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Welcome

Welcome to our brand new Hospice newsletter, with a new design, size, and even a new name! As we are starting a new year with our new In-Patient Unit opening soon, what better time for a fresh start, we hope you enjoy reading our new look newsletter!

Each month, a different Hospice Trustee or member of our Senior Management Team will be writing our Welcome. This month's is from Rachel Damianou, who has been a Trustee for just over a year. Rachel is a partner at local law firm, Wrigley Claydon, working there since 1993. As a local girl, Rachel has grown up with Dr Kershaw's but first became involved through our Will Week, which supports the community whilst bringing in funds for the Hospice...

After a turbulent year I hope that as you read this we will be at the start of a fresh, promising and hopeful 2021. It is certainly looking like that for the Hospice, our new In-Patient Unit will be opening soon and our latest Appeal, 'Furnish with Love' has seen fantastic support from the community to date. Thank you to everyone who has supported this Appeal and to the staff who have worked tirelessly to bring our new build project to fruition.

You can help our Hospice in so many ways! You could take part in one of the many fundraising opportunities available including our New Year fitness challenge, sign up to the Hospice lottery and if you haven't yet bought your 2021 calendar or diary these are still available via the Dr Kershaw's online shop. And as the New Year begins, look out for Will Week in March where you can make a will for free with a local participating solicitor in return for a donation to the Hospice.

Thank you to everyone who has helped Dr Kershaw's in any way they could over the past 12 months, we wish you all a happy and healthy New Year!

Rachel Damianou - Trustee



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Our New In-Patient Unit is Opening Soon!

As many of you will know, Dr Kershaw's Hospice has been undergoing a major construction project to create a new In-Patient Unit which will transform the Hospice, providing modern, dignified and private facilities for our patients.

Originally due to open in September, the project suffered Covid-related delays, but as you are reading this we are adding the finishing touches and our new In-Patient Unit featuring ten en-suite bedrooms will be opening its doors shortly. In our next newsletter we will be officially launching our new build, but for now here's a sneak peek of what's coming soon...



Soon to be our new in-patient family lounge

Transforming Hospice patient care in Oldham

£3.5 million in-patient facilities



Patient's bedrooms will open up via double doors onto landscaped gardens



A bird's eye artist impression of the new In-Patient Unit

Furnish with Love – Give the Gift of Comfort

Our latest Appeal is to help raise the vital funds needed to furnish our new in-patient family lounge.

Our 'Furnish with Love' Appeal which was launched towards the end of last year, has received fantastic community support so far. Thank you to all of you who have supported us with your donations and fantastic fundraising!

The Appeal was created to reduce the financial impact that Covid-19 has had on building our new In-Patient Unit, raising funds for the all-important furnishings of our new in-patient family lounge, a place that will be a home from home, for patients to relax in with their family and friends and spend precious time together.

With our new In-Patient Unit due to open soon, there is still some time left to support our 'Furnish with Love' Appeal. Whether you're an individual, company, school or nursery, giving a donation or taking part in a fundraising activity there's a way for everyone to get involved, just give our Fundraising Team a call on 0161 624 9984 if you'd like more details.

“ However you help us, it will mean so much to our patients, both now and in years to come. Thank you so much for your support!

Kelly Foster
Ward Sister



£10 could help towards the gift of a sofa for a patient to have a comforting family cuddle.



£50 could help towards the gift of a dining table for patients and their loved ones to gather around for a special meal.



£100 could help towards the gift of an armchair to support a grandma as she sits to hold her grandchild for the first or perhaps, the last time.



Keira's Christmas Wishes Give the Gift of Comfort to Our Patients



Our amazing junior fundraiser, Keira Arnold, aged 13, has been fundraising for us for over four years raising money for 'Keira's Wishes' to provide patients in our care with their last wishes

whilst at Dr Kershaw's Hospice.

Keira's dad was cared for by our doctors and nurses. With our day patients all unable to physically come into the Hospice for their normal Christmas lunch and celebrations, Keira asked if she could get involved to 'Give the Gift of Comfort' at Christmas as part of our 'Furnish with Love' Appeal.

“ It was a lovely surprise for the patients to have a visit from Santa with their very own goody bags, to let them know they are being thought about at Christmas. Keira - Junior Fundraiser

Our resident Santa, Hospice volunteer, Alan along with our Health Care Assistants, Debbie and Janine, drove the Hospice minibus around to 29 houses, dropping a Christmas comfort bag

at each doorstep, which Keira kindly funded, shopped for and packed. The bags included Christmas goodies, from mince pies and hot chocolate to crossword books, Body Shop care packs provided by Linzi McCoy from North Stars Theatre Co and handwritten cards from pupils at St Anne's R.C. Primary School, Greenacres. Our day patients who have been used to the daily interaction at the Hospice haven't seen our team since lockdown in March and were overwhelmed by their gifts, as well as very happy to see the familiar faces of Debbie and Janine!

“ The Christmas gifts were a wonderful surprise. I can't wait to tell my great-grand children that I had a visit from Santa! Shirley - Day Patient



To make a donation, watch our Furnish with Love video or to find out more visit www.drkh.org.uk/support-us/furnishwithlove or call our Fundraising Team on 0161 624 9984

Dr Kershaw's... A Home from Home for Becky's Mum



Lindsey, Becky's mum

Sitting on a comfy sofa with your family or watching the world go by outside from your favourite armchair; these are the simple things we take for granted and the creature comforts that mean so much to the patients that Dr Kershaw's Hospice cares for. This is Becky's story about how the Hospice became a home from home for a mother and her daughter and made all the difference for their whole family...

"Like many daughters, I thought my mum, Lindsey Harding, was the best mum in the world. I was mum's only child, and the bond we shared was very special. Me and mum spoke on the phone every day, we loved shopping together, eating nice food together and holidaying together whenever we could.

The doctors and nurses were, in one word, amazing, giving mum the comfort and reassurance we all needed.

My mum was like a hurricane, she swept through my life temporarily, beautifully, and living every day like it was her last. She touched people's lives like you would not believe, and her tenacity for life was a force to behold.

But in January 2011, my world came crashing down when I was told that mum had been diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer and that our time together was now very short. It was very hard seeing this strong, beautiful woman slowly shrinking before my eyes and as the Doctor had predicted, in January 2012, she was in the last few weeks of her life. Caring for her at home was difficult, both physically and emotionally, so when mum was admitted to Dr Kershaw's Hospice, we both knew that she would be in a safe place, in caring and compassionate hands. This was so very reassuring for us all.

The doctors and nurses were, in one word, amazing! They gave mum the best care in the world, helping to alleviate her pain and above all, giving her the comfort and reassurance we all needed and the chance to spend valuable time together as a family. We could visit mum whenever we wanted and unlike hospitals, the

Hospice felt like a real home from home. I have lovely memories of the times we spent together in the Hospice's conservatory, just mum and me, sipping a cheeky gin, or with the whole family, seeing her refreshed after a visit to the in-house beautician.



Becky and her mum, Lindsey

I remember towards the end, mum was frightened of the night and being on her own, but I was able to stay by her side, giving us both peace-of-mind. The night mum died we were all together by her bedside, mum, me, and our blended family, her partner holding one hand and my dad holding the other. Mum was so grateful for the care she received and being at Dr Kershaw's meant that we could spend so much precious time together. And as for me, I have my memories of an amazing mum who I was able to be close to from the moment I was born, until the moment she died. It's my memories of



Lindsey and her granddaughter, Lola

Being at Dr Kershaw's meant we could spend so much precious time together.

our time at Dr Kershaw's that have inspired me to support the Hospice. If you are able to donate to their 'Furnish with Love – Give the Gift of Comfort' Appeal, you will be helping someone else's mum, a mum just like mine. Thank you."

To make a donation or to find out more visit www.drkh.org.uk/support-us/furnishwithlove or call our Fundraising Team on 0161 624 9984

We Couldn't Do It Without You!

Thank you to all our fantastic supporters for their amazing fundraising...

25km for 25 Days



Having seen first-hand the care his grandad received from the Hospice at Home and Caring Hands teams, Sam Jackson set himself a challenge to help provide that same

care for others- to run or walk 25km not just once but every day for 25 days! Battling through bad weather, aching limbs and bursting blisters, Sam rose to the challenge, totting up a total distance of 625km which is 388 miles or 14.8 marathons to raise an astonishing £5,037.75!



UFOldham - Bags of Help

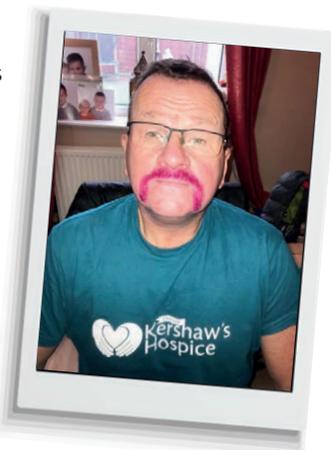
'Out of this world' fundraising efforts from UFoldham! Josh Gill AKA Eugene Francis Owens created special t-shirts and bags and sold them to his army of YouTube fans, raising £180 for the Hospice!



Josh Gill AKA Eugene Francis

A Mou-'stash' of Cash

Not happy with simply cultivating an outrageous caterpillar moustache, Hospice supporter, Tony Binns went one step further and added some cerise fun into his fundraising by dyeing his moustache- **PINK!** His fancy facial fungus raised a mou-'stash' of cash with £628.50 going towards patient care at our Hospice!



A Sweeping Success

Nicknamed 'The Sweeper', 80-year-old Saddleworthian Peter Killan set himself a solo challenge to rid a stretch of the canal towpath in Uppermill of leaves.



Carrying on the work of UCAN (Uppermill Community Action Network), who cannot meet due to Covid restrictions, Peter is clearing the towpath from Wade Lock to Wool Road to raise funds for our 'Furnish with Love' Appeal with over £5,500 raised so far! Raking in the leaves and the funds for the Hospice, Peter is not only helping our patients and families but also making a scenic walk even more idyllic.

100 Mile Santa Cycle

Junior fundraiser, Noah Price, aged 11, created his own lockdown challenge to raise funds for patients at the Hospice, where his Auntie Rachel was looked after. Sporty Noah, a cricket star in the making, set aside his cricket pads and bat, instead taking to his family's exercise bike, aiming to ride 100 miles before Christmas Day. Putting his pedal power to work, Noah smashed his £500 target, hitting £1,000 by Christmas Day for our 'Furnish with Love' Appeal!



Dr Kershaw's looked after my Auntie Rachel, so I decided I wanted to do something to help other patients to have special time with their families.

Noah Price

Keen Kev's 5 Marathons for Keira

Not happy to run one marathon, Kev Whalen, teacher at a local primary school, set his sights on completing four by Christmas to raise funds for Keira's Wishes (to give patients their last wishes). Expecting to clock up the miles at the gym, lockdown 2 changed his plans, with Kev taking to the roads to complete his challenge. Kev ran an astounding 131 miles or 5 marathons, raising over £1,200 for our Hospice.



Our Bear Needs a New Home

Putting her sewing skills to the test, Nicola Fletcher used her nimble fingers to craft an amazing 'Captain Sir Tom Moore' bear, which she entered into the British Heart Foundation's 'Big Stitch' competition. Nicola was overjoyed to receive first prize for her cuddly version of the Nation's hero, and we were thrilled when she decided to donate the bear to Dr Kershaw's to help us to raise funds towards patient care. Check out our website for details of how you could be the lucky owner of this incredible stitched creation!



Festive Frocks Raise Funds

In memory of her brother, John, Sharon Katsoulieri and her little helpers visit the Hospice at Christmas each year to sing to our Well-being Centre patients and also to present the funds they have raised from their annual Santa Walk. This year, they haven't let restrictions get in their way, asking friends and family to sponsor them to change their Christmas outfit every day for a week, raising £55 for the Hospice's 'Furnish with Love' Appeal.



Local Schools Give the Gift of Comfort

Local Primary Schools, St Anne's CE in Royton, Alt Academy, Bare Trees in Chadderton, as well as Ambrose Nursery and Teddies Day Nursery have all been donning their festive fashions and brought Christmas cheer to their classrooms and nursery bubbles, whilst raising funds for our 'Furnish with Love' Appeal. These mini Santas, elves and tinsel fairies have given the 'Gift of Comfort' to the patients in our care!



For more information on fundraising for Dr Kershaw's Hospice, contact our Community Fundraiser, Lillie Winterbottom on 0161 624 9984 or lillie.winterbottom@drkh.org.uk

60 Seconds with... Staff Nurse, Beth Robinson

Beth has worked at Dr Kershaw's for 18 months and during the pandemic has been caring for patients in the community through our Hospice at Home service...



Has Covid-19 affected your role and the services that the Hospice offers?

At the beginning of the pandemic the ward unfortunately faced its first closure. The whole team moved to the Hospice at Home service offering 24-hour care in the community. It was difficult at first, navigating new ways of working but we all pulled together.

masks is that some of our patients struggle to understand us. The hardest thing of all is not being able to comfort patients during the difficult times they face. I can't wait for the day we are able to give out hugs again!

Tell us about the type of people you care for in the community?

Our Hospice at Home team cares for patients in the last few weeks of life, nursing patients from a range of backgrounds. One of my favourite things about my role is that it is so diverse, no two patients are the same.

What's the most rewarding part of your role?

The biggest reward is being able to meet your patients' needs and wishes; giving them the best final days. For some, this means a final trip to their favourite place, or allowing the space and time for their family and friends to visit. At Dr Kershaw's we like to think no task is too big whether it is a last-minute wedding, or an early Christmas Day, we will always do our best to see a wish through.

How do people feel about you caring for them in their own homes during the pandemic?

Patients and families are doing the best they can to protect themselves and some are understandably apprehensive about us visiting their homes, but we contact families beforehand to discuss safety measures and to reassure them.

What is your favourite thing about working at the Hospice?

Having the time to make my patients a cup of tea and have a good chat, it's amazing what you get to find out about people over a brew and a biscuit! A lot of our patients need that time to talk about their lives and I feel privileged to be their listening ear.

How have the Covid-19 PPE safety measures affected your role?

We now wear full PPE; a mask, visor, apron and gloves. The main challenge wearing our

To find out more about our Hospice at Home service, visit www.drkh.org.uk/services/patient-services/hospice-home

Thank You Caring Hands

Dr Kershaw's recently received a lovely letter from a patient's wife whose husband, Brian had been looked after at home by our dedicated Caring Hands staff. The Hospice's domiciliary care service, Caring Hands has received outstanding feedback and is expanding its service to provide more patients with personal care along with emotional and psychological support for them and their families...

"I have sent this card as a token of our appreciation, although words seem so inadequate. You may think you are 'just doing your job' but you did so much more.

You treated us with such empathy and compassion and gave Brian the dignity he needed and deserved.

Despite the fact that Brian was frail and his will was fading, he so wanted to remain the humorous, smart, proud man he had always been and he was frustrated that he needed to rely on others for his basic needs, but because of the manner in which you appreciated him, he felt as if he could



Linda with her husband, Brian

You gave me the support and strength I needed so we could continue to the end, to be the couple we always were and to fulfil Brian's wishes to remain at home.

still make decisions for himself and keep his dignity. You treated us with such empathy and compassion and gave Brian the dignity he needed and deserved.

Brian did appreciate everything you did for him and looked forward to your visits as he knew he would be made to feel comfortable and cared for. Also, you gave me the support and strength I needed so we could continue to the end, to be the couple we always were and to fulfil Brian's wishes to remain at home.

Although we were aware of his prognosis and Brian had done all the practical things to ensure I would be okay, and his speedy deterioration signposted that the end was near, I was still not fully prepared or ready to say goodbye, even though it was the right time for Brian, I know I would have been in a far worse position if it had not been for Caring Hands.

I could not, with all the will in the world, have been able to give him the level of care that I wanted to or that he so rightly deserved, without you.

Even though Brian has gone, I will never forget your presence in our lives at one of the most difficult times, you made it that little bit more bearable. Home is so much lonelier since Brian passed but I will hold dear the memories we shared. Bless you all from the bottom of my heart.

I thank each and every one of you."

Linda
In memory of her husband, Brian



Health Care Assistants from our Caring Hands Team

To find out more about our Caring Hands service, visit www.drkh.org.uk/services/patient-services/caring-hands

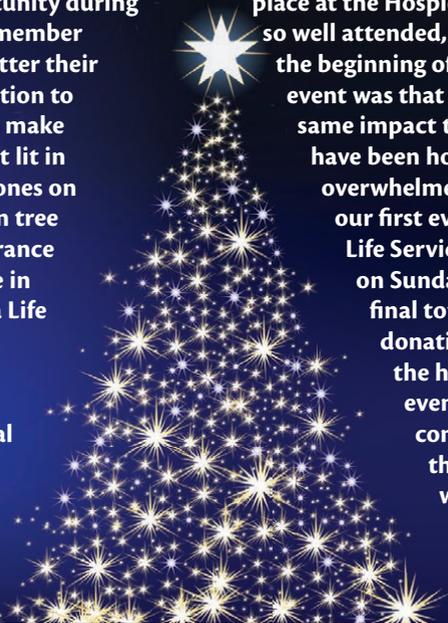
Light Up a Life

Over 3,700 households tuned in for the virtual event

Over £27,000 raised!

Over 1,200 dedications to loved ones

Each year our Light Up a Life service, gives people the opportunity during the festive period to remember their loved ones, no matter their faith, culture or connection to the Hospice. Those who make a dedication have a light lit in memory of their loved ones on the Hospice's dedication tree as a symbol of remembrance and have a special place in Dr Kershaw's Light Up a Life Book of Remembrance. Dedications this year were also included on screen during the virtual service and in a special supplement in the Oldham Times.



The physical event which previously took place at the Hospice, has always been so well attended, so the concern from the beginning of planning a virtual event was that it wouldn't have the same impact to the community. We have been however, completely overwhelmed by the support for our first ever virtual Light Up a Life Service which took place on Sunday 6th December. Our final total for Light Up a Life donations was over £27,000, the highest ever for this event! Thank you to the community for supporting this event and to everyone who made a dedication for their loved ones.

We Watched Light Up a Life at Our Wedding



Bride to be, Kate Wilson's wedding was postponed due to lockdown, and rearranged to the same day as the Light Up a Life event. Kate's gran was cared for in the Hospice's In-Patient Unit back in 1999 and her mum supported the Hospice by making a Light Up a Life dedication each year and signing up as a Hospice lottery member, until she sadly passed away recently. Kate has since carried on the lottery membership along with the tradition of making a Light Up a Life dedication, this year remembering her mum, gran and grandad...

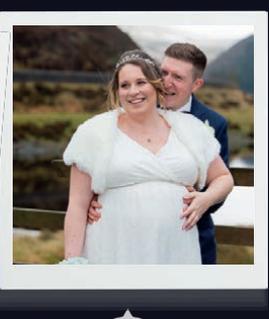
and our big day was postponed until 6th December. Perhaps it was fate that we had to move our wedding to the same day as Light Up a Life, so that mum could be a part of our day too. It was also the wedding anniversary of Iain's grandparents, so it was also a very important date to him.

I wore a necklace with mum's ashes in, she was in our thoughts for the whole service and I'm sure she was watching us and smiling. After the service, we had our first dance outside under the lychgate and then headed home for a takeaway and to watch Light Up a Life at 7pm. By lighting the tealight, watching her name come on the screen and seeing the tree light up, I felt so connected with my mum. It really did feel like she was there with us on our wedding day.

We can't wait to spend our first Christmas together as Mr and Mrs Richards, our baby boy is also due in February, and will be named after Iain's grandad, who we share our wedding date with."

"I was supposed to marry Iain on 14th November 2020, however in the second lockdown weddings were banned

Perhaps it was fate that we had to move our wedding to the same day as Light Up a Life, so that mum could be a part of our day too.



If you missed our Light Up a Life event don't worry it's still available to watch, visit www.drkh.org.uk/support-us/light-life



Meet Our Team of Volunteers who Make a Difference

Our volunteers were specially selected to be showcased on the Helpforce website's Wall of Fame (whose mission is to accelerate the growth and impact of volunteering and share the successes of volunteers.) Since the start of the pandemic many Dr Kershaw's volunteer roles were suspended but our loyal volunteers continued to support us, read just two of the many stories about our volunteers who make a difference at Dr Kershaw's Hospice...



Our team of volunteers before the pandemic

Donation Days Made Possible by the Volunteers

During the pandemic, the Hospice's regular team of volunteers came together from their normal roles as receptionists, van drivers, patient escorts and gardeners to form a whole new team. With all the fundraising events cancelled, the Hospice became reliant more than ever on the income from our charity shops. However, with Covid restrictions, donations weren't able to be accepted in the shops. This newly formed team of volunteers, pulled together and offered their support to ensure that the Hospice could still accept donations from the community who were eager to donate.

For two days, the volunteers supported the first donation drive through, collecting donations directly from car boots to be quarantined. Fully clad in their PPE, they ensured that everyone was adhering to strict social distancing measures and saw donations from over 200 cars. Without the volunteers, the donation days would not have been able to take place. Their efforts enabled crucial funds to be raised in the Hospice shops towards patient care at Dr Kershaw's Hospice.

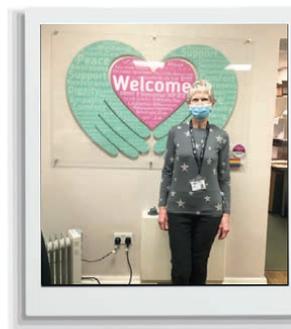


Volunteers Support Oldham Community

When Covid-19 hit and the first lockdown came into force, volunteering as we know it changed, with the Hospice reception being the key area for volunteers to support. An interim-volunteer reception team was put together, with new 'receptionists' adapting very quickly to their changing positions. The 'new' team most of whom had never manned reception before, became the face of the Hospice along with our paid receptionists, fielding questions and concerns from families of patients during

this difficult and unusual time, ensuring that the community of Oldham had a place to call when they needed support for their loved ones who were receiving end-of-life-care.

The volunteers supported calls, answered queries and manned the reception area seven days a week, 9am-5pm, through lockdown meaning that clinical teams could focus on patient care. They played a key role in keeping everyone safe; minimising Hospice footfall, whilst enforcing hand hygiene and mask wearing. Having our team of staff and volunteers working together seamlessly meant that the Hospice remained open throughout the pandemic providing consistent information and compassionate end-of-life-care to those with life limiting illnesses and their loved ones.



To find out more about Volunteering opportunities contact the Hospice's Volunteering Team on 0161 624 2727 or volunteerdept@drkh.org.uk

“I Wanted to Volunteer Until I was 90!”

88-year-old Ada Rushworth has been volunteering at Dr Kershaw’s Hospice for over 12 years, with plans to support the Hospice until she reached 90 only foiled by Covid-19, which fast-tracked her retirement...

“**Volunteering for Dr Kershaw’s is the best thing you can do if you have time!**
Ada”

“My husband, Barry was cared for at Dr Kershaw’s before he sadly passed away, 13 years ago. After Barry died, I wanted to keep busy and rang the Hospice about volunteering. Within the same week, I was doing two shifts at the Lees Hospice shop, and I never looked back. When my youngest daughter died suddenly in 2018, I was in shock, but (Shop Manager) Anne’s kindness and support, along with continuing to volunteer at the shop, helped with my grief. Volunteering for Dr Kershaw’s is the best thing you can do if you have time. It’s hard work but I loved every minute of it and had been planning to continue until I turned 90 but then Covid hit!”

Ada, Former Volunteer



Fellow volunteer, Brenda Churm with Ada

“Ada has been such a dedicated volunteer for the past 12 years bringing a little sparkle behind the counter at the Lees shop for customers. She has been totally committed to Dr Kershaw’s, signing up a record number of customers to Gift Aid, bringing in much needed funds for the Hospice. Even now that she has finished, she is still bringing in donations and helping to sell our Christmas cards and calendars to family and friends. Ada is a true ambassador of the Hospice, a fantastic volunteer who will be very much missed by staff, volunteers and our customers!”

Anne, Hospice Shop Manager – Lees



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Caring Hands Donate to Oldham Food Bank

Our Caring Hands Health Care Assistants very kindly pulled together and donated a range of goods to support Oldham Food Bank. When they delivered their donations, they met Father Tom Davis who explained just how important their donation was. In 2019, the Food Bank fed 8,000 people but since the pandemic started, they have fed over 13,000!



Top Marks for our Catering Team



It’s been ten years since the Food Standard Agency introduced the Food Hygiene rating system, and we are proud to announce that the Hospice’s Catering Team have scored full marks (Star rating 5) every single year! Creating a range of menus for patients and staff alike, our dedicated team have helped to provide home comforts for patients over the years by serving them their favourite dishes.

“**We like to offer extra special touches for our patients where we can and have always prided ourselves on our homemade food.**”

Gail Robertshaw - Catering Manager

Home Comforts for Our Patients



Always going the extra mile, our Health Care Assistant, Linda asks our patients what their favourite home comforts are. One of our patients mentioned that their favourite drink when the seasons change is a Bailey’s hot chocolate, so Linda set to work making a hot cocoa with a little bit of something extra for them to enjoy!

Farewell to Hospice Housekeeper, Christine

After over 13 years working as a Housekeeper at the Hospice, we waved a fond farewell to Christine Squibbs who retired at the end of last year. During her time at the Hospice, she has helped to ensure that patients are cared for in a clean and safe environment. Christine will be missed by us all at the Hospice, we wish her a very happy retirement!



Hospice Shop Makeovers



During the second lockdown when our Hospice shops had to close again, our Retail Team kept themselves extremely busy, refreshing all four of our shops from top to bottom! Our shops in Oldham, Lees, Royton and Shaw have all been de-cluttered, quarantined donations have been sifted through, and fantastic window displays and internal displays have been installed in all the shops. We look forward to welcoming you all back to our shops once the current restrictions have lifted.

Sign Up to Amazon Smile or Easy Fundraising

Did you know that whilst you are doing your shopping online you could be raising funds for Dr Kershaw's at no cost to yourself! You can do this by signing up to Amazon Smile or Easy Fundraising, by shopping through the site or app, a small percentage of your online spending will be donated to Dr Kershaw's Hospice.



Covid Safety Measures Praised at Our Hospice Shops

Since the start of the pandemic, we have brought in a range of safety measures at our Hospice shops to ensure a safe shopping environment, including restricting the number of customers at any given time, social distancing floor markers, a one-way shopping system, hand sanitisation stations, additional shop cleaning throughout the day and the quarantine of donated goods. We are proud to announce that all our hard work is paying off as Oldham Council inspectors recently visited two of our Hospice shops and found that they had excellent measures in place to keep our customers, staff and volunteers safe from Covid-19.



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Buy Online at Dr Kershaw's eBay Shop

If you haven't already, head to the Hospice's eBay page, where we have a range of treasures available!



Visit Dr Kershaw's eBay shop at www.ebay.co.uk/usr/drkershawshospice

Support us when you list your own eBay items
Click on 'Support a Charity' when you are completing your listing to donate any percentage of your sales to the Hospice.

Dr Kershaw's Calendars and Diaries Still Available!

It's not too late to buy your 2021 Dr Kershaw's calendar or diary! Featuring 13 stunning paintings kindly produced by 7 talented local artists, our 2021 calendar portrays the borough of Oldham. You can also take your pick from our three diary designs- a traditional silver, cherry blossoms in bloom or beach hut scene. All proceeds from our calendars and diaries help to fund patient care within the community of Oldham.



To buy your calendar or diary visit the Dr Kershaw's online shop at www.drkh.org.uk/funds or call 0161 624 9984

First Hospice Lottery Winner Urges Others to Support Worthwhile Cause

Chaddertonian, Anthony Steven couldn't believe his eyes when after signing up as one of the first Dr Kershaw's Hospice lottery members, he was presented with the jackpot prize of £1,000 on the very first draw, back in October 2003.

17 years later, Anthony who has kept his jackpot cheque as a memento, is still supporting the Hospice lottery, paying in his £1 a week and would encourage others to sign up too...

"We decided to join the Dr Kershaw's lottery as we wanted to support a local cause rather than a national organisation. My wife's cousin's husband had received excellent care at the Hospice as do so many other patients and families in our local community, and we felt we could help out by doing our bit for the Hospice. I was amazed and delighted when we won the jackpot on the very first draw! We treated ourselves to a holiday in Ibiza, and our two granddaughters also enjoyed the benefits of our win. The Hospice lottery is such a worthwhile cause; the cost is only £1 a week but that £1 could help someone who needs it, the prizes are an added bonus to help your local Hospice, especially at a time like this, in the pandemic when the Hospice are helping the community more than ever."

Anthony Steven
First Dr Kershaw's Hospice Lottery Winner



"The Hospice lottery is such a worthwhile cause; the cost is only £1 a week but that £1 could help someone who needs it!"



A CHANCE TO WIN
Lottery
A WAY TO CARE

With the New Year well and truly upon us, we would like to take this opportunity to wish our lottery supporters a happy, healthy and prosperous 2021! Your continued support has been magnificent, and we hope that you are all keeping well in these testing times.

With your fantastic support, our Christmas lottery draw raised a staggering £18,256.85 including the many donations that you kindly gave, in addition to purchasing tickets. Due to minimal funding, the Hospice relies heavily on contributions from the community, so we truly value your commitment when we see such an overwhelming response to our quarterly draws. Since Covid-19 hit back in March 2020, our Hospice Lottery has lost over 1,000 weekly members which is totally understandable under the difficult times we find ourselves in. If you think you could support our Hospice by joining our weekly lottery for just £1 a week, or feel you could maybe take out a second number please give us a call. Alternatively, you can join online via our website.

If you are a weekly member but don't receive draw tickets, you can increase your chances of winning with our quarterly bumper draws. Alternatively, if you prefer not to receive tickets please just let us know by contacting us on the details below.

Scratch Cards

Our Hospice scratch cards priced at just £1 are a fantastic way of supporting the Hospice whilst giving you the opportunity to win a cash prize! Call our Lottery Team for more information.



Lottery Gift Vouchers

A gift that keeps on giving! Stuck for a gift for someone who has everything? How about a Dr Kershaw's Lottery Gift Voucher, a unique gift with the chance to win our jackpot prize of £1,000. Our vouchers come in a presentation wallet and start from as little as £10. You can purchase a gift voucher online via our website or by contacting the Lottery Team.



Mobile Phones Don't Dump, Donate!

Did you receive a new mobile phone for Christmas and are wondering what to do with your old phone? Please don't throw it away, why not bring it into the Hospice or our hospice shops, we can dust these old phones off and convert them into cash, with or without accessories!



Our mobile phone scheme has raised over £8,770 to date, contributing to specialist round the clock care for our patients.



Support our Furnish with Love Appeal

Help us to make our vision for our new in-patient family lounge a reality!

Read more inside on Pg 4 or visit www.drkh.org.uk/support-us/furnishwithlove

Shops Directory

Oldham Hospice Shop

Unit 10 Albion Street,
Oldham, OL1 3BB
Tel: 0161 628 2343
Mon – Sat, 9.30am – 4.30pm

Lees Hospice Shop

99 High Street, Lees,
Oldham, OL4 4LY
Tel: 0161 628 7100
Mon – Fri, 10am – 4pm
Sat, 10am - 3pm

Shaw Hospice Shop

50-52 Market Street, Shaw,
Oldham, OL2 8NH
Tel: 01706 290973
Mon – Sat, 9.30am – 4.30pm

Royton Hospice Shop

Unit 14 Market Square, Royton,
Oldham, OL2 5QD
Tel: 0161 652 8707
Mon – Sat, 9.30am – 4.30pm

Please refer to the latest government retail guidelines or visit our website for up to date advice on shop openings.

For all large pieces of furniture and large electrical item donations please contact Charlie at Big White Charity Van who will sell the items on our behalf. Please remember to mention Dr Kershaw's Hospice.

Big White Charity Van

Unit 14, Pennant St Industrial Estate, Oldham, OL1 3NP
Tel: 0161 222 0808 or 07944063884

Contact Details

For general enquiries, patient information, volunteering, Friends of the Hospice:

Tel: 0161 624 2727

Fax: 0161 628 0181

Well-being Centre: 0161 785 5625

Macmillan Nurses: 0161 778 5918

24 Hour Advice Line: 0161 785 5635

Fundraising Office: 0161 624 9984

fundraising@drkh.org.uk

Lottery Office: 0161 624 9213

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