

Dementia hero honoured at national awards ceremony

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Paul Harvey has been awarded an Outstanding Achievement accolade at the prestigious Alzheimer's Society Dementia Hero Awards, sponsored by [Tunstall Healthcare](#) on Thursday 20th May.

The Outstanding Achievement award recognises individuals that have improved the lives of people affected by dementia during the pandemic. Paul, who is 80 and a former music teacher, was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease in 2019, and was presented with the award for his song, 'Four Notes' which received significant media attention in 2020 and was later recreated by The BBC Philharmonic Orchestra.

The song also entered the UK Top 40 music charts with all the proceeds from single sales going to the Alzheimer's Society and Music for Dementia. Composed using four random notes selected by Paul's son Nick, it received more than 83,000 engagements and was viewed more than 2.1 million times on Twitter. Businessman, philanthropist and entrepreneur, Sir Tom Hunter, was so moved by the improvisation that he made a donation of £1 million, split between the two charities.

Gavin Bashar, UK Managing Director at Tunstall Healthcare, said: "We are incredibly proud to be sponsoring such inspiring awards. Paul and all the other very worthy winners at the Dementia Hero Awards have shown huge commitment, fortitude and strength during an incredibly difficult time.

"The pandemic and subsequent national restrictions have presented huge challenges to many people, but particularly so for those living with dementia and the people who care for them."

The virtual Alzheimer's Society Dementia Hero Awards were hosted by TV presenter, writer and journalist, Richard Madeley and took place during Dementia Action Week, which runs from the 17th to 23rd May 2021.

Gavin Bashar continued: "The awareness Paul has raised of dementia is absolutely incredible; by showcasing his extraordinary talents he has broken some of the stereotypes associated with his condition and given hope and inspiration to so many others. . His courage, passion and skills have demonstrated that people with dementia can still enjoy the things in life that are important to them, as well as giving pleasure to others. I am proud and delighted to see this true Dementia Hero recognised as part of these wonderful awards, and congratulate Paul, his son Nick, and all of the other incredible winners.."

Paul was honoured alongside nine other Dementia Hero Award winners in categories that recognised innovation, fundraising, researching, campaigning, business, care and compassion, the media and professional excellence.

For more information about Dementia Action Week visit www.alzheimers.org.uk/DAW