

Tasty charity fundraiser by restaurants

RESTAURANTS in Brighton have raised thousands pounds for a children's hospice.

An optional £1 was added to diners bills in participating restaurants during October 2011, with the proceeds being donated to Chestnut Tree House. Diners were free to give more if they wish, which many chose to do, or opt out of the voluntary donation.

Seven Brighton eateries took part in the challenge, which ran for the first time in 2011. Taking part were Indian Summer, East Street; Alfresco, The Milkmaid Pavilions, Kings Road Arches; Terre a Terre, East Street; Fishy-Fishy, East Street; Gars, Prince Albert Street; Planet India, Richmond Road; Sabai Thai Gastrobar, Princes Place, North Street.

They raised £4,869.93

The challenge was the brain-child of Minesh Agnihotri, owner of Indian Summer, who said: "I'm thrilled that Chestnut's Restaurant Challenge was such a huge success and I would like to say a big thank you to the diners who were so generous and gave such a fantastic amount of money. It was a simple idea which produced great results and I'm proud to have helped raise vital funds for our local children's hospice."

The challenge will run again in 2012 and Chestnut Tree House is looking for even more restaurants to get involved. For more information, contact Juliette Macpherson on 01903 871823 or juliette.macpherson@chestnut-treehouse.org.uk.