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ORJ Solicitors, in line with our ongoing commitment to Katharine House Hospice, are delighted to again sponsor this year's Annual Review.

This year even more than ever we have been made aware of the care and support that Katharine House Hospice provides when the hospice recently cared for a much missed colleague.

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### A Word from the Chairman



This year has been one of consolidation of existing services and planning for the future.

Increased levels of statutory funding have enabled us to strengthen our financial position. Use of our Lymphoedema clinic has continued to grow and with the aid of a grant from a charitable trust we have been able to engage an additional Lymphoedema nurse on a part time basis. The voluntary services department has also continued to respond to patient need by creating new roles to meet identified needs.



During the last year our income generation teams continued to work hard to generate the shortfall between our statutory funding and our running costs. Our new recycling warehouse not only broke even but made nearly £100,000 profit in its first year.

Also this year trustees and managers developed a new strategy for the hospice. This process included an affirmation that our aim continues to be to Exceed Expectations.

ITO Exceed Expectation in the care we provide, exceed income targets and exceed levels of customer service for all our supporters.

The trustees and I look forward to building upon our existing achievements and Exceeding the Expectations of our patients and those close to them for many years to come.

**Dr John Gibson** Chairman

# **Lynn's Story**

Fifty five year old Lynn O'Connor regularly accesses the Lymphoedema Clinic at Katharine House Hospice:

"The hospice wasn't quite what I expected. I hadn't expected it to be so cosy and welcoming. The staff are lovely and help me to understand and manage my condition.

The emphasis on managing Lymphoedema is not just coming along to appointments. It is about addressing the condition at home as well. The nurses here at the hospice have shown both me and my husband how to perform massage which alleviates the swelling. This is particularly helpful in hard to reach areas such as the tops of my arms and lower back.

Coming to the hospice for massage, advice and fitting of compression garments has helped me to manage my condition. It is now much, much better and a great deal more comfortable. I enjoy coming and continuing to make progress in a cheery and positive environment."





"The staff and volunteers look after you and nothing is too much trouble. The people at the hospice are too good to be true. I stay in the in-patient unit for periods of planned respite and that's brilliant. The nurses will do everything they can to make my life happier."

Adrian - Respite Patient

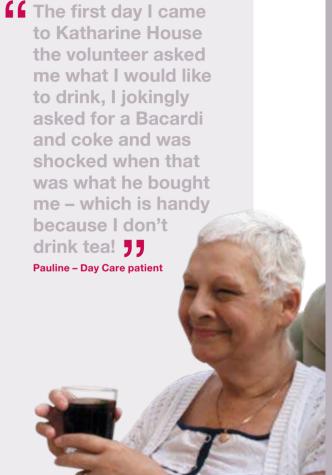
"The care Mum received was excellent with the staff always having time for a chat and to make sure she was comfortable. The Doctors were fantastic, helping Mum to manage the pain and in helping me and my family better understand the disease."

Linda, daughter of a former patient



"It's a break from it all. There are people in similar situations, we do different activities. It's a way to switch off. It's relaxing, it gets me out of the house and if I need anything I have got Karen here."

David - Carers Group



The Story So Far...

March 1988 Inaugural meeting THE WHO STILL HAVE A LIFE TO LIVE'



Lottery launched



2000 First patient admitted to in-patient unit





Respite for Carers

commences





March 1993 Day Care Unit service begins

December 1989 Hospice at Home

visits commence

First shop opened



2001 Drop in day

Lymphoedema clinic opens



Day Care capacity increased from 12



Formal support for carers through the Carers Group launched



# **Our People**

Katharine House Hospice is all about people: our patients, their families and friends, our staff, our volunteers and our supporters. It is the quality and commitment of our people that enable us to Exceed Expectations.

We constantly seek to enhance the skills of our staff and volunteers. This year saw the development of two nurse prescribers with two more in training. A total of 12 volunteers have stepped forward to support the spiritual care provided by our Chaplain.

Our volunteer workforce continues to make invaluable contributions to the running of the organisation fulfilling many essential roles in and around the hospice and in the community especially in our growing number of retail outlets. The diversity of our supporters is also reflected in our volunteer workforce who join us from all aspects of the community.



"If the winner of the jackpot is local the winners regular collector or I will try to hand deliver the winning cheque. It is a real pleasure to see the shock and surprise on our players faces."

Colin, Lottery Manager

"We found that many in-patients who weren't particularly religious wanted someone to talk to. We created a new team of pastoral care volunteers to provide support patients of no particular denomination."

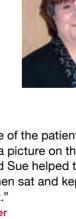
Bev, Voluntary Services Co-ordinator



"The other day one of the patients was struggling to get a picture on their television. Me and Sue helped to tune it in for her and then sat and kept her company for a bit."

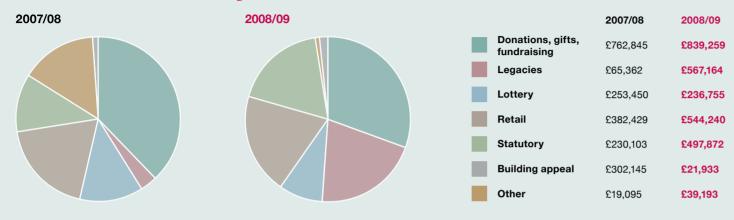
Elaine, Housekeeper



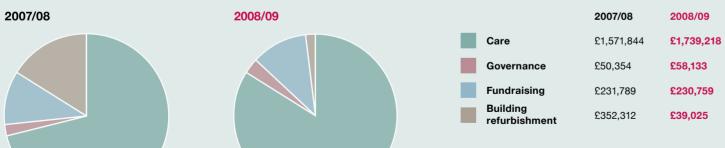




### **Where Our Money Came From**



# **How We Spent It**



### **Moving Forward**



Katharine House Hospice has achieved a great deal since its inception (despite the many challenges we have faced) but there is much more we can do for the people of mid-Staffordshire.

Our Vision is to Exceed Expectations; our Mission is to offer the best care so that people in our community affected by progressive illnesses can live their lives to the full.



#### Our immediate priorities are to:

- Strengthen the multi-disciplinary team that supports our patients and those close to them
- Enhance significantly the existing small community service we provide
- Develop meaningful relationships with other organisations
- Grow our income streams in particular through our retail operations and the increasing support of South Staffordshire Primary Care Trust

We intend to achieve our objectives by valuing people and will look to continually develop and enhance the skills of our staff and volunteers. We will value excellence and will seek to excel in all we do. We will value innovation and enterprise and will look for new and innovative ways of doing things.





Richard Soulsby Chief Executive