



Press Release – 25th January 2010

Hospice patients to benefit from Newton Abbot Hospital League of Friends donation

The Newton Abbot Hospital League of Friends have generously donated £10,000 to local hospice, Rowcroft to help fund the purchase of vital equipment.

The £10,000 donation has been used to purchase a motorised bariatric wheelchair and the remainder of the money will be used throughout the year to purchase a number of digital syringe drivers.

Hilary Paddon, Chairman of the Newton Abbot Hospital League of Friends said the £10,000 donation was in deep appreciation of the hospice care provided by Rowcroft:

‘We recognise the vital importance that the hospice plays in our local community and are delighted to be supporting a charity whose work we so much admire.’

Rowcroft provides care to over 1000 people every year, through their ward, hospice at home, community team, lymphoedema clinic and outpatient therapy services. The NHS only funds 23% of the costs, but the rest, over £4.3 million, is raised from voluntary contributions.

Rachael Bryett, Fundraising and Communications Manager for Rowcroft said:

‘We are truly grateful to the Newton Abbot Hospital League of Friends for their support and kindness. This donation is a fantastic boost for the hospice and both the wheelchair and syringe drivers will make a big difference to our patients and nurses. The motorised wheelchair, in particular, will give a far greater degree of freedom to patients, allowing them to access the hospices’ beautiful gardens and grounds.’

Rowcroft Hospice

Rowcroft Hospice is a charity, providing specialist care to people with life limiting illnesses living in Torbay and South Devon. The hospice was founded in 1982 and since then, with the support of local people, it has expanded to provide an even greater range of services. Care is provided, to over 1000 people every year, through our ward, hospice at home, community team, lymphoedema clinic and outpatient therapy services. This care includes physical, emotional and spiritual support to patients and their families. It costs £5.6 million to run Rowcroft for a year. The NHS funds 23% of our costs, but the rest – over £4.3 million - is raised from voluntary contributions. We must raise over £11,800 every day in order to provide the range of services on offer.

For more information, please contact:

Rachel Bell, Community Fundraising Officer on (01803) 217647 or email rachel.bell@rowcroft-hospice.org.uk