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TIME TO SIGN UP FOR THE SWIMARATHON TO SUPPORT THE DEDICATED WORK OF ISLAND CARERS

03 January 2018 – There is still time to enter the 2018 Lions Club of Jersey Swimathon for individuals, families, school groups and companies to sign up to support the work of the community's carers.

The funds raised from this year's Swimathon will benefit five island-based charities: the Grace Crocker Family Support Foundation, Headway Jersey, the Jersey Association of Carers, Jersey Child Care Trust and MIND Jersey. All five work to provide individuals and families who find themselves in the need of medical assistance with professionally trained carers who, in many cases, offer daily support to both the patients and their families.

Tim Houghton, Managing Director of Market Partnerships at RBC Wealth Management, said of the partnership: "We're pleased to be working with these five charities in order to help guarantee the ongoing support of carers, both young and old, across the Channel Islands. With so many of the carers balancing education with their family responsibilities, the focus of the fundraising will be on ensuring that both they and their relations receive the care and support they need, simultaneously reinforcing RBC's ongoing commitment to the development of opportunities for young islanders."

As with previous years, the 2018 Swimathon will feature the RBC Corporate Cup Challenge, which is awarded to the corporate team that swims the most laps during its 55-minute slot.



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The Cup has been won consecutively by the Jersey Customs & Immigration Team for the past five years. Mr Houghton commented: "It's a great achievement for the Customs & Immigration team, and testament to their commitment to charitable work on the island. We're hoping that more corporate teams will sign up this year – a challenge which I am sure will be welcomed by the reigning champions."

Ian Barette, President of the Lions Club of Jersey, said: "The work of the island's carers is vital for the wellbeing and livelihoods of those in need. We're thrilled that the money raised through the Swimathon will, in turn, help to provide support to those carers, and we hope as many islanders as possible sign up to help support their great work."

The Swimathon will take place at the Les Quennevais Leisure Centre from Wednesday 14th to Sunday 18th March 2018. Please visit lionsswimathon.org for more information or to donate.

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