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**RE: Receipt of £5,000 donation**

Dear Mr Thomason,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, our patients, their families and all of our staff, Birmingham Hospice would like to thank Penguins Against Cancer, and in particular your colleagues George Tsolakides and Dave Gush, for this most generous donation of £5,000 in memory of Demetri Sofroniou, and in support of our hospices.

Birmingham Hospice offers vital care and support to people in the Birmingham and surrounding areas who have been diagnosed with a life-limiting illness, whilst also supporting their loved ones. We provide emotional, financial and social support too, including bereavement support both before and after the passing of a loved one. We work with health and social care professionals in various settings across the city, to ensure everyone in our care lives and dies with dignity and in comfort.

Over the last few years our staff and services have been stretched like never before, and we would not be able to carry on without donations from organisations such as yours. In the past year we have cared for almost 4,000 people, and with this figure increasing year on year, it really is so important to us to have such caring and responsive supporters, we could not do any of this without you.

We only receive 60% of our funding from the NHS - and the continued cost of living crisis makes fundraising increasingly difficult, while our core costs continue to increase. Our work is vital in allowing people across Birmingham to access the end-of-life care of their choice. Your donation will help us to continue to care for patients, improving the support we can provide for them and their families and we are extremely grateful for your help.

I will keep you updated on our activities in the coming months and if there is any further information I can send to you about our hospices or any of our services in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Julie O'Toole  
Grants and Trusts Manager