Masons' £3,500 for hospices

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Two West Norfolk hospices received a cash boost for Christmas thanks to the Masons' charitable fund.

Tapping House Hospice, in Snettisham, was given 2,000, and the Swaffham and Litcham Home Hospice received 1,500.

The money came from the Masons' grand charity in London and is a fraction of the half-a-million pounds given to hospices across the country by the Masons every year.

During the presentation representatives of the Norfolk Masons also found Tapping House patients could benefit from music in the rooms to help them unwind.

They bought 130 of stereo equipment, including a CD player for a treatment room, and presented it to the hospice earlier this month.

Provincial grand almoner for the Masons, Alf Fulcher, said they were pleased to be able to make a difference for the patients.