

Penguins Against Cancer
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24 May 2024

Dear Mr Beardmore and Mr Gush,

I was absolutely delighted to receive your letter dated 18th May 2024 and I am completely overwhelmed by the kindness of Sam Hodges and Naseema Callaghan for thinking of Katharine House Hospice when remembering their friend Mark Northwood. It was lovely to hear of Sam remembering Mark so fondly and it sounds like he was a true inspiration and wonderful friend. On behalf of myself and everyone at Katharine House Hospice thank you so much for this incredibly kind gift of £5000!

For the past 33 years Katharine House has supported people across North Oxfordshire and South Northamptonshire facing the challenges of a life limiting illness. Our holistic approach to care includes a 10-bed inpatient unit, lymphoedema support, spiritual support, physiotherapy, Living Well Centre, bereavement support and community care. Each of these services help make whatever time our patients have left as comfortable and meaningful as possible for themselves and their loved ones.

However, demand for our services has increased exponentially and with the cost-of-living crisis, and other factors affecting our fundraising and investments, Katharine House is facing significant financial challenges. Therefore, it means so much to us that in Mark's memory Penguins Against Cancer have chosen to support Katharine House. Your generous gift of £5000 will ensure that we can continue to help patients live life to the fullest, supporting patients, families and caregivers to maintain a sense of togetherness and living even in the midst of dying.

I really enjoyed reading on your website the history of Penguins Against Cancer all the wonderful ways you raise funds. Each event sounds like so much fun and what a wonderful way to celebrate memories and achievements and giving those who are bereaved or otherwise an opportunity to remember their loved ones by supporting others.

On behalf of myself and everyone at Katharine House, please extend our heartfelt thanks to Sam and Naseema and everyone at Penguins Against Cancer your support really does help make a difference.

With best wishes,



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