘Thank You’**

A huge ‘Thank You’ to everyone who donated to this year’s 2019 Chocolate Orange Challenge. With your generous donations we have collected 2,533 chocolate oranges across DWP & HMRC sites BPV, TVP and WVP, delivering to the following good causes.



**St Oswald’s Hospice & Children’s Hospice**

**Sir Bobby Robson Foundation** **Daft as Brush (Freeman Hospital** **St Oswald’s Hospice Percy Hedley Foundation**

**& Children’s Hospice**



**Marie Curie Hospice Alan Shearer Foundation** **RVI ICU Ward 18 Carers Trust, Rowlands Gill**



**Salvation Army Maggies Freeman Hospital RVI HDU Ward 38 Freeman Hospital ICU**

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**Many thanks,**

**Caroline Bullivant ☺**

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**Freeman Hospital HDU** **The People’s Kitchen**



**The Gateshead Millenium Bridge lit up orange in memory of**

**Elliott Lamb who inspired this challenge.**

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**Radiology QE Hospital Air Ambulance North East Blood Bikes Northumbria Ward C36 Sunderland**

  

**Sunderland Mental Health Hospitality & Hope People’s Kitchen Phoenix Suite Scope**

  

**Washington Fire Station Mind Washington  Grace House Ward D41 Sunderland**

   

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**A&E at the QE Hospital, British Heart Foundation, NEAS Pallion and Care & Support**

**Centre Washington.**

 

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