

MSD donates €9,000 to local charity Cork Penny Dinners

Cork, 10 March 2016: MSD in Brinny has raised €9,000 to support local charity Cork Penny Dinners. The donation was made as part of the company's Target 15 initiative, a global strategy (to have the capacity to supply its products to 80% of the world). The money will go towards maintaining the continuance of the valuable local service.

As one of the oldest charities in Cork, Cork Penny Dinners has improved the lives and wellbeing of many local people and now serves in excess of 1,000 hot meals every week. The donation from MSD in Brinny is part of the company's corporate social responsibility programme, aligned to the MSD ethos of "Helping the World Be Well".

Matt Corcoran, site lead at MSD's facility in Brinny, commented; "Cork Penny Dinners is an extremely valuable resource for the local Cork community and we are proud to support their work. The charity is an institution in the City, renowned for its warm, safe and welcoming environment in providing all patrons with a nutritious, hot meal. This donation is a testament to the dedication of the MSD team here in Brinny and we look forward to continuing our voluntary work with the charity in the future."

As a global leader in healthcare with a strong presence in Ireland, MSD employs more than 2000 people across six pharmaceutical sites in Dublin, Cork, Wicklow, Tipperary and Carlow; alongside Animal Health, Human Health and Global Financial Services operations. MSD is committed to leading in the implementation of best practice by addressing critical social, environmental and economic challenges both nationally and internationally.

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