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Welcome from Prof. Michael Keane, Chair of Medical Board



It is my great pleasure to welcome all our readers to this Autumn edition of *Friends of St. Vincent's*.

As Chair of the Medical Board of St. Vincent's Healthcare Group, I see at first hand how our donors and supporters make a real difference to how we can deliver world class healthcare to all our patients.

Even in a positive economic environment healthcare providers are challenged to deliver the optimum service to every patient. This challenge is very much greater when the financial capacity of the country is severely stretched, as it has been for some years now. The support of donors and fundraisers helps us immeasurably in research, education and in equipment purchases that contribute to the wellbeing and the comfort of our patients.

From the very early days of St. Vincent's Hospital the records show how the pioneering staff in the early part of the 19th century advanced medical frontiers particularly caring for those who could not themselves afford medical care. While specifically caring for the sick, this work also provided the basis of clinical research. As early as 1869 the records of the then Medical Board recorded some of the investment in research with the construction of a pathological laboratory. Nowadays our research is in partnership with many universities in Ireland and abroad and all the time major advances are happening in treatment and prevention of illness.

The Research Centres in St. Vincent's provide outstanding facilities for a range of activities.

St. Vincent's is a major teaching hospital with an international reputation. We are proud of the intake of hundreds of student and junior doctors, nurses and so many specialists in healthcare. Continuing education is vital to delivering outstanding care and many of our student staff return to St. Vincent's as they progress their medical careers.

Technology in healthcare has advanced dramatically in recent years with outstanding results for patients. Much of this is very expensive and we can't always afford as much as we would wish.

I am delighted to have the opportunity to thank our donors and fundraisers for the contribution they make to each of the areas of education, research and vital equipment. You are all individually Friends of St. Vincent's and you continue a tradition of support that goes back to 1834.

My sincere thanks to all our supporters and I hope you enjoy reading something of the difference you make.

Prof. Michael Keane
Professor of Medicine & Consultant Respiratory Physician
Chair of Medical Board & Board Member of St. Vincent's Foundation

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



The summer of 2012 was very notable in St. Vincent's as we completed our new ward block now known as the Nutley Wing. We also expanded our patient services in what was previously St. Vincent's Private Hospital and is now called the Herbert Wing. You can read the details of these exciting developments in the Estates section of this magazine.

The new Dermatology Unit which we mentioned in the Spring edition, is now fully operational. We must thank our very kind donors for this project; the Hume Street Trust.

As it was from the outset of the hospital, our objective, reflected in the founding values, is to improve the outcomes and environment for our patients.

In a summer of mostly gloomy weather and much gloomy economic commentary at home and abroad, the bright feature was the continued generous support of patients, their families and friends, as well as many communities throughout Ireland.

Each edition of "*Friends of St. Vincent's*", since we started four years ago, contains wonderful examples of fundraising, demonstrating not just the kindness of our supporters, but their creativity and ingenuity as well.

Easter was a busy times for fundraisers and over that weekend we had Easter bunnies on Easter Saturday, lead by Christine Kearney, raising money for cancer care. Christine's caring and courage were recognised during the summer when she was featured as one of its "Local Hero's" in the weekly magazine *Woman's Way*. Well done Christine. The next day, on Easter Sunday the staff of Dunne's Stores in Cornelscourt played a charity soccer match to fundraise for the hospital. You can read more about these and other activities on the fundraising pages.

A former patient of St. Vincent's left money to the hospital in his will. He wanted others to benefit after his death. Other patients have told us that they have specified a cause in St. Vincent's in their will. We are grateful to them. A charitable trust, which does not wish to be named, has entered a two-year financial commitment to support a specific research project in the hospital. This is great and we appreciate it.

We usually provide an update on our Business Partners who are very important in supporting activity in the hospital. New and renewing partners are mentioned later in the magazine. We are really grateful for their support in a difficult economic environment.

We regularly feature in this magazine purchases for patient care and patient comfort that were specifically enabled by kind donors. These are making a real difference. We will continue to feature these in future editions.

Christmas will have come and gone before the next edition of *Friends of St. Vincent's* is issued. This year we have continued to add to the range of Christmas cards available and there is an order form in the magazine. If any of our supporters would like to sell cards on our behalf either within their communities or here in the hospital, we would be delighted for the assistance.

Remember to regularly check our website www.stvincentsfoundation.ie for news and events

Once again I want to thank sincerely the myriad of supporters who help us in so many ways and wish each and every one the very best from St. Vincent's.

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

Estates Update

New Nutley Wing opens:

On Monday the 30th of July last, St Vincent's University Hospital started the historic transfer of patients to the new ward block, The Nutley Wing. This seven storey building contains five wards of 20 inpatient single bed en-suite bedrooms.

20% of the beds on each of the wards will be isolation rooms with positive and negative air exchange. It will accommodate the priority patient groups listed below over the following floors:

- ◆ 7th Floor: Oncology / Haematology in-patients
- ◆ 6th Floor: Urology / Prostate
- ◆ 5th Floor: Breast Cancer / Endocrine / Plastics
- ◆ 4th Floor: Infectious Diseases (MRSA, VRE etc.)
- ◆ 3rd Floor: Cystic Fibrosis (In-patients)
- ◆ 2nd Floor: Cystic Fibrosis (Day Care)
- ◆ 1st Floor: Reception, Oncology / Haematology Day Care



Patient ensuite room



C.F. Day Room



Inpatient Room

In addition to the inpatient beds (Floors 3 to 7 inclusive), a floor of the ward block (Floor 2) is dedicated to a C.F. ambulatory care facility providing day treatment facilities, including 10 day beds and rooms for support facilities such as physiotherapy: so, hopefully, many of the C.F. patients - particularly those who are Dublin based - currently staying overnight will be able to return to the comfort of their own homes at night.

Capital funding of €22m was paid from the public finances through the H.S.E.. St. Vincent's University Hospital wishes to acknowledge the support of the Minister for Health and the H.S.E. St. Vincent's University Hospital's overall complement has been retained at 554 in-patient beds. The reorganisation of the hospital's existing bed stock will greatly improve facilities for all S.V.U.H.'s patients.

This wing is designed to create a pleasant environment for patients, their families and staff alike and to help speed up patient recovery and prevent cross-infection amongst patients especially the CF patients. The building reflects new models of healthcare provision in its design and ensures compliance with all statutory and legislative requirements and building standards. Nursing care, dignity and privacy of individuals remains a matter of prime importance throughout. All patient en-suite rooms are designed to the highest specification and meets with all necessary building regulations. All patient en-suite rooms are wheelchair accessible. Floor layouts are designed for ease of use and operational efficiency.

Estates Update continued.....

General Estates & Future Planning

The focus remains on improving patient accommodation throughout the campus including:

- ◆ Improved internal environments for both patients and families, including the development where possible of “Family Interview Rooms” where families can meet / discuss patient care in private, at ward level with staff.
- ◆ Improved Sanitary Facilities and improved Toilet to Bed ratios.
- ◆ Improved Cleaning and Support Services development in line with building expansion and redesign

Other Recent Projects Completed

Absorption of former Private Hospital

The premises previously occupied by St. Vincent’s Private Hospital was adapted to be used for patient care in St. Vincent’s University Hospital. It is now known as the Herbert Wing and is a great addition to our facility.

Admissions and Discharge Lounge Relocated

The Admissions and Discharge lounge recent relocation into a larger brighter dedicated space in the Old Camillus ward has been a great success and beneficial to patients and staff. Part of the old ward area was converted into a spacious bright unit for patients. The lounge now includes two additional cubicle spaces allowing patients greater privacy, a dedicated toilet, comfortable seating and is very conveniently located for access to both the main ward block and the Herbert Wing. The success of the A&D Lounge transfer has helped staff continue to work to improve same day admissions rates and helps facilitate early discharges.

The remainder of the Old St Camillus ward area has been converted to administration and supporting clinical office accommodation and opened up a ground floor link corridor to the Herbert Wing.

Clinical Neurophysiology Upgrade and Expansion

Upgrade and expansion of the current Clinical Neurophysiology area is now completed. The works included additional clinical examinations rooms, improved patient reception and waiting room, dedicated patient toilets and improved administration office space.



Expansion of Ambulatory Day Care (ADCC) facilities

The old Endoscopy area was reopened recently as a new ADCC suite. A further ADCC suite was also developed on the first floor of the Clinical Services building to include a dedicated patient waiting area, 5 new additional examination rooms and a Vascular Dressing Clinic Room.



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

We are delighted to update on progress in St. Vincent's Foundation and specially to thank the legions of people who have used imagination, energy and generosity to help causes in the hospital. Without them we could not achieve what we do in patient care, research and education. The following are some of the highlights of donors gifts and great fundraising activities. They are not the complete list as some donors prefer to remain private in their giving.

In memory of Simon Clemenger R.I.P, the Clemenger family donated funeral collection monies to purchase three wheelchairs for St. Christopher's Ward. These wheelchairs are for use by C.F. patients in St. Vincent's and are a welcome addition to our new C.F. Unit.



Pictured above at the handover of wheelchairs in memory of Simon Clemenger are from L. to R. Kay Connolly, Assistant Director of Nursing, Emma McLoughlin, Staff Nurse St. Christopher's, Hazel O'Brien, CNM2 St. Christopher's, Zelma Greene (nee Clemenger and sister of Christopher), Michaela Gormley, Staff Nurse St. Christopher's and Dr. Ed McKone, Consultant Respiratory Physician. Also pictured (on the right) above with Zelma are Ciara O'Connor & Claire Reilly, Physiotherapists.



Our stalwart supporter, Christine Kearney (*pictured on left with John Hickey*), captured the spirit of the Easter season when she and five other ladies, including friends and family, became Easter bunnies for a day.

On Easter Saturday they had a most successful raffle and bucket collection in the hospital and raised nearly €1,000 for breast cancer care. They also brought a super atmosphere for patients, visitors and staff (*see photos below*).

Well done on the creativity, Christine, and thank you for your wonderful support



Fundraising Highlights continued.....

Another of our ongoing loyal fundraisers is Hazel Brack. Hazel (*pictured below with her sister*) In memory of her beloved uncle Tony, she had a 70's fundraising night which raised the terrific sum of €1,800 for Cancer Services in St. Vincent's. She followed this with a charity football match on Easter Sunday involving her workmates in Dunne's Stores. (*see photos below from both events*) From that they contributed a further €150. Our sincere thanks to Hazel and all those colleagues and friends who did so much to make this happen.



St. Vincent's Hospital Rugby Club has continually been a great supporter of the Foundation and we are grateful to them for their unstinting efforts on our behalf. Again this year they held a very enjoyable and successful Charity Ball in early March. The club also gave generously of their time in Bag Packing in Tesco. Many thanks.

In memory of our late C.F. patient Cian Costello from Ballyfarnon, Boyle, County Roscommon - Lisa Gaffney & Declan Killoran along with many supporters and friends organised a Gala Fundraiser night centred on a Table Quiz in Kilronan Castle Ballyfarnon, County Roscommon on Saturday 3rd March last. The quiz was followed by a great night's entertainment.

Cian was a master of Table Quizzes and everybody wanted him on their team. For this reason they decided that a Table Quiz was a suitable way to remember Cian. The local community generously supported this event.

The event raised the outstanding sum of almost €12,000 for C.F. care in St. Vincent's. We are deeply indebted to Cian's family and friends.



Pictured on the right: Cian's parents, Ben & Carmel, with his friends present the cheque in the company of St. Vincent's staff who were also Cian's friends.

Fundraising Highlights continued.....

A wonderful group of children in Scoil Mhuire, Ballymore Eustace, raised funds for Breast Cancer research in St. Vincent's. On May 16th the 5th class held a cake sale and raised the terrific sum of €735 which was presented in the school.



The photos above capture the spirit and excitement of the schoolchildren presenting their cheque



In memory of a young husband and father, John Cassidy R.I.P. who died here in St. Vincent's in November last year, his friends in St. Kevin's Boys Football Club in Whitehall raised €700 through a charity football match. This as well as €400 in funeral donations already received, will go towards the Liver Unit here in St. Vincent's in John's memory.

Pictured on the left is Tony Gleeson from St. Kevin's Boys Football Club presenting cheque to John Hickey & Ger Lanigan Ryan.

The Wicklow Federation of the Irish Countrywomen's Association again fundraised for St. Vincent's. They organised a sponsored walk and proceeds totalling €1,500 have been directed to Breast Cancer Research here in St. Vincent's. They previously raised €1,400 in 2009 for the same cause. Our thanks to all involved for their time and effort and for their continued support for this most worthy cause.



An avid painter, Mary Delaney from Clondalkin (*pictured on the left*) painted an excellent picture of her local pub The Gate Bar (*see photo of the painting*) and raffled it in support of St. Vincent's. She donated the proceeds of €400 for breast cancer research here in St. Vincent's. Well done to Mary for her dedication to fundraise for the hospital and our thanks to the Gate Bar for facilitating the display and raffle of the painting.



Fundraising Highlights continued.....

Work colleagues of a C.F. Patient Jack O'Shea held a cake sale recently and the proceeds of €850 have been used to purchase a Pulse Oximeter for the C.F. Unit here in St. Vincent's. Thank you for this great contribution.

There is a growing and welcome trend of families of deceased patients requesting donations to the hospital in lieu of funeral flowers. We are most appreciative of this generosity.

We would like to acknowledge two large anonymous donations of €800 and €500 left in our large Collection Box recently. While it is not possible to thank these kind donors directly, we hope they may become aware of our gratitude, through this magazine. We have commented before on the many, many people who donate anonymously through our Collection Boxes and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them and to assure them that each donation makes a difference.

In memory of Valerie Redmond RIP, her husband John and daughters Clodagh & Karen generously donated €1,000 for the Haematology Unit, for which we are most grateful.

Pictured on the right are John, Clodagh & Karen Redmond.



The Thompson family are continuous and most generous supporters of St. Vincent's Hospital in so many ways. Suzanne Thompson has a collection box for St. Vincent's in her Beauty Salon "Heavenly Comforts" in Neilstown. We are really grateful to Suzanne and the staff for their great help, and to all those clients of Heavenly Comforts who donate. It regularly fills up with donations.

Pictured on the left are Anita Brennan and Andrea Wilson with John Hickey collecting the money from the box

We must also thank those generous couples who financially support causes in St. Vincent's in lieu of wedding favours. What a nice idea to have patients benefit from the happy event. We greatly appreciate it.



Our grateful thanks to the Kennedy family in Rathnew who with the Garden of Ireland Vintage Car Club, organised a Vintage Car Rally on 25th August last for St. Anne's Day Care Centre. The event raised the terrific sum of €1,650. Very sadly, Tom Kennedy, the principal organiser and a patient of St. Vincent's, passed away shortly after the rally. We want to express our sincere sympathy to Tom's family on their great loss.

Fundraising Highlights continued.....



Filipiniana Fashion Show and Gala Night:

On 17th June last, a Filipiniana Fashion Show and Gala night was held in the Ballsbridge Hotel.

A fantastic sum of €1,500 was presented recently to St. Vincent's Foundation for the Stroke Unit in the hospital. We are deeply indebted to Karl Perocillo (Theatre Dept. SVUH), his many other colleagues in St. Vincent's, to Daisy Mauhay from the Filipiniana Fashion Boutique and to all involved in organising this wonderful fundraising event.

Pictured above presenting cheque to John Hickey & Ger Lanigan Ryan from St. Vincent's Foundation are from L.to R. Prescy Alcos, Daisy Mauhay (from the Filipiniana Fashion Boutique), Karl Perocillo, Jerry Porlante and in front Joel Davantes and Mary Ann Furigay

Liver Transplant patient Sarah Mitten from Enniscorthy and her family and friends again fundraised for St. Vincent's by taking part in the Enniscorthy Strawberry Fair Half Marathon on 24th June last. Our sincere thanks to them all for €741.00 proceeds donated to the Liver Unit.

Cornmarket Financial Services Limited have been a consistent supporter and again we are grateful to the management and staff for a very generous donation of €2,500 recently.

SVUH employees, Philip Murphy & Brian Hanratty (*pictured on right with John Hickey*) organised a sponsored head shave on 11th June last in Ned's, Townsend Street, from which €2,828 was raised for the Cystic Fibrosis Unit here in St. Vincent's.



This was a huge undertaking and a brilliant result. Thank you, Brian and Philip.

We would like to acknowledge the very generous donation of €2,000 for C.F. patient care, received from the family of a young C.F. patient who died here in St. Vincent's earlier this year. It is an extremely kind gesture in such difficult circumstances for the family and we really appreciate it. The family has requested confidentiality in making this donation and obviously we respect this.

We also received a very generous donation of €5,000 from a grateful patient of the Liver Unit. Another Liver Unit patient donated €870 raised from her mother's 90th birthday party collection.

When the Mary Aikenhead and Nutley End of Life suites were developed in St Vincent's University Hospital, they were warmly welcomed by families supporting very ill patients. As a result of staff and family suggestions, we have introduced comment books in the suites which were financed by donor support. These enable families to record their thoughts at a very emotional time for them.

Fundraising Highlights continued.....



The Harte and Slowey families organised a highly successful “Loud & Proud” Truck Rally in Clones in September to support three charities - The Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association, The Cystic Fibrosis Association and St. Vincent’s Foundation. With over 100 trucks it made a wonderful spectacle and raised the fantastic sum of €11,400 to be shared between the charities.

Aidan Harte and Chris Slowey (pictured on left with John Hickey) presented a cheque for €3,800 to St. Vincent’s to be used to help C.F. patients in the hospital. Chris’s late sister, Anita, was

a C.F. patient in St Vincent’s. Our sincere thanks to Aidan, Chris and their families for this magnificent support.

2012 Flora Women’s Mini Marathon

The 2012 Flora Women’s Mini Marathon took place on Bank Holiday Monday 4th June. Thank you and well done to over 120 women who took part in this year’s event for St. Vincent’s, fundraising for many different causes within the hospital. Among those who took part are many individual stories of great kindness, effort and humanity.



One fundraiser had over €2,000 sponsorship for the Liver Unit and her employers topped up her donation with a further €3,000. An SVUH employee and her family raised over €2,800 for Oncology services. Sums raised normally range anywhere from €50 to several hundred euro and we appreciate them all

Below are some photos of fundraisers presenting their sponsorship proceeds - Left to right:

- ◆ SVUH employee Aine McKenna & Family who fundraised for the Intensive Care Unit
- ◆ Carly Ward who took part for Pancreatic Cancer
- ◆ Hannah Yorke & Adrienne Moore who fundraised for Cancer services



We are really grateful to all who took part sponsored and donated for this year’s Women’s Mini Marathon, proceeds of which are still coming in.

***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



St. Vincent's in troubled times

In this article we continue to record some highlights of St. Vincent's Hospital during the, nearly, 180 years of its service to the sick.

The first half of the 20th century saw significant turbulence in Ireland and internationally. Over that period there were

two World Wars in addition to the 1916 Rising and subsequent unrest in Ireland. These had a major impact on the patients and staff in St. Vincent's.

The Great War from 1914 to 1917 saw a number of the staff serve in medical roles, not just in the British army but also in the French. There is no record of fatalities among the staff who served in the Great War but a number of staff lost sons in action including at the historic battle of Gallipoli and at Flanders.

A further impact of that terrible period was the number of wounded soldiers who were treated in St. Vincent's on returning from the war.

The 1916 Rising created an almost immediate impact on St. Vincent's with the first casualty brought to the hospital early on the morning of Easter Monday. He was dead on arrival and was followed quickly by another young man who was already dead and a further wounded man. At least two of these casualties were bystanders to the events.

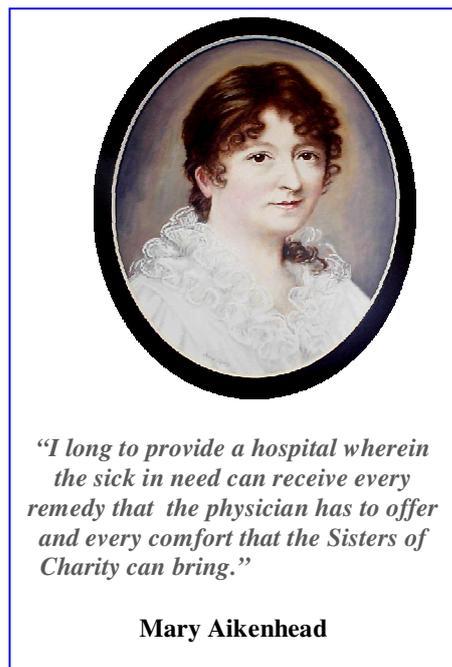
Interestingly the chief medical officer in the GPO over those few days was James Ryan who was studying medicine at St. Vincent's Hospital. Dr James Ryan went on later to become Minister for Health.

Among the notable events in St. Vincent's in the Civil War that followed in the 1920's was the death, in the hospital, of Arthur Griffith while under the care of Oliver St. John Gogarty. Of historical note also was that the body of General Michael Collins was brought to St. Vincent's after he was shot, at Béal na Bláth, in Cork in August 1922.

During the Second World War from 1939 to 1945, St. Vincent's was on standby as a casualty clearing hospital to accommodate potential victims of air raids. The plan involved the immediate vacation of the top floors to accommodate the intake.

The period also presented challenges for the management of the hospital with rationing of petrol and medical supplies. They coped very well.

In future editions of "Friends of St Vincent's" we will continue to record memorable events and milestones in the history of the hospital.



Bequests & Gifts to St. Vincent's

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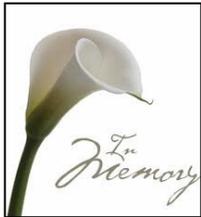
The "Best Will in the World Week" held in October is very successful in highlighting the enormous contribution that can be made by including a favourite charity as a beneficiary when making a will.



This initiative, which is sponsored by St. Vincent's Foundation along with many other Irish Charities, includes 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 solicitors, Mangan O'Beirne, provide 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

“On behalf of the family of my late mother.....I should like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for the great medical, nursing, palliative and pastoral care extended to her during her last days in St. Vincent's”

“We want to say thanks for all the medical expertise and loving care you and all your team gave to Kevin”

“Your dedication saved my wife's life and for that I am truly grateful”

“We would like to thank all the staff of the Nutley Suite for their support while our mother was there”.

“Our family want to express our since thanks and appreciation of the care given during her last illness. We are particularly grateful to the staff of the Intensive Care Unit”.

“Our deepest gratitude for the exceptional care given to our wife/mother by the staff..... She was so appreciative and happy to be cared for by such devoted staff, that it made a very difficult time easier to bear knowing how well cared for our loved one was .”

“We will always remember the kindness and care shown by the staff in.....”

“Many thanks to everyone who was involved in looking after our Mam, from the time she entered A&E up to her last moments.....”

“Our dear sister experienced a wonderful little world of loving care and attention that really overwhelmed me.....”

“Thank you to the incredible team that helped us through this difficult time.....”

“.....thank all the staff of St. Vincent's for their love and devotion.....”

“We greatly appreciate the wonderful and sensitive care our Daddy received during his final days”

“.....Mr.....has had a truly memorable result and this has in no small way been achieved by the outstanding care he received from the St. Vincent's University Hospital nursing staff.”

Medical news from St. Vincent's

St. Vincent's University Hospital and Inaugural Core Curriculum in Hepatology and Liver Transplantation

The Liver Unit St Vincent's University Hospital (S.V.U.H.) has pioneered orthotopic liver transplantation in Ireland since 1993. To date, almost 700 liver transplantations have been successfully performed. This procedure has provided a new lease on life to severely-ill individuals with both longstanding liver disease – cirrhosis, in addition to persons with severe recent-onset (acute) liver failure.

Next year, 2013, the Liver Unit will celebrate the 20th anniversary of Liver Transplantation in Ireland. Recognising the accumulated expertise in Hepatology and Liver transplantation that has facilitated such a successful track record, a Core Curriculum in Hepatology and Liver Transplantation was recently inaugurated here at SVUH. This began on September 4th and will continue through May 2013 under the direction of recently-appointed Consultant Hepatologist, Professor Raphael Merriman. This is the first comprehensive didactic course in the field in Ireland.

This comprehensive thirty-one lecture series encompasses three blocks that cover the spectrum of liver medicine including 1) Principals of Hepatology; 2) Fundamentals of Liver Transplantation and finally 3) Specialist lectures in Hepatology and Liver Transplantation.

This lecture series is also being simulcast to the Mater Misericordiae University hospital to further facilitate access. Reflecting the multidisciplinary nature of liver transplantation, this course will have Consultant-delivered content from Hepatologists, Liver Transplant Surgeons, Radiologists and Liver Pathologists from S.V.U.H. in addition to contributions from Consultant Hepatologists from the Mater and St James's Hospitals.

This highly successful and well-attended meeting is targeted primarily at Gastroenterology Specialist Registrars but has already attracted an even wider audience with consistent attendance of 50 trainees. It has also received CPD accreditation from the Royal College of Physicians. The course has been underwritten with generous unrestricted educational support from MSD, Roche and Janssen.

As this sentinel milestone in organ transplantation in Ireland approaches, the Core Curriculum provides a fitting tribute and reflects the cumulative efforts and expertise in Hepatology and Liver Transplantation at St. Vincent's University Hospital.

Consultant Hepatologist, Prof. Raphael Merriman



Business Partners of St. Vincent's

Business Partners are an integral part of St Vincent's Foundation, enabling us to improve the environment for our patients and their families. 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, 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.

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.

Our Business Partners are a very important element of fundraising. As well as new partners we are really grateful to those who continue support, some for the third year. The continued support of our Business partners is very important to the hospital.

For the first time we are delighted to welcome **Goodbody Stockbrokers** and **Home Instead Senior Care** as Business Partners of St. Vincent's Foundation.

Goodbody Stockbrokers, based in Ballsbridge, is part of the FEXCO group of companies offering stockbroking and related financial services. Home Instead Senior Care 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 for both of our new Partners.

Almost since St. Vincent's Foundation started, **Fannin Healthcare** and **SRCL** have been active supporters. We thank them both sincerely for renewing again as Business Partners. We are delighted that **Baxter Healthcare** and **AIB Bank** have also renewed their partnership. Their long-term commitment is most welcome and appreciated.

In addition to these new and renewing Partners, we also want to express our thanks to all those listed in our Partners advertisement.

Our grateful thanks to all our Business Partners and we look forward to working with them

St. Vincent's Foundation is supported by the following Business Partners



CHRISTMAS CARDS
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ST. VINCENT'S IS ACKNOWLEDGED ON ALL CARDS
PRICE: €5 PER PACK OF 10 CARDS



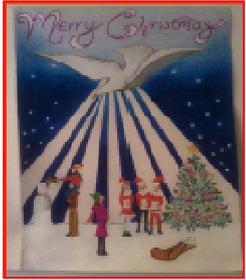
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Cards are packed in 10's @€5 per pack

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Return your completed order form to:
Mr. John Hickey, C.E.O., St. Vincent's Foundation,
St. Vincent's University Hospital, Elm Park, Dublin 4

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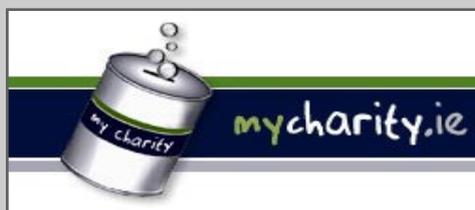
Phone us on 01-2215065 with your order

Upcoming Sponsored Events

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.



Are you thinking of taking part in a fundraising event?

**If so, please consider choosing St. Vincent's Foundation
as your chosen charity**

**You can select the cause within the Foundation you would like your
money to go to**

**All monies received will go directly to your chosen cause
and patient care**

**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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