Charlie Beardmore and Pat Gush Penguins Against Cancer C/o Fenwycks Tekels Avenue Camberley GU15 2LB

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Dear Charlie Beardmore and Pat Gush,

Thank you for the wonderful grant totally £2000! Please also convey our thanks to Nigel White, Mick Martin, Charlie Pugh, Fred Green, Alex Arbis, Steve and Tina Challacombe, and Yae-eun and Simon Hughes for their generous contributions. This donation is incredibly valuable to Saving Faces and will help us to combat cancer, injury and disfigurement in the most socially important part of our bodies — the face and mouth.

Congratulations to the Penguins also for recently winning the Fergus Scholefield Memorial Cup. We have visited your website and The Fergus Scholefield Cancer Research Fund that you have set up is a wonderful and an inspiring establishment in Fergus' memory. We must also commend you on all the grants you have donated to the various charitable bodies that share a common goal to combat cancer.

Your donation will help support our current exciting projects including:

Research

Saving Faces has created a National Centre dedicated to researching how best to prevent and treat facial and mouth diseases, injuries and disfiguring conditions. This National Facial Oral and Oculoplastic Research Centre (NFORC) is a revolutionary organisation which will innovate and transform the lives of patients with these conditions worldwide.

Head and Neck Cancer Audit (HANA)

There's terrific news as Saving Faces is now running and managing HANA. This new audit focuses on patients who have cancer of the head and/or the neck, of which there are approximately 10,000 cases each year. The overarching aim of this audit is to improve the quality of services and the outcomes achieved for patients with head and neck cancer in England and Wales. The findings from HANA will contribute to changes in clinical practice and ensure that patients receive the best care possible and experience an improved quality of life.

Saving Faces Diagnostic Advice Service (SFDADS)

Saving Faces offers an electronic diagnostic service for dentists to improve the early detection and the management of oral cancer. This enables mouth cancer patients to be seen more rapidly by the best surgeon for the condition in their local area.

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PhD Studentships

Saving Faces also fund PhD studentships. We have had great news as our previous PhD student, Dr Emmylou Rahtz, has gone on to achieve three peer-reviewed publications from her PhD research in the British Medical Journal Open, The Conversation and in the Journal of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery. Emmylou's PhD research challenges the common assumptions about the psychological effects of facial injuries that result from gang violence. Our current PhD student Elisavet Moschopoulou has also won two awards for her research which examines post-traumatic stress in head and neck cancer survivors, an area that is lacking research. Many patients experience a variety of adverse physical and functional symptoms following treatment that affect their quality of life for many years after cancer diagnosis.

We are very grateful for the grant you have donated to us. You are helping to transform the lives of so many people and giving them the best chance to have a normal face. It's wonderful to have people like you who really understand the importance of our work.

With my very best wishes,

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