

Manchester Italian Pensioner's Association gift Springhill Hospice

Local members of the Manchester Italian Pensioner's Association, Alfredo and Filomena Petrillo, visited Springhill Hospice this week to present the Hospice, on Broad Lane, Rochdale, with a donation of £600.



Mrs Petrillo explained, "The Manchester Italian Pensioner's Association is folding after about 20 years as our membership is dwindling, so the Committee decided to share the contents of our funds with local charities. Alfredo and myself have lived in Rochdale for many years and know of the marvellous work of Springhill Hospice, so we nominated the charity to receive a slice of the funds available.

"On behalf of the Italian community around the borough we are delighted to be able to help Springhill raise funds."

Ian Jenkins, Fundraising Manager at Springhill Hospice, pictured below with Mr & Mrs Petrillo, said, "It's very gracious of the Manchester Italian Pensioner's Association to not only consider helping Springhill Hospice, but also award us such a substantial amount and we are very grateful for their kindness.

"People perhaps do not realise that, as an independent hospice and a registered charity, we have to find around £7,500 each and every day to continue to provide the vital services that we do; and if we want to expand on those services - and there is plenty we would like to do - we have to find even more funding. The money from this donation will be used to help with our routine costs and we thank the Italian residents of Rochdale for their support."

