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MESSAGE FROM PROFESSOR NOEL WHELAN, CHAIRMAN, ST. VINCENT'S HEALTHCARE GROUP

I am delighted to welcome all readers to this, the 6th, issue of the Friends of St. Vincent's Magazine. This magazine is designed to inform the many people who loyally support St. Vincent's fundraising, in these difficult times, of current developments relating to St. Vincent's Foundation and St. Vincent's Healthcare Group,

St. Vincent's Healthcare Group, and its constituent hospitals (St. Vincent's University Hospital; St. Michael's Hospital, Dun Laoghaire; and St. Vincent's Private Hospital), has come about from a rich tradition. Since the original hospital (St. Vincent's Hospital) was founded by Mother Mary Aikenhead in St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2 in January 1834, patient care has undergone much change. When it was opened, St. Vincent's could accommodate twelve patients! Today, St. Vincent's University Hospital has in excess of five hundred beds, with over eight hundred in total in the three constituent hospitals which make up St. Vincent's Healthcare Group. The patient throughput nowadays is in excess of 158,000 per year

Much has changed also in medical research. Here, in partnership with universities, many advances are being achieved in medical diagnosis and treatments. These partnerships between hospitals and academic institutions are very important in realising what is described as "bench to bedside" delivery of care... or translational research. St. Vincent's is justifiably proud of the role it has played in developing medical knowledge. It has over 500 operating agreements with hospitals of excellence worldwide.

In education, also, the hospitals in the St. Vincent's Healthcare Group have played a vital role in educating and developing medical professionals. All over the world, some of the leading practitioners in all areas of medical care and medical research credit their successful development to the early education and clinical training they have received in St. Vincent's. St. Vincent's University Hospital is one of the two major teaching hospitals affiliated to University College, Dublin.

While much has changed and been developed in that long period of service since 1834, the original values of Mother Mary Aikenhead are still promoted, implemented, and lived today within the St. Vincent's family. These values of human dignity, compassion, justice, quality, and advocacy are as important as ever.

Another critical matter which has not changed since St. Vincent's was founded in 1834 is the constant need for funds and the critical role of donors in helping us to continue to realise our world class potential. As a voluntary, not-for-profit hospital we rely on donors constantly, and the achievements and contributions of our supporters which are highlighted in this magazine are indeed heartening.

I thank everyone who has contributed in any way to St. Vincent's Foundation, and I hope you enjoy this magazine dedicated to the Friends of St. Vincent's. You are the modern day embodiment of a wonderful and rich tradition: bringing medical excellence, and clinical medical care to all.... irrespective of means or social position.

May you have every success and happiness.

NOEL WHELAN, Chairman, St. Vincent's Healthcare Group

St. Vincent's Healthcare Group comprises: St. Vincent's University Hospital, Elm Park, Dublin 4, Ireland (affiliated with University College Dublin); St. Vincent's Private Hospital, Elm Park, Dublin 4, Ireland; and St. Michael's Hospital, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, Ireland. www.stvincents.ie

Update from John Hickey, C.E.O. of St. Vincent's Foundation



Since our last donor's magazine in September, we have had continued support from generous benefactors, many of whom you can read about in this issue.

Despite the continued economic difficulties and the financial pressures on everybody, people are still finding ways to help. We are seeing increased evidence of organised fundraising events and we recognise and appreciate the huge effort that goes into each of them.

During the last six months we had two major raffles in support of St. Vincent's, together raising over €5,000. We are really grateful to the prize sponsors and all those who supported by buying tickets. We also appreciate the many people who sold tickets in the hospital and outside.

Many of the contributions we receive start out from patients and their families seeing, from their own experience of St. Vincent's, how something could be purchased to improve patient comfort and take it on as a project.. These range from specialised treatment chairs, to TV's, to reclining chairs for relatives etc. The fundraising projects are wide and varied and we are thankful for them all. In most cases we are able to attach a plaque to the item purchased, to acknowledge the purchaser. We list some of the items bought this way on our website and, indeed, we list some others that we would like to get.

Our new Dermatology building is nearing completion as we write and this is credit to the generosity of our benefactors, the Hume Street Trust. We are so very grateful for the donation as well as the great effort put in to bring this to fruition.

We continue to rely on our Business Partners for their support and we are delighted that so many have maintained their role in assisting St. Vincent's. We hope they get the benefit they deserve for that support. Our Business Partners are identified on the Business Partners' page in this edition.

Volunteers play a very important role in enhancing the environment for patients in St. Vincent's. We have been fortunate to have many volunteers willing to give their time for the hospital including selling Christmas Cards and raffle tickets. We thank each of them for their help.

We say goodbye to Bill Maher as he goes to be Chief Executive of the Galway/Roscommon Hospital Group. As well as being a member of St. Vincent's Foundation, Bill has been a key figure in developing the hospital and has written previously in *Friends of St. Vincent's*. We will miss Bill and we wish him every success in his new role.

We have been delighted to launch our new website www.stvincentsfoundation.ie The new site has many interesting features and is well worth a visit.

Finally, can I thank all our supporters, many of them mentioned in this magazine. I hope you enjoy it.

JOHN HICKEY, C.E.O. ST. VINCENT'S FOUNDATION

Estates Update

St. Vincent's Campus is changing

Over recent months the SVUH hospital campus has seen a significant number of changes and relocation of services. The Herbert Wing inpatient floors are well on the way to be fully occupied.

As part of commissioning of both the Herbert Wing inpatient floors and the upcoming summer opening of the Nutley Wing a lot of careful planning has gone into the move of services.

Hospital Management identified designated Specialty Specific Bed Bases and in consultation with Clinical leads and Nursing have developed a new bed modelling strategy that focuses on best use of beds, with the emphasis very much on care and patient safety. This planning has included input from the supporting clinical services, ensuring that all our moves are clinically safe, and cause as little inconvenience to patients as possible.

This means a series of ward moves are currently underway and the final phase will be the commissioning of our new ward block. These moves will release valuable ward space for deep cleaning and allow minor repairs to be done. The adjacent wards will be restructured to incorporate the vacated spaces allowing the reduction from 6 bedded bays into 4 bedded units wherever possible.

One of the key benefits generated from all the moves has been the significant increase in single ensuite rooms available for patient use, improved patient environments overall and a better patient bathroom ratio.

Herbert Wing

Two of the Herbert Wing inpatient floors have reopened this month following some necessary works to meet hygiene and health and safety standards. The two new wards included a number of single ensuite bedrooms and 4 bedded rooms.

SVUH hopes that patients and family members will benefit greatly by the move to these new improved facilities and assure you that our priority will remain focussed on ensuring quality of care and patient dignity.

St Andrew's Ward - The new semi private ward is located on the 2nd floor.

St Pauls Ward - The 1st floor of the Herbert Wing has now been become the dedicated respiratory floor.

Everyone's support during this exciting phase of our campus development is greatly appreciated.

2012 focus will remain on improving facilities in patient related areas and we are working with the HSE to progress a number of capital projects such as the new ward block.



Estates Update continued.....



Improvements to Patient Facilities

You will be aware from previous editions that we have continued with our estates development projects where possible given the limited minor capital funding available to bring much needed improvements to patient facilities.

Donations of any amount will contribute to this programme and we are grateful for fundraising by families of patients that allowed us to buy some equipment that improved the environment and outcome for patients.

New Ward Block

Progress on site remains good and works are at advanced stages and level of finish is of a very high standard.

The external fascia of the building is now visible on the campus skyline and planning and preparation for the commissioning of the building is continuing in the background in preparation for a summer opening.



This will be a wonderful addition to the facilities in St. Vincent's University Hospital.



Artist's impression of the new ward block as viewed from Nutley Lane

AMU Assessment Area and the Acute Medicine Unit (Short Stay Ward)

As part of the development of services under the National Clinical Program and future service planning for the Emergency Department the new AMU Assessment Area and the Acute Medicine Unit (Short Stay Ward) was opened recently.

With HSE funding the existing ED layout was redesigned to incorporate an AMU assessment area. A short stay ward (**Acute Medicine Unit**) was also opened in close proximity to the E.D. (Emergency Department)

Works included the relocation of some of the non clinical services to adjacent areas, upgrade of medical trunking, lighting, new flooring.

This has resulted in improved quality of care by consolidating and enlarging the existing facilities.



Estates Update continued.....

Endoscopy

We have created a new Endoscopy Unit. This involved the conversion of the old day ward in the Herbert wing into a purpose build facility which opened in January.

This development enabled development of a complete one way patient flow system, 3 procedure rooms, improved changing facilities, education facilities and new dedicated recovery beds. Also the new location allowed for the development of a one way decontamination system.

Since the completion of this work the overall feedback from patients, relatives and staff on their experience in the Unit has been extremely complimentary and positive and the staff were delighted to receive JAG accreditation so soon after their relocation.



Department of Dermatology Expansion Continues

The second phase of works has now been completed to expand the existing Dermatology department into a dedicated, standalone Dermatology Centre.

This new expanded unit has greatly improved the facilities with easy access to the main hospital, and incorporates Outpatient and Day Care facilities, expanded treatment facilities, improved patient environment and patient waiting areas.

This work is being enabled by the generous financial support of the Hume Street Trust. We are very grateful to them for contributing to this exciting initiative which will make a huge difference to the care of patients. as well as associated research and education.

**Donations have always been important in
improving the hospital.**

If you would like to support us please go to our website

www.stvincentsfoundation.ie or call our donation line on 1850 603 803 or

write to [St. Vincent's Foundation, Elm Park, Dublin 4.](#)

Fundraising Highlights

Some examples of support from our donors

Long time supporters John Candy and friends in Carlow organised a Gala Concert in aid of various charities, which was held in Mount Wolseley Hotel, Carlow on Monday 25th July last featuring a fantastic line-up of performers including Brendan Bowyer, Joe Cuddy, Philomena Begley, Foster & Allen and many others. A full house had a great evening as well as raising funds for a total of seven charities. St. Vincent's received €3,000 for cancer care for which we are really grateful. Sincere thanks to the hardworking committee who made it possible and to the artists who gave generously of their time.



Carlow Fundraising cheque presentation



Sincere thanks to Paula Farrell C.N.S. with the C.F. Unit whose mother Mary Hough and friends in the Kilmacud Glenalbyn Ladies Club held a fundraising evening recently for the C.F. unit in St. Vincent's and raised €427.55. Well done to all involved.

C.F. Clinical Nurse Specialist Paula Farrell pictured at the presentation of the Kilmacud Glenalbyn Ladies Club cheque for the C.F. Unit from her mother Mary Hough and fellow club members Dolores Murray and Marie Boyce, along with John Hickey and Ger Lanigan Ryan from St. Vincent's Foundation.

The collection boxes throughout the hospitals are always supported; particularly the large box at the main reception desk in St. Vincent's University Hospital, which is a big contributor. In addition we have a box for recycling mobile phones and recently introduced a collection box for Dublin Bus refund tickets. Together these enable supporters of St. Vincent's have more options in how they can contribute to the development of facilities in the hospital.



Christmas Cards:

The sale of St. Vincent's Christmas cards is an important source of revenue for the Foundation. Thank you to all who purchased our Christmas Cards. Our thanks also to the volunteers who assisted with sales.

Fundraising Highlights continued.....

Stroke Unit Fundraising updates:

Here are some highlights of recent support for this vital area.

A grateful family donated €500.00 for the new stroke unit, following the care their relative received.

Staff members Sarah Cosgrave (Acting CNM2 in Carew House) and her father Gerry (HCA) organised a coffee afternoon at their home and raised €542.10 for the Stroke Unit



Staff members Sarah Cosgrave and her father Gerry present their proceeds for the Stroke Unit



We were delighted to receive €430.00 from Facilities Management being proceeds of Indoor Plant Sale held in S.V.U.H. over the Summer. These funds are going towards the Stroke Unit.

Liam Dowling, Governor of Arbour Hill Prison, and his staff believe in enabling prisoners make a positive contribution to good causes. Over the years they have produced terrific woodwork in the prison workshop and are assisting St. Vincent's University Hospital. In support of our appeal for funding for the Stroke Unit, they constructed a nine-foot "thermometer" (pictured on left) to track and encourage donations for the Stroke Unit. The craftsmanship is superb and highlights the progress made towards our target to deliver the Unit. We are grateful to the Governor, staff and the prisoners involved.

We had a terrific raffle in December to raise funds for the stroke unit. The first prize was a magnificent handcrafted doll's house, again donated by Arbour Hill, along with prizes donated by Stillorgan Park Hotel, Noonan Services Group, Gowan Merrion, Bianconi's, The Merrion Inn and Tesco Merrion Centre. In all the raffle generated €3,030.00. We owe a special thanks to all the staff who sold tickets and, of course to the kind donors who sponsored prizes. The tickets were drawn on Friday 16th December by Prof Noel Whelan, Chairman of St. Vincent's Healthcare Group. See below some photos of the prizewinners.



U.C.D. Medical Society held their annual charity fundraising day on Thurs 6th October last. Several hundred students took to the streets of Dublin to collect for some very worthy charities, including St. Vincent's. We are delighted to confirm that €1,500 has been presented to St. Vincent's from this hugely successful fundraising event, which will also go towards the new Stroke Unit. Great credit is due to all who helped and supported this Charity Day. Our sincere thanks again to all involved.

Fundraising Highlights continued.....

We have a MyCharity fundraising page set up for a new Stroke Unit in St. Vincent's. Donations for the Stroke Unit can be made directly to the Foundation or via MyCharity.ie at the following link http://www.mycharity.ie/eventstvincentshospital__strokeunitteam/. Staff and family or friends may wish to promote or support this fundraising initiative. Thank you again to all who took part in the fundraising events to date for the Stroke Unit.



On the right Imelda Noone, St. Vincent's (centre) accepts cheque from UCD Medical Society's Treasurer Bob Keenan and Auditor Lorraine Murphy, proceeds of the 2011 fundraising day, for the Stroke Unit in St. Vincent's

Liver Unit fundraising updates:

Liver Transplant recipient Sarah Mitten, family and friends took part in the Women's Mini Marathon for the Liver Unit in St. Vincent's and also followed this up with a Quiz Nite. A fantastic sum of €1,376.26 was presented recently to the Foundation.

In October, Keith Cassidy (*pictured on right with his children*) again took part in the Dublin Marathon for the Liver Unit raising over €23,000 in memory of his late brother-in-law Paul Reid. What a fantastic result. Malahide Tennis Club, supporting Paul's widow Carole, organised a fundraising tennis tournament in Paul's memory in November and a sum of €6,458.38 was donated for the Liver Unit. Our sincere thanks to all involved in this fantastic fundraising.



Liver transplant patient Ann Kiely from Waterford raised €1,505 from a raffle for our Liver Unit, in addition to further funds contributed for Liver research. Thank you Anne for this generous support.

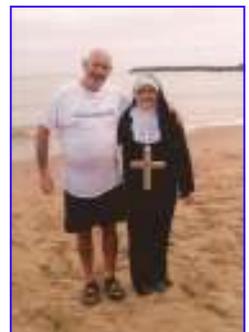
Ann Kiely is pictured on the left presenting funds to John Hickey and Yvonne McGarry of the Liver Unit

Our thanks to Nora Murphy from Macroom, Co. Cork who again took part in the Cork Mini Marathon for the Liver Unit and raised €495.00 in sponsorship. Nora's mother is a patient of the Liver Unit.

Longtime supporters Eamonn & Mary Burke again organised a New Year's Day Swim in Arklow for the Liver Unit in St. Vincent's. Eamonn is a liver transplant recipient. A fantastic sum of €5,420 was raised through the hard work of all the organisers and the generosity of local people who supported the event.



Arklow Swin New Year's Day 2012 for Liver Unit—John Hickey with Yvonne McGarry from the Liver Unit accepting cheque presentation from Mary & Eamonn Burke



Fundraising Highlights continued.....



Liver Transplant patient Adrian Yore from County Louth organised a Dinner Dance in Drogheda in December last and raised a fantastic sum of €1,010 for the Liver Unit. Our sincere thanks to Adrian for all his hard work and for thinking of other patients.

On left, Adrian Yore presents his fundraising proceeds for the Liver Unit

We also received several donations from Liver Unit patients and their families, which go a long way to helping patient care and vital research for our Liver Unit.

Other Highlights:

Thanks to the generosity of Sugarloaf Lions, Greystones & District a special Haemodialysis chair has been purchased for the Haematology Stem Cell treatment room at a cost of €2,250.00. The Lions Club organised a hill walk recently, with sponsorship raised to cover the cost of the chair as well as a donation to Wicklow Hospice. This kind gift makes a real difference to the comfort of patients using this treatment.



Pictured at the Sugarloaf Lions Club cheque presentation to the Stem Cell Unit are from L. to R. Pat O'Sullivan, Ann Marie O'Sullivan, Michael Cleary, Nurse Michelle Connell, Dr. Donald McCarthy, Jim Killeen, Tom O'Sullivan & Michael Lambe



Because of donated funds we are able to support projects in the hospital that would not happen otherwise. Some of the recent activities, in addition to the Haemodialysis chair include:

- ◆ Comfortable chairs for C.F. patients and their families
- ◆ A Votive Candle Stand for the Chapel through a donation from a bereaved family.
- ◆ A number of key research projects that will lead to better outcomes for our patients.
- ◆ Contact and guidance signage for C.F. patients
- ◆ TV/DVD for Leucapheresis Room (in Haematology) while patients are having treatment.
- ◆ Countess Cell counter which makes a big difference to experiments involving counting of cancer cells, with ultimate benefit for patient care.
- ◆ Specialist staff training at the request of donors. This enhances patient care in St. Vincent's.

Pictured on right: Prof. Joe Duffy and Dr. Patricia McGowan of the Breast Cancer Research Group in the Education & Research Centre, St. Vincent's using the new Countess Cell counter.



As we build up our funds we will be able to support a wider range of large and smaller projects, all as a result of donor support.

A big thank you to all in the Business Operations department of Microsoft in Sandyford who organised a Christmas Charity Event with the proceeds of €1,000 donated to patient care in St. Vincent's, following the excellent treatment received by a work colleague in St. Vincent's last year.

Fundraising Highlights continued.....

Conor Cashman and colleagues in the Office of the Financial Ombudsman took part in the Letterkenny Half Marathon in September last and raised €1,430.00 for nurse education in St. Vincent's Private Hospital in memory of his late mother Helen R.I.P.

On the right Conor Cashman presents his sponsorship proceeds to Ger Lanigan Ryan of St. Vincent's Foundation



The family of the late Gerry Cullen R.I.P. from Wicklow town organised a 60's fundraiser night in Ernie's Bar in Wicklow on Sat. 10th December last to fundraise for the Dialysis Unit in St. Vincent's. A magnificent sum of €2,130 was raised, for which we are most grateful.

On the left: Mrs. Sally Cullen and her family Paul & Sharon present fundraising proceeds to Prof. Alan Watson and Dr. John Holian for the Dialysis Unit in St. Vincent's. (Missing when photo was taken were Martina & Elaine Cullen)

Our great supporter and fundraiser Christine Kearney organised a raffle last Autumn for Breast Cancer services in St. Vincent's. She had the magnificent total of 51 prizes donated. Selling in her area and in the hospital, she raised the fantastic sum of €2,072.00.

Pictured on the right are Christine Kearney and her husband Tommy, John Hickey and Christine's sister Bernie at the Breast Cancer raffle.



Employees of Cadbury's in Rathmore, County Kerry raised the fantastic sum of €5,970 for St. Vincent's Hospital Liver Unit. A big thank you to them and a big thank you also to all the local community in Rathmore who supported the events, and suppliers to Cadbury's who also supported.

The events which included a seven-a-side soccer tournament, golf classic and table quiz were spearheaded by Donie Kelleher and David O Sullivan in Cadbury's, with a big help from sponsorship of prizes for all the events from Reens Garage in Rathmore. Donie outlined "the reason we picked St. Vincent's Liver Unit was that my brother-in-law Willie Reen was a long term patient there at different times between 2008 and 2011, having had 3 liver transplants and got tremendous care there"

Pictured above at the cheque presentation from L. to R. are John Reen (Reens Garage and Willie's father), Donie Kelleher, Willie Reen, Nuala Taylor (Admin, Cadbury's), John Hickey (CEO of St. Vincent's Foundation) and David O Sullivan (QHSE manager Cadbury's Rathmore).

***We are so indebted to all our supporters and to many more not listed.
Some donors do not want to be identified and we always respect that.***

History of St. Vincent's



Early Days

St Vincent's has cared for patients for more than 178 years.

In a series of articles in this magazine, we will set out some of the key milestones in that journey of care.

St Vincent's hospital was formed in 1834. Mother Mary Aikenhead saw the desperate conditions endured by the poor of Dublin and was determined to create a hospital that would cater for the sick regardless of their financial means.

At this time hospitals, where they existed, catered for the poor. The wealthy classes, when they got ill, were cared for in their own homes.

With a donation of £3,000, Mother Mary purchased number 56 St Stephen's Green from the Earl of Meath on January 23rd 1834. After a number of months of renovation the hospital accepted its first patients in April 1835. It was soon filled to capacity of twelve patients. A further eighteen beds were added later that year and in 1836 the capacity had increased to sixty patients. By 1850, the hospital had ninety beds.

Medical care was provided by Dr Joseph Michael O'Ferrall. He served the hospital tirelessly until his death in 1866 although almost completely blind in his later years. As well as being an outstanding physician Dr O'Ferrall was a pioneer in medical training and has left an account of the methods of teaching in St. Vincent's in the second half of the 1850's.

Dr O'Ferrall was joined on the medical staff shortly after the hospital opened by Dr O'Bryen Bellingham (known for his book, "Diseases of the Heart" published a few days after his death in 1857),

The service to patients, particularly less well-off has continued without interruption for almost 180 years during a period that saw major famine, two world wars and the 1916 uprising.

In later editions of **Friends of St. Vincent's** we will record other significant events in the life of the hospital.



"I long to provide a hospital wherein the sick in need can receive every remedy that the physician has to offer and every comfort that the Sisters of Charity can bring."

Mary Aikenhead

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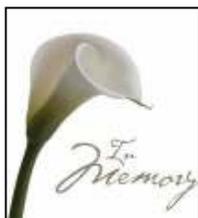
The "Best Will in the World Week" held in October was a great success in highlighting the enormous contribution that can be made by including a favourite charity as a beneficiary when making a will.



The initiative, which was sponsored by St. Vincent's Foundation along with many other Irish Charities, included a subsidised or free consultation with participating solicitors. There are now solicitors in every county in Ireland who charge a maximum consultation fee of €50 for people who are considering making a will.

Here in St. Vincent's we are delighted that our own solicitor, Mangan O'Beirne, provides a free consultation for people thinking about how to deal with their estate after their death. Mangan O'Beirne, based in Donnybrook, Dublin, can be reached on 01-6684333.

St. Vincent's has always benefitted from bequests. In this way the generosity of the donor lives on after their death and we thank them for that. Anyone interested in knowing more can call John Hickey on 01-2215035 or visit our website.



In Memory donations

As we have commented here before, many families ask for donations to a favourite charity in lieu of funeral flowers. The bereaved want the memories of their loved one to be reflected in a benefit to a worthy cause.

These "In Memory" donations are most welcome and very generous of families who look for others to benefit from their loss. This seems to be most effective when a collection box is placed in the church. We are often asked for suitable laminated signs for the collection box and we are happy to provide these on request.

We are very grateful for the donations we receive from relatives of deceased patients and also via our website. Often such donations are accompanied by kind comments about the staff who took care of the deceased and these are so appreciated also.

Tax Relief on Donations to St. Vincent's Foundation

Because St. Vincent's Foundation is an "Eligible Charity" as defined by the Irish Revenue Commissioners, donations of €250 or more in any one year are eligible for tax relief. The relief means that the Irish Revenue Commissioners repay the tax that is relevant to the donation. The tax relief is given at the donor's marginal tax rate (either 20% or 41%). The treatment of the tax differs between PAYE taxpayers and self-employed. The following examples demonstrate the benefits.

PAYE Donors

- St. Vincent's Foundation can seek the tax relief on the donation. Depending on the tax rate of the donor the following applies to a donation of €250:
- If the donor pays tax at 41%, St. Vincent's Foundation reclaims €174 thereby increasing the donation to €424 without any additional cost to the donor
- If the donor pays tax at 20%, St. Vincent's Foundation reclaims €62 which increases the donation to €312—again at no additional cost to the donor
- Larger donations attract a correspondingly increased tax refund.

Self--Employed Taxpayer

- The same level of tax relief applies as with PAYE taxpayers, but , in this case the refund is claimed by the taxpayer.

Comments from Our Patients and their Relatives



We constantly receive kind comments on the care given to our patients.

We give a sample of these in each edition but we don't identify any patient or staff member.

Readers might recognise their own comments

- ◇ *"I would also like to give praise for the nursing staff and secretaries for the way in which they looked after my wife and family and in keeping them well informed"*
- ◇ *"I found the doctors and nursing staff in the ward both caring and attentive in their day to day duties"*
- ◇ *"We decided to take part in the Flora Women's Mini Marathon to help raise funds for St. Vincents Hospital to express our thanks for all the care they gave to our mother"*
- ◇ *"...while we are still shattered and grieving it is gestures such as yours from wonderful people that are helping us to get through"*
- ◇ *".....are all deserving of my humble gratitude. They are a credit to their noble profession and to your great Hospital."*
- ◇ *"We are still in awe of the expert care shown to Mum and genuine concern for all our needs"*
- ◇ *"on behalf of our whole family I would like to thank you for all your care and prayers"*
- ◇ *"My Dad was a patient in St. Charles' Ward for the week after Christmas and I just want to let you know what wonderful care he had from all the staff during that week. I was so impressed with the attention that he and all the other patients in the ward got during my visits there and I know that he thought that the ward staff were great"*
- ◇ *"...I would like to sincerely thank you for the spiritual care and kind attention I received during my stay in the hospital"*
- ◇ *"...your presence before and during my mother's death was a great comfort"*

Some Medical news from St. Vincent's

ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL CHOSEN FOR EUROPEAN CANCER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Since St. Vincent's Hospital was opened in 1834 its contribution to medical education has been considerable and it continues today.

Here we highlight a recent success.



*Mr. James Geraghty
Consultant Breast Surgeon S.V.U.H.*

St. Vincent's Hospital has been chosen as one of the three major teaching hospitals in Europe to provide hands-on Clinical Training to Oncologists who are coming to the end of their training period. This project is funded by the European School of Oncology, based in Milan and the other two teaching centres are the European Institute of Oncology in Milan and Institut Gustave Roussy, based in Paris. The Clinical Teaching Centre in St. Vincent's University Hospital/University College Dublin will initially be geared towards specialists in the field of breast, colorectal and hepato-pancreatico-biliary cancers and it is hoped that this will expand to other cancer types in the future.

Each Fellowship will be for a three month period in the first instance and can be extended to a six month period depending on the needs of the individual. Whilst most teaching modalities in Europe are based on conferencing, seminars and enduring educational materials this type of Fellowship is different in that it allows first hand experience of the trainee, with issues not alone relating to patient management, but also to the construct of specific cancer units, audit and quality assurance in cancer care.

This program will be advertised internationally in September 2012 and will be open to trainees from January 2013. Each of these three Clinical Teaching Centres in Europe will concentrate initially on differing areas in Oncology, such that the Institut Gustave Roussy in Paris will look mainly at Medical Oncology in differing cancer types, whilst St. Vincent's Hospital will initially concentrate on Surgical Oncology and hopefully expand into different disciplines in the future. It is anticipated that exposure to Multi Disciplinary Care Teams in these Centres will allow the trainees to return to their own countries and bring the experience necessary to allow them to set up and be part of their own specific cancer units. Therefore, there will be a follow-up program such that support will be available from the host institute such as St. Vincent's Hospital to the trainee to assist in career development and the establishment of cancer centres in their own country.

We look forward to this development

Business Partners of St. Vincent's

A very important element of the support for St. Vincent's University Hospital is the growing number of Business Partners of St. Vincent's Foundation. In a very practical way each of these companies has contributed to the development of the hospital and demonstrated their corporate social responsibility. This is much appreciated and we hope that each benefits from their involvement with St. Vincents.

As part of our Business Partner programme in St. Vincent's we have an annual reception in the hospital attended by the Business Partners together with the Board and Senior Management of St. Vincent's Healthcare Group. Partners are presented with certificates reflecting their ongoing support for the hospital. This contribution is very welcome.

We continue to rely on support from our Business Partners and we are really grateful to them all for the contribution they make to the development of the services for our patients.

Since the last edition we are delighted to welcome **Home Instead** as a Business Partner of St. Vincent's Foundation. Home Instead is the largest home care provider in Ireland and supports many of our patients and former patients. We hope that the partnership with St. Vincent's will be a fruitful one. Our long-time supporters **Fannin Limited**, **Novartis** and **Microsoft** have renewed their partnership for a further year which is terrific and we thank them for that loyal support.



**Business Partners
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- ◆ Biggest fundraising event in Ireland;
- ◆ <http://www.womensminimarathon.ie>
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- ◆ Ireland's premier cycling challenge - choice of distance in scenic Wicklow.
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- ◆ **Maracycle Dublin/Belfast return June 25th & 26th 2012**
- ◆ Raise money for Co-operation Ireland and St. Vincent's.
- ◆ <http://www.cooperationireland.org/supportus/2012/maracycle>
- ◆ **National Lottery Dublin Marathon Bank Holiday Monday October 29th 2012**
- ◆ Take the tough challenge running (or walking) more than 26 miles
- ◆ <http://www.dublinmarathon.ie>

2012 Flora Women's Mini Marathon



The 2012 Flora Women's Mini Marathon will take place on Bank Holiday Monday 4th June next. Entry forms are in the Evening Herald on Wednesdays or you can enter online – check out their website www.florawomensminimarathon.ie

If you are registering for the 2012 Flora Women's Mini-Marathon, why not fundraise for the patients in St. Vincent's. You can select the cause within the hospital that you want to support.

After you have registered, please phone us on 01-2215065 or email stvincentsfoundation@svhg.ie for a sponsorship pack.



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MyCharity Affiliation

Don't forget our partner in fundraising mycharity.ie. This is a really useful way to organise fundraising for sponsored events. If anyone is considering participating in any type of sponsored event, it is worth visiting the website. Literally any kind of event can be put up.

If you are using the MyCharity to raise money for St Vincent's through sponsored events the best way is by setting up your own page through www.mycharity.ie You can reach this by going to our website www.stvincentsfoundation.ie and following the link for sponsored events. You can then email the link to friends who might wish to sponsor you. There is a Direct Debit payment facility on the mycharity website and also, we are linked to their Facebook Fundraising application. You can also access a myriad of fundraising ideas via the "fundraising ideas page" on this site.



If you are organising or taking part in a fundraising event contact us now for a sponsorship pack on 01-2215065 or email stvincentsfoundation@svhg.ie

Donations can be made by
24 hour donation phone line Tel: 1850 603 803
Via Our Website

www.stvincentsfoundation.ie

Or

Pick up one of our leaflets in the hospital

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