

TAXI HELPS FUND RAISING

Alexandra Rose Charities helps those small charities with neither voice nor funds to raise money to support those in need in England and Wales. The appeal began this year on 16 June, when the Prime Minister started a unique collection for the Alexandra Rose Charities. Two girls from the Francis Holland School, dressed in Edwardian costume sold Gordon Brown the first rose of the year to the Prime Minister. Later that day at Portcullis House, Westminster the leader of the opposition David Cameron was sold a rose by girls from Queen's Gate School in Kensington; then at The Mansion House, Alderman Ian Luder, Lord Mayor of the City of London was sold a rose by girls from Greycoat Hospital, a voluntary aided Church of England Secondary School for girls. The following day, 17th June, a decorated licensed Vito taxi driven by Paul Mitchell, took the National Director of the charity, together with three girls, Sarah Gordon, Louisa Gayford and Isobel Peterson from Queen Anne's School, Caversham, who sold a rose to Boris Johnson at City Hall. Lizzie Cundy, style guru and presenter of ITV @ The Movies, joined three girls.

Queen Alexandra, the widow of Edward VII, started Alexandra Rose Charities in 1912. Queen



Paul, far right, at City Hall

Alexandra was of Danish decent and on a visit to Denmark was inspired by a parish priest who cared for homeless and hungry children with money raised by selling the roses in his garden. When the Queen returned home she declared that each year a summer's day would be set aside to raise money for a wide range of charities, each person who gave money would be given a rose. Alexandra Rose has now moved with the times, in addition to the well-loved Rose Days, fundraising activities go on all year round. This is to ensure funds to provide grants for charities in need.

DEL SAYS A BIG THANK YOU

Del McCarrick, MBE, aka Roger the Rabbit would like to thank everyone who has supported his fund raising efforts, helping him raise as much money as he has for Children with Leukaemia. Pictured here with Des O'Connor at the Battersea children's Party, Derek hands over a cheque from his fundraising London Marathon this year.



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