



■ Mourners create a sea of flowers in tribute to Danny on the street where he lived

Pictures by Steve Poston

Charity's plea over gifts

People have been asked to donate their unwanted presents to Anchor House, the homeless charity based in Canning Town.

The gifts will be sold over eBay, with 100 per cent of the proceeds going towards sponsoring a room for a homeless person.

Alternatively, people can also sell their own items and choose Anchor House to receive a donation from the proceeds.

Anchor House runs a centre in Barking Road teaching skills in construction and plumbing.

People can send unwanted items to Anchor House, Fundraising, 81 Barking Road, London E16 4HB.

Hospice's bid to raise cash

People are being asked to get 2012 off to a charitable start by donating their unwanted Christmas gifts to the Richard House children's hospice.

Presents can be left at any of the Beckton-based hospice's seven stores in Dagenham, Romford, Barking, Hornchurch and Upminster.

Proceeds from the sale of the goods will raise much-needed income.

Community is united to mourn murdered teen

Fan's cortege draped in West Ham colours

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In the days after Danny O'Shea was killed in a senseless knife attack just yards from his home, his family thanked the community for its support.

And they again showed it in force at his funeral on Thursday.

Family, friends, and well-wishers of all ages attended the City of London Cemetery in Manor Park to pay their respects to the popular 18-year-old who was stabbed to death on December 2.

He was remembered during the service as a dedicated

family man and the colours of the floral tributes which sat on top of the six car cortege spoke of his support for West Ham United FC.

At his home in Gill Avenue, Custom House, it was hard to tell that the floral tributes that were left after he was killed had been cleared away.

Flowers

Hundreds of fresh flowers were laid on the pavement outside his home on the day of the funeral.

Speaking before the service, Jim Blewitt, partner of Danny's mother Julie, said: "We are thankful to all of our friends and our neighbours.



■ An appeal for justice for the popular knife victim

"They have been fantastic. We just want anybody with any information to come forward and assist the police in their investigation."

After the service, mourners gathered for at the Beckton Arms pub for a wake. Donations can be made to St



■ Danny's coffin is carried into the service

Anne's Roman Catholic Church in Danny's memory.

The teenager was found unconscious in the Gill Avenue by a family friend at around 6pm. He was pronounced dead at the scene shortly afterwards.

Appeal

Police investigating the murder fear they have hit a wall of silence and have asked for anybody with information to come forward.

Officers are appealing for information on white Ford Transit van seen in the Butchers Road between 3pm and 6pm on the day of the attack.

Contact the incident room at Barking on 020 8345 3985.

Seven people have been arrested and bailed in connection with the incident.



■ Floral tributes to the teenage soccer fan...so many that some were ferried by lorry



■ Hazel McLeod with mum Diane Campbell outside No. 10

Starlight fixes it for Hazel, six, to have tea party fun at Number Ten with celebrities

Six-year-old Hazel McLeod, from East Ham, celebrated Christmas with the stars when she was invited to a party in Downing Street.

Hazel, who suffers from sickle cell anaemia, was one of 40 poorly children invited to the bash by chancellor George Osborne MP.

She attended the tea party with her mum Diane Campbell and a host of celebrity guests including Dr Who himself, Matt Smith, former Spice Girl Geri Halliwell and CBBC presenter Gemma

Hunt. Mr Osborne said: "We don't often have as much fun at Downing Street as we have this afternoon.

"It is extremely humbling for me and my staff to hear some of the children's stories and we hope that by coming along to our Christmas party we have helped them forget their illnesses for an hour or two and simply have a bit of fun."

Geri said: "A large dose of fun and laughter can be exactly what the doctor ordered

for some of these kids and their families."

Matt, an ambassador for organisers the Starlight Foundation, said: "Thousands of children will spend this Christmas in hospital and, along with a white Christmas, this year I am wishing for some much-needed festive cheer for these kids.

"It's easy to forget how tough it must be for families with a seriously ill child and I am thrilled to support the work that Starlight does."

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