

A great running total

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A TAMESIDE company has raised over £6,000 for cancer victims, after workers put their best feet forward for charity cash.

Eighteen workers from Scapa, in Ashton, pulled in the vital funds for The Christie, after pounding the streets as part of the Great Manchester Run.

The team of generous joggers were led by the company's Chief Executive Officer, Heejac Chae, and included personnel from HR, finance, purchasing, shipping and operations departments.

And even visiting colleagues from the company's American office extended their business trip to take part in the 10k event!

Mike Muchin, from the US office, said: "It was a great race and a fantastic atmosphere.

"I only came to the UK for a leadership conference but was persuaded by my British colleagues to extend my stay so that I could take part – and I'm really glad that I did!"

The team, ranging in age from 25 to 54, now hopes to have raised over £6,000 – and Scapa bosses have said they will match the money pound-for-pound.

James Cooper, who works for Scapa in Ashton, also took to the streets in custom-designed running shoes, with a distinctive 'Scapa red' trim.

He said: "They didn't make me run any faster, but people certainly saw me coming!"

The Bupa Great Manchester Run has been billed as the UK's favourite 10k race and has been run by over a quarter of a million people since it was staged in



GOING THE EXTRA MILE: Scapa staff laced up their running boots to raise a superb total of over £6,000 for The Christie.

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In that time it has raised an estimated £22million for local and national charities.

The Christie is one of Europe's leading cancer centres, treating over 40,000 patients a year.

Amy Willis, from the Christie charity, said: "The management and staff at Scapa have shown an unbelievable com-

mitment to fundraising for The Christie.

"We've been so impressed with the company as a whole, from employees gathering sponsorship money for doing the Great Manchester Run to the fact that their Chief Executive, Heejac Chae, has pledged to match the amount raised by employees, this truly shows how dedicated Scapa is to The Christie.

"So far, the team at Scapa have raised

over £5,000 for the charity, which will go towards helping us continue to excel in providing for the 40,000 patients we treat here every year, as well as contribute to vital medical equipment, research and education."

If you would like to sponsor the Scapa staff, you can offer your support to the charity team by visiting www.justgiving.com/ScapaRun2012.