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Souter Charitable Trust announces US\$1 million donation to the Against Malaria Foundation for anti malaria mosquito nets

The Souter Charitable Trust today announced a US\$1 million donation to the UK charity the Against Malaria Foundation to fund long-lasting insecticide treated nets to protect people at risk from malaria.

This is one of the Trust's single largest donations to date.

Betty and Brian Souter commented:

“Malaria is a devastating killer of children under 5 and pregnant women. Yet a simple bed net can protect those at risk from falling sick and suffering or dying from the disease. These nets will protect half a million people.

Important progress has been made in the fight against malaria over the last five years but funds for nets are still desperately needed.

The trust's purpose/mission is to support projects for the relief of human suffering and we have chosen the Against Malaria Foundation as the recipient of this donation because they are a highly effective charity in the ongoing efforts to combat malaria. They have a strong focus on transparency, accountability and efficiency in the way they operate. 100% of the funds we have donated will buy nets.”

Rob Mather of the Against Malaria Foundation said:

“This is a fantastic donation which will allow us to protect half a million people as they sleep at night.

More specifically, the nets will be distributed from mid December 2011 to mid February 2012 in one of the 28 districts of Malawi to achieve universal coverage – all sleeping spaces covered – of a population of some 550,000 people. We expect this to have a significant impact in reducing malaria rates in a very badly affected area.”

Notes for Editors

Souter Charitable Trust

Souter Charitable Trust was set up by Brian Souter and his wife Betty in 1992 and over the last five years has awarded over 3,200 grants worth more than £32 million.

The trust supports projects for the relief of human suffering in the UK and overseas and, as committed Christians, Brian and Betty are particularly

interested in projects that also promote spiritual welfare.

Over the years the trust has supported thousands of projects ranging from combating the world's biggest killer, malaria to supplying daily meals to school children in Africa.

The trustees are Brian, Betty and Ann Allen. The trust administrator is Dion Judd while Andy Macfie, of Souter Investments, is the trust secretary. Scottish Charity No SCO29998.

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Against Malaria Foundation www.AgainstMalaria.com

The Against Malaria Foundation raises and receives funds for nets.

100% of the money donated by the public buys nets and each individual donation is linked to a specific distribution so donors can see exactly where the nets they fund are distributed.

AMF's principal partners are PwC, Citi, Microsoft, Speedo, Attenda, Allen & Overy, Vestergaard Frandsen and Sumitomo Chemical.

AMF is a registered charity in the UK, US, Japan, Canada, Australia, Germany and in other countries.

The independent charity evaluator, GiveWell, rates AMF as the world's leading malaria charity. <http://www.givewell.org/charities/top-charities>

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Malaria – Key facts

- Between 1 and 3 million people die of malaria each year.
- With the tools available today nobody need die of malaria.
- 70% of those that die are children under 5.
- The equivalent of 7 jumbo jets of children die from malaria every day.
- Malaria is the world's single largest killer of pregnant women.
- 90% of the deaths from malaria occur in Sub-Saharan Africa
- The most effective way of preventing malaria is sleeping under a long-lasting insecticidal (mosquito) net (LLIN) that cost approximately £3/~~€~~/\$5 each.