

GOLD AWARD WINNER 2006

Argos

Argos (www.argos.co.uk) is one of the UK's leading multi-channel retailers selling toys, small electrical appliances and housewares, DIY and gardening, consumer electronics and furniture, jewellery and sports equipment. Owned by GUS plc and part of the Argos Retail Group, Argos has over 660 stores in the UK and Republic of Ireland. Founded in 1973, it is the pioneer of catalogue retailing and has established a strong brand focused on choice, value and convenience.

Argos and Payroll Giving

- Argos's Payroll Giving scheme has been administered by CAF since 1994.
- Their Payroll Giving scheme was re-launched in September 2005 by letter to employees with refreshed details on the intranet and in the staff magazine.
- Hands on Helping charity has promoted the scheme to staff across the UK.
- Argos pays the administration charge and GUS matches the first month's donation.
- Argos also supports Help the Hospices as its chosen charity partner.

Employees and Payroll Giving

- Out of 24,000 employees, 2,851 (11%) donate through payroll giving
- 734 donors give weekly donations of £1,948.81
- 2,117 give monthly donations of £4,427.75
- The average donation is £2.23
- The total monthly donation is £6,376.50

Mike Sibbald, HR Director for Argos Retail Group says:

"Regular Payroll Giving offers a great opportunity to build a relationship between our company, our employees and their chosen charities. A key part of our corporate social responsibility agenda and an extra incentive to employees, Payroll Giving enables us to support causes dear to their hearts. It is all about building pride, making our staff feel proud to work for Argos, and to feel valued."