

## **Ode to Volunteers**

### **A short humorous poem celebrating the contribution of our volunteers**

So let's look back at the last 10 years

We've had some laughs

And shed some tears

Many staff have come and gone

We have fond thoughts of everyone

It started off as just a dream

A group of people who formed a team

With thoughts of building something great

To serve lots of people from all over the place

And that dream certainly has come true

With all the support and help from you

Those thoughts are now a reality

A success, I feel, for all to see

So much has gone on

Behind the scenes

That has played a part

In building the dream

Our volunteer help

Has been second to none

So much has been done by everyone

It's that special something that you all do

That magic ingredient that makes dreams come true

All of you do it in different ways

We see it happen every day

There are those who do it from their own homes!

And some who do it on the phone!

Others can do it inside a shop!

Whilst some will do it using a mop!

Our drivers do it from behind a wheel

Whilst others do it making a meal

But whether it's being done from behind a desk

Whether it's neat and tidy or you make a mess

Whether it's once a month or every week

Downstairs, upstairs or in the street

Your special magic means so much

You can't wrap it up or reach out and touch

Commitment, kindness, warmth and support

It's a special gift which cannot be bought

So may we thank you again tonight

For helping us to get everything right

Without you all we would not exist

So enjoy yourselves but don't . . . drink too much!