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Unipart Way Awards Event Raises £6,200 for BEN

Unipart Group – the leading full service logistics provider and consultant in operational excellence – has raised over £6,200 for the automotive industry charity, BEN at its prestigious annual awards ceremony, The Unipart Way Awards.

The Unipart Way Awards celebrate the best application of the Group's philosophy of working to the benefit of both employees and clients. This year's overall winner, receiving the highest accolade the Group bestows, was Unipart Rail.

The event, held at Unipart's headquarters in Oxford, was a perfect opportunity for staff and managers to raise funds for Unipart's favourite charity. This year, the funds were raised by the auction of a number of experiences – including a day working in Raymond Blanc's kitchen, lunch on the Orient Express, a Supercar and Rally day, a family photo shoot and a box at Leicestershire Tigers Rugby Club – plus a collection from the various tables of diners.

Frank Burns, Managing Director of Unipart Logistics, who oversees the Unipart Way Awards, commented:

"At the end of what has been a very difficult year for the whole industry, it was wonderful to see that Unipart has once again raised the benchmark for operational excellence and at the same we were also able to raise a significant sum for BEN."

"Unipart has worked with BEN for many years raising money through many different types of charity events. In the current economic climate it is more important than ever that we continue to support our industry charity which provides practical help and advice to the most vulnerable people in the automotive industry."

Charles Davis, BEN's Director of Fundraising and Communications said:
"BEN enjoys a great working relationship with Unipart and we are touched that they chose to remember their industry charity at their recent Awards Dinner. This donation will allow us to reach out to more of our colleagues in need and let them know that, whatever their problem, BEN is always only a phone call away."

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Editors' Notes:

Photo caption:

Charles Davis of BEN receives a cheque for the donation raised at the Unipart Way Awards from Frank Burns, MD of Unipart Logistics.

About The Unipart Group

The Unipart Group employs more than 10,000 personnel worldwide and has an annual turnover of more than £1billion. It is a leading full service logistics provider and consultant in operational excellence.

Operating across a range of market sectors, including automotive, leisure, marine, manufacturing, mobile telecoms, rail, retail and technology, Unipart offers a breadth of services from third party logistics to expert consultancy.

All Unipart sites operate according to the Group's proprietary version of Lean known as The Unipart Way. This is a philosophy of working underpinned by tools and techniques that inspires efficiency, flexibility and outstanding customer service in any process.

Unipart also offers expert consultancy in implementing Lean principles and in supply chain management across a variety of industry sectors.

The Group's clients include Sainsbury's, ASOS.com, Homebase, Vodafone, 3, Waterstone's, BSkyB, Jaguar Land Rover, Kimberly Clark, Severn Trent Water and HMRC.

About BEN

Ben is the Automotive Industry Charity, the only occupational charity for those who work or have worked in the automotive and related industries.

Founded in 1905, the Charity provides practical help, support, advice and friendship to more than 15,000 men and women and their families every year.

In addition BEN provides a home to over 350 individuals who reside in one of its four residential centres in the UK and offers day care facilities at its centre in Coventry.