



FUND TEAM: Staff at Wheelchair Fund Shop with Sue Sullivan (top) and, from left to right, Ellen Pilkington, Karen Simmons and Edie Styles.

Disabled benefit from Fund's efforts

THE Wheelchair Fund has been nominated for the Volunteers of the Year award for its fund-raising efforts for disabled people.

The charity has a dedicated team of volunteers who run the fund and also the charity shop.

All money raised by the group is used to buy wheelchairs, scooters and mobility aids for people with disabilities in Wigan and Leigh.

The charity was set up in 1980 by the late Doreen Taylor and volunteers decided to carry on the good work in her honour.

Five volunteers will be celebrating 30 years of service in March next year and the Wheelchair Fund shop, in St Pauls Avenue, Worsley Mesnes, will also

celebrate 10 years in 2010.

Sue Sullivan, project manager and treasurer, nominated the group as she believed the volunteers have worked hard and dedicated a lot of time to help people with mobility problems.

She said: "We are a group of volunteers who provide money for wheelchairs and scooters.

"There is no other charity like us in the borough. It is important to keep going as we can provide disabled people with freedom and independence that they wouldn't get otherwise.

"There are quite a few people who work in the shop all the time consistently and they deserve recognition for their dedication and hard work."

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