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ZONAL'S FUNDRAISING IS AWARDED AS EMPLOYEES BRING HOPE TO CHILDREN

Zonal Retail Data Systems is celebrating a double having picked up the Corporate Partner of the Year Award from Hope for Children for the second consecutive year.

Zonal became the founding partner of the charity's corporate partnership initiative, [Your Business, Their Lives](#) initiative, in November 2014 and has since raised more than £72,000 for the charity, which gives something back to local communities at home and abroad.

In Scotland, Zonal is supporting Hope for Children's partner the Lothian Autistic Society, which provides services, information and practical support to individuals, families and carers affected by autism. Further from home, the company is funding a number of projects in India and Uganda, all aimed at bringing hope to children who have limited life opportunities.

[Zonal](#) was recognised for the way that staff have engaged with the partnership at every level, including a recent hike of the Great Wall of China. Eleven employees raised more than £40,000 for the 100 mile trek, through fundraising initiatives such as a golf days, sweep stakes, cake sales and pub quizzes.

Commenting on the award, Zonal's chief executive Stuart McLean said: "I am so proud of our teams located throughout the UK who continue to put their heart and souls into the Hope For Children campaign. Each year they surpass our fundraising expectations and this recognition is for every team member."

Ed Fletcher, Head of Fundraising & Communications at Hope for Children added: "The competition for this award was stronger than ever this year, so for Zonal to win for a second consecutive year is testament to the passion and enthusiasm of their team. They continue to amaze us with their commitment to the cause, and true champions of Your Business, Their Lives. To retain their title is an achievement everyone at the company should take huge pride in; we are certainly enormously proud to be partners with such a fantastic company!"

PHOTO: Zonal employees who stepped out for Hope for Children in Great Wall of China trek challenge earlier this year

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