

**FUNDRAISERS organising the annual Hospice of St Francis Walk with the Stars event are delighted to reveal that so far £185,000 has been raised by walkers from across Hemel, Berkhamstead and beyond.**

**The staggering amount, more than double the total raised last year, and a whopping £15k more than first anticipated, has thrilled organisers who say the amount will be enough to pay for an entire year of Day Hospice care including two complementary therapists who provide vital support and care for patients.**

**Around 1,300 walkers, 402 of whom were from Hemel Hempstead alone, took part in the 13 mile challenge, in the pouring rain, at midnight, on June 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**Fran Martin, Fundraising Project Manager said: “We want to thank the walkers who took part from the bottom of our hearts for raising this fantastic amount – it’s truly incredible that we will be able to provide this level of support and care for the next year, thanks to you.”**

**The date for next years walk has already been fixed at June 20<sup>th</sup> and keen walkers are being encouraged to register early at [www.wwts.org.uk](http://www.wwts.org.uk).**