From today, one of the UK’s leading mouth cancer charities, The Mouth Cancer Foundation, will benefit from the opening of a brand new restaurant, Indu’s, on London Road, Twickenham. Restaurant owners Sunny and Kamni Dhyown could think of no other charity that they would prefer to support when their restaurant opens as they know first hand how awful mouth cancer can be.

Sunny and Kamni’s mother, Indu, (the restaurant is named in her memory), died of mouth cancer in January 2006, aged 65. They wanted to open a true family restaurant with a difference. So they have created a venue which provides people with fine food, excellent service and a warm family friendly environment in which to relax whilst also getting the chance to make a difference.

Sunny says “I have decided to support the Mouth Cancer Foundation very simply because of the horrific experience my family and I went though. The feeling of being helpless, as Mum fought mouth cancer, was truly awful. Therefore, if I can be of help in terms of helping to raise awareness or fundraising, then I am only too happy to help. The experience has left a very deep scar on my family and we want to try and make something positive of this awful situation. It only seemed right to name the restaurant after my mother, who was not only an inspiration to me but to everyone who met her.”

Indu’s offers a menu of traditional home cooked Punjabi food with no frills. Kamni Dhown has been appointed the executive chef and in keeping with the family tradition, is cooking recipes which have been passed down through many generations; this is what makes this restaurant so distinctive. The restaurant’s interior is contemporary with clean lines, specifically designed to ensure that each customer receives the ultimate dining experience within a comfortable and luxurious environment.

Long term, Indu’s plan to make annual financial contributions to the Mouth Cancer Foundation and also plans to raise funds through the restaurant.

The founder of the Mouth Cancer Foundation Dr Joshi says “We are very grateful when companies decide to support the Mouth Cancer Foundation. We are a small charity working hard to raise awareness of
mouth cancer and its symptoms. Any money raised by Indu’s will go towards helping patients and carers via information available through our website. The Mouth Cancer Foundation supports Indu’s whole-heartedly.”

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Indu’s Restaurant – www.indusrestaurant.com
There will be more information available on www.indusrestaurant.com from Friday 29th October 2010

The Mouth Cancer Foundation – www.mouthcancerfoundation.org
The Mouth Cancer Foundation is a registered charity no. 1109298.
In 2010 The Mouth Cancer Foundation celebrates its 5th anniversary.

In the UK, nearly 8000 people are diagnosed with Mouth Cancer every year. Cancers can occur in any part of the mouth, tongue, lips, and adjacent areas like the throat, salivary glands, pharynx, larynx, sinus, and other sites in the head and neck area. In its very early stages, these Mouth Cancers can be easy to ignore.

Symptoms include:
1. An ulcer or white or red patch anywhere in the mouth that does not heal within 3 weeks
2. A lump or swelling anywhere in the mouth, jaw or neck that persists for more than 3 weeks
3. A difficulty in swallowing, chewing or moving the jaw or tongue
5. A numbness of the tongue or other area of the mouth
6. A feeling that something is caught in the throat
7. A chronic sore throat or hoarseness that persists more than 6 weeks
8. An unexplained loosening of teeth with no dental cause

More information about Mouth Cancer is available at the Mouth Cancer Foundation web site www.mouthcancerfoundation.org or by emailing info@mouthcancerfoundation.org