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### FOUNDATION RUNNERS GET SET FOR HALF MARATHON

Fourteen runners are waving goodbye to the fat settee and saying hello to their running shoes in a bid to raise money for the Birmingham Community Foundation in the forthcoming 2009 EDF Energy Birmingham Half Marathon to be staged on Sunday 11 October at 10am.

The Birmingham Community Foundation helps more than 900 local grassroots and volunteer organisations right on the doorstep in Birmingham each year. Groups assisted include nurseries for Down's Syndrome infants, orchestras, exercise classes for the elderly, reading classes for stroke sufferers, and youth sports clubs including football and fishing.

Derek Inman, chief executive of the charity added: "This is the first time that the Foundation has raised funds via the marathon and we are delighted that we have such a great team on board! We will of course be out in force supporting them on the day.

"What's more is that the Birmingham Community Foundation can currently benefit from a government Grassroots Endowment incentive that promises to match fund everything raised from the private sector and with Gift Aid this can increase donations even further.

"For every £100 raised, the charity will receive £256 with gift aid. For every £200, we will receive £512, the sums are easy. The running team is hoping to raise £5000 which will of course be matched in the same way."

For more information visit [www.bhamfoundation.co.uk](http://www.bhamfoundation.co.uk)

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**Pictured left to right: David Bucknall, chairman of Birmingham Community Foundation with half marathon runners Isabel Monk (Clarke Associates), Graham Nicoll (Barclays Wealth) and Tom Williams (Rider Levett Bucknall).**

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**Notes to editors:**

The Birmingham Community Foundation is a charitable trust set up in 1997 raising funds from businesses and individuals to promote and support local voluntary / community groups and projects within the area of Greater Birmingham. It serves as a conduit between the region's donors and do-ers and provides support through a programme of constructive grant making for people living within deprived and disadvantaged areas of Birmingham and the Black Country, reaching individuals through small grass-roots groups.

During the last 12 months The Birmingham Community Foundation has awarded more than £3.3 million in grants to more than 900 local voluntary and community projects.