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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Family cooks up a treat to raise funds for Blackpool hospital in memory of late father**

A FAMILY, passionate for fundraising held a fine dining experience to raise funds for Blackpool Victoria Hospital.

Susan Langford, from Ingleton in North Yorkshire, raised more than £2,300 for Blue Skies Hospitals Fund at Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust in memory of her late husband Andrew Langford. She got together with 32 of Andrew's family and friends to raise the money as a thank you to the hospital for the treatment Andrew received he died earlier this year.

Bus driver Andrew, aged 54, was treated at the High Dependency Unit (HDU) at Blackpool Victoria Hospital for several months before his death. Andrew was suffering from Non Hodgkins High Grade Lymphoma, a form of cancer.

Susan said: "I decided to raise money for the HDU as a token of our appreciation for everything they did for Andrew during his stay. Our family has been doing fundraising over many years for various charities and I thought it was a good idea to raise funds for the HDU.

"The event was planned in six weeks by a core team of family members and was held at the Whitewalls Restaurant in Morecambe. We like doing things differently and so we decided to host an evening of fine dining at the restaurant.

"Andrew's nephew Ben planned and created a nine course dinner which stunned the guests. Other family members also helped with the event. We also held a raffle to raise additional funds."

Paul Bailey from the Blue Skies Hospitals Fund, said: "The story of how this money was raised is an amazing and touching one.

"Blue Skies Hospitals Fund supports the best in healthcare and medical research and we are always extremely grateful to anyone who raises funds that will benefit our patients."

For further information about Blue Skies Hospitals Fund, please contact the Fundraising and Voluntary Services Department on 01253 657904, email [info@blueskieshospitalsfund.org.uk](mailto:info@blueskieshospitalsfund.org.uk) or visit the charity's website at [www.blueskieshospitalsfund.org.uk](http://www.blueskieshospitalsfund.org.uk)



Caption: The fundraisers; Christopher Langford, Becky Wilkinson, Susan Langford, Ben Wilkinson, Jonathan Langford.

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