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Dear Mr Vatalidis and Friends,

On behalf of the children who pass through our doors every year, we would like to thank you for your continued support of our cancer unit. Your recent donation was a fantastic gesture and has gone towards the care of very sick children. Your gifts will help us to continue with our research and clinical care programmes to make a difference to every child we care for and their families. Thank you.

Last year, the majority of donations went towards research, both in the Oncology Research Unit and at the beside through our clinical research programmes. Your support has helped us continue this search for better treatments, more effective diagnosis and pursuit of a cure.

Our goal is to cure every child that comes through our doors. Through excellence in medical care and support, combined with advances in our research lab and clinical trials, we look forward, with your help, to realising this goal.

Our Cancer unit has much strength. One of these strengths is our 'lab to bedside' approach. Having both the Cancer research and clinical arms of the Hospital working together, means that we can more easily 'translate' discoveries in the lab to improved diagnostics and treatment at the bedside.

Our strength also lies in our multi-disciplinary approach to curing our children with cancer. Quality of life is equally important to our patients and their families. We have an array of specialists on call to help support each child and family through their treatment program.

Our specialists provide not only medical excellence, but also emotional support to children and their families. Our researchers are at the forefront of paediatric cancer research, striving to give each child the best chance of life, like the family in the attached article.

One key strength is the support of groups like yours. You are all very valued and much appreciated supporters of our unit. Thank you from all of us, for helping us to continue to realise our goals and to help us support each child and family who are undergoing treatment for cancer.

Best Wishes from us all,

Niki Mackay

Account Manager - Cancer Unit

