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More than 100 volunteers at **Mondial Assistance, Croydon**, took donations worth £86,000 – beating last year's Sport Relief total by £30,000. As well as food and drink donated

by local businesses, the evening included massages and manicures and a caricaturist. A raffle raised £645.
Pictured – behind his caricature is Serge Corel, managing director; Mike Webb, CEO, and his executive assistant, and Ailsa Kirby.



Comedian Joe Pasquale joined 90 **Kent County Council** staff, and 40 helpers, at the council's call centre in **Maidstone**. They took 3,000 calls, which raised around £125,000. Local businesses donated food and refreshments for the volunteers. Joe Pasquale, who lives in Rochester, said: "I've never done anything like this before so I was really looking forward to it. It's a great cause and with the financial situation everyone is in, every charity needs help and I'm pleased I could lend a hand."

Pictured – from left: Tim Colclough, media monitoring officer, Mike Harris, communication officer, Joe Pasquale, Charlotte Harris, corporate events officer, and Hannah Tutt, online communications officer.



More than 130 employees volunteered, along with family and friends, to handle calls at the **Kwik-Fit Insurance** call centre at the company's **Uddingston** HQ. They answered 3,780 calls, with donations reaching more than £120,000 – including one of £2,000.

June Lynch, MD, said: "This is the fifth year we've signed up to be one of Comic Relief's call centres and it's a great way for our people and their family and friends to get involved in one of the biggest fundraising nights of the year. There was a real party atmosphere...and it was great fun talking to people from all corners of the UK... The fact that we took in a record amount of donations is testament to both the generosity of the British public and the hard work of our people. The next Comic Relief can't come quickly enough."

Pictured – Graeme McNicol (left), event organiser, and Gordon Ross, PR and events manager.



Lifestyle Services Group, Crewe, took part for the third year. About 150 employees, friends and family members took 2,349 calls and donations totalled £86,633. Thanking the volunteers, Andy Morris, business development director, said: "It was a fantastic evening and it was great to see all the departments working together for such a worthy cause." And Iain Cartwright, employee engagement manager, said: "In summary, a tiring but rewarding night was experienced by everyone and left us looking forward to Sport Relief in 2012."

Events, which began the day before, raised £1,041. They include a space hopper challenge, leg and chest waxing, fancy dress, water balloon fight, treasure hunt and tombola.
Pictured – Andrew Woolley and Zoe Richardson trained the volunteers; Patricia Renkel took the largest donation, £2,000.



Royal Bank of Scotland, Greenock, staged a number of events which raised £2,128. They included *Sponge the Senior Managers*, which brought in £150, in which managers allowed staff to pelt them with wet sponges, shot with water pistols and drenched with buckets of water. Other activities included: Wii competition, nail bar, darts and a staff football match. Gary Shaw, call centre manager, said: "I'm always amazed at the incredible generosity of our staff and the many activities they manage to arrange in support of these worthwhile events."

Pictured – John Hood, Mr Shaw, Ann Marie Dougan, service manager, retail operations, Laura Jack, customer service manager, retail operations, Kevin Dorrian (hidden), operations and delivery manager, retail operations, Danny Fox, resource and planning manager, retail operations, MaryAnn Fleming, contact centre manager, retail operations, Colin Walker, Stuart Willbond, customer service manager, retail operations, and Laura Gren, customer service manager, retail operations.

More than 150 people at **Motability Operations, Bristol**, took nearly 3,000 calls, resulting in donations worth just over £102,000. They included a girl of seven who told Sarah Lewis that she wanted to give her pocket money of £10 to help the children she had seen on TV. Organised by Laura Brock, the evening included face painting and red hairspray.

Pictured – David Etches, IT service centre analyst (volunteers were invited to dress as cartoon characters); Jemma Pearson, sales executive, and Colin Hughes, team coach.