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Welcome to the Spring / Summer
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Dear Springhill Supporter

Welcome to the annual edition of our newsletter, which includes a whole host of ways to get involved in supporting Springhill.

The hospice sector continues to face a financial crisis, however I'm happy to say that due to the incredible generosity of this community, we are, at present, out of the woods. The amazing number of legacies received last year has meant that, for now, we don't have to consider cutting services. We have also worked tirelessly with the other Greater Manchester Hospices and the Integrated Care Board (ICB) to look at a fairer funding model for hospices. Whilst this work is ongoing, Greater Manchester ICB has listened and tried to help where possible, despite their own funding issues.

There are so many ways you can help, from making a regular gift of a small amount each month, to taking part in our fundraising activities, signing up to play the Local Hospice Lottery, donating your pre-loved items to us, shopping in our charity shops or volunteering with us. Even sharing our social media posts helps more than you can imagine.

I couldn't be prouder of the team here at Springhill, who, despite all the challenges, have continued to provide and develop our services so that we can help as many people as possible when they need us most. I was so proud of our 'Outstanding' CQC rating that we received earlier this year and you should be proud that your support has enabled us to achieve this.

The Hospice belongs to this extraordinary community and we wouldn't exist without you so thank you to each and every one of you!

Sam Wells
Chief Executive



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Springhill through the seasons

January

2024 got off to a great start for Team Springhill thanks to our latest CQC inspection where we were awarded the top accolade of Outstanding!

Each and every one of our staff and volunteers helped make that happen, and so to say thank you, our Chief Executive Wooficer, **Wilson**, personally thanked team members with chocolate treats and doggy cuddles.



February

In February, we launched our incredible Makin Memories Tree! Set in the heart of the Springhill gardens, the **Makin Memories** Tree helps people celebrate loved ones who have sadly died by adding a specially engraved leaf in their name. The launch event was beautiful, and the tree is blossoming with loved ones' memories.



March

Our long-time supporters, Friends of Hospice at Home, kindly hosted yet another fundraising event in support of us in March – spearheaded as always by the incredible **Rita Bradshaw**.

April

In April we celebrated the reopening of the stunning and newly refurbished Rochdale Town Hall in style, as we hosted our annual Woman of Rochdale event! Huge congratulations to this year's winner, **Lorenza Pye**.



May

As a thank you for achieving our CQC Outstanding status, Springhill Chief Executive Sam and our Trustees hosted a celebratory party for all the staff in May!

It was a great opportunity for teams from every department to attend and let their hair down for a night, and listen to the moving speech of gratitude from Sam.

Thank you, **#TeamSpringhill**, for being OUTSTANDING in every way.



June

In June we celebrated the launch of Volunteers' Week, and expressed our massive, heartfelt thanks to each and every one of our 200+ volunteers.

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Islamic Arts project with KYP

Supporting all members of our community has always been our top priority, so we were delighted to have been awarded an £8,000 grant from Dying Matters, which allowed us to better engage with the Muslim and Asian communities in Rochdale through an Islamic Art Project.

The project enabled us to work in a culturally appropriate manner, in partnership with two experienced community organisations: Kashmir Youth Project (KYP) and Rochdale Women's Welfare Association, allowing us to engage with members of the Muslim and Asian community. We utilised the medium of Arabic calligraphy workshops, led by Razwan Ul Haq (QEST Scholar) to bridge cultural and linguistic barriers, in order to open up conversations about death, dying and grief which are often difficult subjects to tackle.

We delivered a total of eight workshops to two separate groups at KYP, which empowered participants to take comfort from their religion, while producing art around the theme of death, build trust and increase understanding between them and Hospice staff. Our team had the opportunity to learn about the cultural and religious needs and practices of the group members in relation to death, as well as



sharing information about the work of the Hospice; so that all members of the community can make fully informed choices around support requirements for themselves, loved ones and community members, when faced with a diagnosis of a life limiting illness.




Participants created their own artwork based on Turkish marbling techniques and incorporated some of the 99 names of Allah in Arabic calligraphy. At the end, they were able to choose their favourite piece to frame and take home for their families to enjoy. The artwork was then displayed at an Eid celebration event hosted by KYP, and all participants were invited to join in the celebration.

Our next workshop will be delivered in partnership with Rochdale Women's Welfare Association throughout July, and we look forward to sharing updates from this soon!



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'Makin Memories Tree'

Launched earlier this year, our 'Makin Memories Tree' is a beautiful way to honour someone you love.

Set in the heart of the Springhill gardens, the 'Makin Memories Tree' helps us remember loved ones who have sadly died. The 'Makin Memories Tree' offers a meaningful way to remember someone you love, whilst helping Springhill Hospice to provide crucial Hospice care and make every moment count across Rochdale, Heywood and Middleton.

You can choose to dedicate your leaf in memory of your loved one, to mark a special occasion, or to recognise the contribution that you, or someone else, has made to the Hospice. Each leaf represents someone special, each with their own unique meaning.

You will be asked to make a donation to the Hospice which will include the cost of producing an engraved leaf with your personal dedication, that will be placed on the 'Makin Memories Tree' for a year. After this time, you will be given the option to renew your leaf for further years or collect your leaf to treasure.



"The Makin Memory Tree is a beautiful way to remember my husband Mike. It gives me a place to go and remember our special times, as well as helping to support the vital work that the Hospice does with an annual gift."

Barbara



Once your leaf is installed, you will be invited to come and view your leaf on the 'Makin Memories Tree'. You will also receive a certificate confirming the wording of your inscription. Inscriptions should be a celebration of your special person, and will be displayed alongside others for everyone to see. For this reason, we respectfully request that dates of death are avoided.

For more information, please visit our website: www.springhill.org.uk/Memory-Tree or contact: Rachel.cutler@springhill.org.uk or **01706 641790**



Springhill's first Eid Extravaganza

We were delighted to host our first ever Eid event in Deeplish Community Centre on 30th June to celebrate with our community the recent festival of Eid al Adha.

With kind sponsorship from Rochdale Council of Mosques we were able to advertise the event well beforehand and were lucky to receive many visitors of all ages.

The Deputy Mayor Cllr Janet Elmsley joined us and was able to try her hand at Arabic calligraphy and try some delicious Asian street food. The hall combined delicious smells of home cooked samosas, chaats and pakoras together with fine Oud fragrances, all on sale.

The venue was decorated with colourful artwork from local schoolchildren who were invited to send us pictures on their understanding of Eid al Adha. Current RCOM chair Tahir Mahmood had the tricky task of deciding the winners which this time all came from Brimrod Primary school.

We received so many requests for stalls for this event we could have filled the hall twice over and were so warmly received by the staff at Deeplish and the local community. We are already looking forward to running more Springhill Hospice future Eid events!



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of Springhill Hospice

This was the start of the Springhill journey, with the Fundraising Appeal being launched by founder Margaret Geoghegan MBE.

1983

Margaret Geoghegan received her MBE for Services to the Community. Later that year the Hospice building was completed.

1988



After the Hospice had been open for almost a year, patients began attending Day Hospice.

1991

After a fundraising campaign, the Day Hospice was officially opened. (It is now known as Day Therapies.)

1994



1999 saw the 10th anniversary of the Hospice. The Tree of Life was unveiled in the Hospice to celebrate those contributors who had gone above and beyond.

1999

The Education Suite was funded and built by 2001 thanks to a National Lottery grant.

2001

1987

400 people from across Rochdale cut the first sod on the site that was soon to become the Hospice.



1989

On 8th October 1989 Springhill Hospice opened and begun caring for patients. In November the Hospice was officially opened by HRH Princess Anne.

Our Bereavement Service was commissioned by the CCG, to provide support to people across the Borough.

2013

1993

The first Woman of Rochdale event took place. 1993 also saw work on the Day Hospice building begin.

1997

Springhill gained Investors in People status and were the first Hospice in the country to do so.

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2005

Springhill's 24 hour telephone advice and support line was launched for patients and their loved ones.

The Hospice celebrated its 30th anniversary.

2019

30

The Hospice celebrated its 25th anniversary.

2013

25

The Hospice celebrated its 20th anniversary.

2009

20

2021-22

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, the Hospice had to change all its many processes in order to care for patients in the safest way, whilst operating under the new government guidelines, which meant adhering to strict social distance guidelines, and the temporary closure of Day Therapies.



2017

Dame Mary Peters, patron of the Hospice, visited the Hospice to speak to staff, volunteers and patients.

2014

Springhill's Specialist Palliative Care Community Service launched providing integrated palliative and end of life care to patient in their own homes.

The Hospice was able to return to business as usual and allow patients back to Day Therapies! We also launched our Dementia Care Project, meaning that we could provide a more comprehensive service to those patients with a Dementia diagnosis.

2022



2012

Springhill's Hospice at Home service was launched, allowing us to help more people within the community.

2011

Founder of the Hospice and Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Margaret Geoghegan MBE, retired and was appointed President of the Hospice.

2008

The Hospice undertook a major £430k refurbishment project funded with a grant from the Department of Health.

Springhill was successfully awarded a £44k grant from HSBC to refresh the patient and communal areas of the Hospice, improving our patients' experience with us, and creating a more homely and welcoming atmosphere for everyone to enjoy.

2023

Saw the launch of the beautiful Makin Memories tree, which allows for our supporters to remember their loved ones in a special way. Also this year the Hospice celebrates 35 years!

2024

35



How you make a difference

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You can make a donation of your choice to dedicate your light in memory of your loved one. Each dedication will mean our patients and their loved ones will receive the care they need to make every moment count. You will receive a personalised card, displaying your loved one's name, and a Light up a Life home pack including a dedication star which you can personalise with your own special memory.

All dedications will appear in our Book of Lights which will be displayed virtually on our website. You can even upload a photograph of your loved one to feature in our Light up a Life Celebration Video (available to do at checkout). Please join us in celebrating the lives of those who mean the most to you!

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There are two course options; a 5km course and a 10km course to cater for different skill levels.

Born Survivor was created to test your drive and determination, to be the best and become a true born survivor.

Reindeer Run & Wear Your Woollies



Fancy some festive cheer? Hosting a Reindeer Run is the perfect winter fundraiser to get you in the Christmas spirit! A fantastic fundraiser for primary and nursery pupils. Last year, our Reindeer Run had a record 23 schools and nurseries participate - raising a staggering **£31,835**, the most this event has ever made!

LET'S SEE IF WE CAN BEAT THAT RECORD THIS YEAR FOR 2024.

If you can't manage to fit a Reindeer Run into your school's schedule this year, you can always participate in our Wear Your Woollies fundraiser. A super easy way to embrace the festive feeling and support your local Hospice – Simply sign up your school or workplace, don your favourite Christmas knit, donate £1 and raise money for Springhill whilst being cosy!

Registration for these events open in October, so please keep an eye on our Events page!

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Corporate Fundraisers

Need fundraising inspiration? Have a look at just some of the incredible corporate support we've received so far in 2024!

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Cole Waterhouse

Cole Waterhouse undertook a 55 mile fundraising bike ride from Springhill Hospice to the UKREIFF Conference in Leeds on 20th May, in memory of their CEO's father, Steve Flood. If that wasn't enough, some of the team also took on the Manchester 10k and Half Marathon just a week later! One of Steve's final wishes was for Damian and the team to raise vital funds for Springhill Hospice, and they have so far raised an incredible **£18,811** plus **£3,640.14** in gift aid.



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Salt Separation

A team of fourteen from Salt Separation took part in the Greater Manchester 10k on Sunday 26th May to help Springhill, and have so far raised an incredible **£1,390** plus **£316.25** in gift aid.



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Lake to Lake Challenge

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06

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SEP
07

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14

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14

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OCT
05

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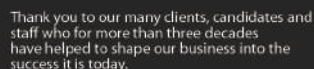
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