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Welcome from John Hickey, C.E.O. of St. Vincent's Foundation



Welcome

We welcome all readers to this, our Spring issue of “*Friends of St. Vincent’s*”. Through the magazine you will read really positive stories of support for the hospital and our patients. It has been a very fruitful year particularly in respect of the projects and improvements that we have been able to assist.

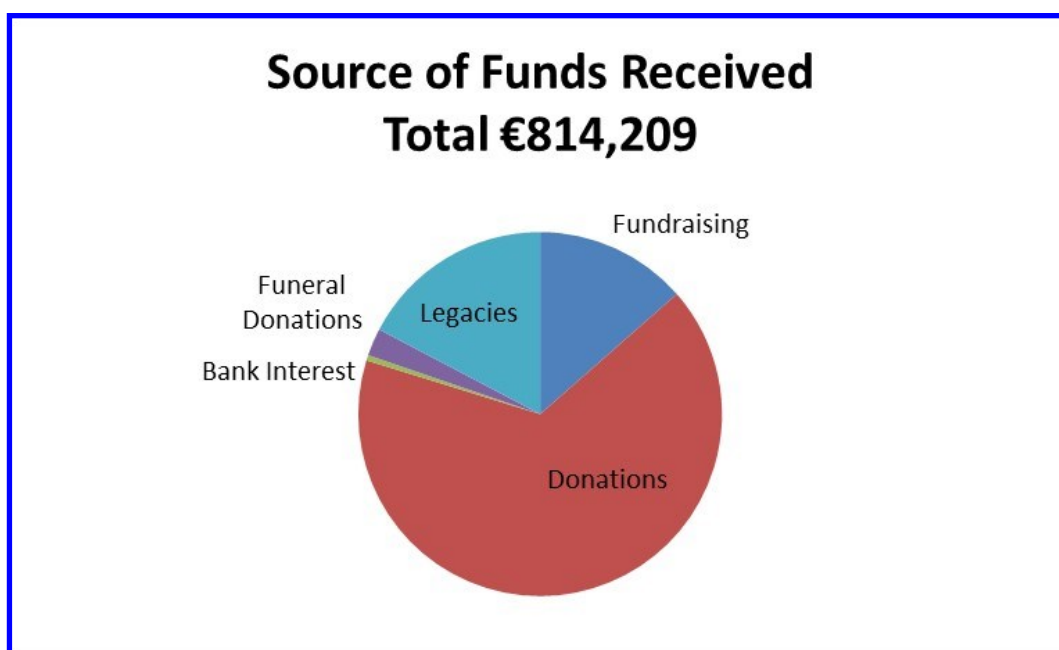
Because this is the first edition since 2017 year-end we start by reporting on the performance for the year. Full details of our accounts, as always are available on our website www.stvincentsfoundation.ie.

2017 Business and Financial Summary

Income:

During 2017 St. Vincent’s Foundation received €814,209. These came from donations, bequests, fundraising events, donations in lieu of funeral flowers and other minor sources. This was an increase of 61% on 2016.

The chart below demonstrates the full breakdown of funds received.



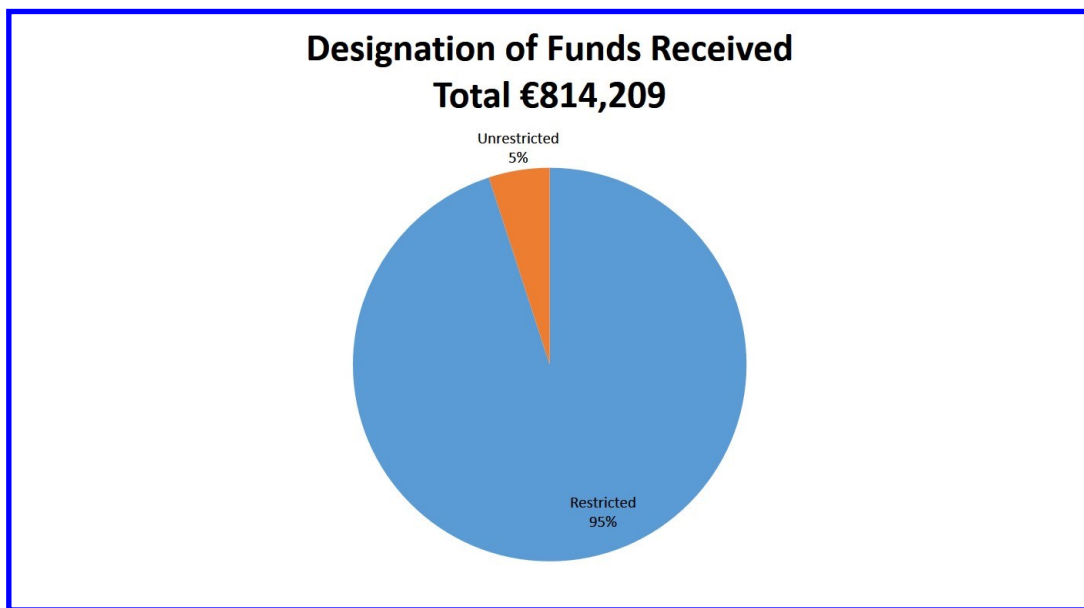
The first half of the year generated €520,918 of the total income with €293,291 received in the second half.

2017 Business & Financial Summary

The 61% increase was very welcome with substantial growth in Donations from Pharmaceutical companies and Philanthropic funds in support of research projects. There were also a record number of bequests totalling €140,900. Fundraising by a wide range of supporters and events continued to be very Important, as well as the very generous decision by many bereaved families to request donations to St. Vincent's in lieu of funeral flowers.

Reclaims of taxation on donations are included in the overall donation figure.

€769,722 of funds received were restricted to specific causes with just €40,598 unrestricted.



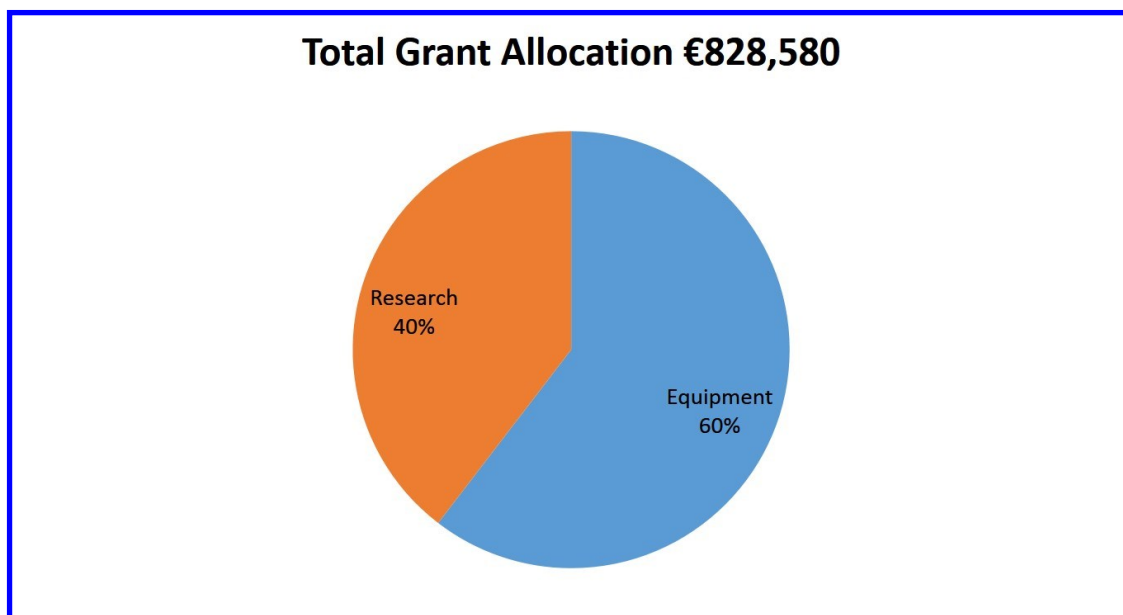
Individual details of all receipts are shown on the website

Grants:

During the year we made grant disbursements of €828,580. This is an increase of 232% over 2016. Often the variation in grant allocation is connected to timing of purchase or where a supported project is in gestation for some time. €500,614 of total grants was provided to support the acquisition of Medical and Surgical equipment. €327,906 was contributed to Research projects.

The most significant single contribution in 2017, and indeed since the formation of St. Vincent's Foundation, was a grant of €500,000 towards the Da Vinci Robotic Surgery system which is already proving a huge success.

2017 Business & Financial Summary contd.....



All Grants are shown separately on our website

Expenses:

St. Vincent's Foundation continues to operate on a voluntary basis with no salaries or wages. Costs therefore amounted to just €19,753 (2016 €21,761). Principal expenses are fees for accounting, legal and insurance, website hosting and maintenance and production of our twice-yearly donor's magazine **Friends of St. Vincent's**. Together these cost c.€10,000. Travel costs, telephone costs, commission payments to EverydayHero for online donations, depreciation and financial charges made up the balance.

Starting 2018:

As we look forward to 2018 and beyond, we are very pleased to report that there are many fundraising projects being planned by our kind supporters. Many of these are building on previous ventures and equally a lot are brand new. We will, as usual, be updating on these in future issues.

We hope you enjoy the content here and any feedback is always welcome

John Hickey,
C.E.O. (Voluntary), St. Vincent's Foundation

Our Commitment to Donors & Fundraisers

As a voluntary organisation, St. Vincent's Foundation assures donors and fundraisers, that every cent raised goes to the intended cause.

We can do this because the quite minimal costs involved in managing the Foundation are covered by donations from our Business Partners, many of whom have been supporting us for many years. We also defray costs by a small amount of bank interest.

However you choose to help St. Vincent's you are assured that all your donation goes to your selected cause without deduction of costs.

We are a voluntary organisation dedicated to raising funds for patients care, research and education in St. Vincent's.

***All donations and grants are shown on our website
www.stvincentsfoundation.ie***

St. Vincent's Healthcare Group comprises St. Vincent's University Hospital, Elm Park, Dublin 4 (affiliated with University College Dublin); St. Vincent's Private Hospital, Elm Park, Dublin 4 and St. Michael's Hospital, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.



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Patient & Family Quotes

With over 90,000 treated in St. Vincent's each year, the feedback from those patients and their families is very important.

Many of the remarks are related to "end of life" and we have edited some to ensure patient confidentiality. The comments should therefore be viewed accordingly. The sample below demonstrates something of the relationship between St. Vincent's and our patients.

"What I want to express to you in the strongest terms, is the gratitude and the memories we have of the care and consideration that was shown to ___ during her sojourn in St. Vincent's"

".....was confined as an inpatient for a couple of days and despite the numerous other more serious patients, she was treated comfortably and received pleasantries and hospitality beyond all expectations and for that I thank you"

"..... that she is getting the best of care in the most gentle and efficient way"

"Thank you for making me feel safe and welcome..."

"We'll be sending a card into the team in Intensive Care shortly to thank them, but I just wanted you to know how very much we appreciate the care and attention that Mum received from everyone."

"They do the most incredible job, dealing with patients and families at the worst of times. The care, attention and respect that they showed my Mum through the 6 weeks, not to mention the time, understanding and consideration shown to us... we take a huge amount of comfort from all of this, and we're incredibly grateful to everyone."

"Special thanks for the excellent care I received"

"We appreciate the chance for new life he was given and also the compassionate care he always received in St. Vincents"

"I could not have received better care and attention. To a man and woman they work extremely hard and perhaps sometimes they don't really appreciate how much they are valued. Thank you once again to them all."

"Our heartfelt thanks to all who looked after and cared for our beloved....."

"Thank you to all the amazing nurses, doctors, staff etc."

"Thank you to all the staff for giving her a special Christmas Day"

"It is I who must thank St Vincent's for the excellent care I had in A & E and St Paul's Ward when I fell ill at the beginning of this month. I have been so impressed by my various experiences at St Vincent's - three in the last three years - and by the underlying organisation which keeps everything functioning so smoothly."

Fundraising Highlights

In the following pages we detail many of the events that contribute to huge support for purchases and activities in our hospitals and in enabling the many research projects that, over time, improve our capacity to care for patients and enhance their outcomes. Mostly they can be summarised as follows:

- ◆ **Personal Donations.** Usually done on a confidential basis where the donor wishes to make a difference but not be publicly identified. We always respect this and, if in doubt, do not name benefactors.
- ◆ **Fundraisers.** Ranging from personal participation in large events to uniquely organised functions, these are a major contributor to our funds. The creativity involved is amazing.
- ◆ **Contributions from Pharmaceutical Companies.** In support of specific research projects or healthcare initiatives, these companies grants are very important in pursuing our aims of improving the medical environment for our patients.
- ◆ **Bequests.** Increasingly in recent years we have seen that people are setting down what they want to happen after their death and often including a gift to a preferred charity. In our case this frequently is for a specific cause in the hospital. Legacy income in 2017 was in excess of €140,000 and nearly €23,000 so far this year. St. Vincent's is a partner and supporter of **My Legacy** to advance this in Ireland.
- ◆ **Retiring Funds.** An unusual development in 2017 was where two funds that had themselves been fundraising for specific causes decided to close their funds and transfer the balance to St. Vincent's Foundation - both in support of our Liver Unit. We are grateful to the Trustees for this decision.
- ◆ **Donations in lieu of funeral flowers.** These continue to be a most generous source of support. The generosity is all the more remarkable given the sadness affecting the bereaved families at the time.
- ◆ **Wedding favours.** On a much happier note, we are always delighted when couple decide to include a gift to St. Vincent's, as part of their wedding plans, instead of Wedding Favours on their great day.
- ◆ **Tax Refunds.** In some circumstances personal donations can allow us to make a claim from the Revenue for a tax rebate which increases the value of the donation at no further cost to the donor. We encourage donors to sign the necessary certificate where appropriate.
- ◆ **Collection Boxes.** Each year these boxes throughout the hospital raise nearly €10,000 which is a very welcome addition.
- ◆ **Standing Orders.** We take the opportunity to thank the people who, over time, have created Standing Orders for regular payments to St. Vincent's Foundation. Many of these have been running for many years and we really appreciate each and every one.
- ◆ **Phone Recycling.** As well as assisting us with funds, this is environmentally helpful. We have a recycling box at main reception in the hospital. We are grateful to donors and the person who pays for the phones.

A big, big thank you all involved and we hope you will enjoy and be inspired by the stories that follow.



Fundraising Highlights continued.....

Christmas Cards & Raffle for Pancreatic Cancer

Our 2017 Christmas Cards and Christmas Raffle campaigns were in support of Pancreatic Cancer in St. Vincent's. The Christmas Raffle Draw took place on Tuesday 19th December.

Thank you to all our staff, patients and supporters who contributed to a very successful draw.



The total proceeds of our Christmas Card / Raffle sales was just over €7,700.

We want to especially thank all our colleagues who sold raffle tickets at Main Reception in the hospital, in St. Vincent's Private Hospital and KSG for their contribution to this terrific success.

Congratulations to all who won prizes in our raffle, which included staff, patients and visitors.

We are particularly thankful to the following who generously donated prizes for our Christmas Raffle

Bianconi's Bistro, Merrion Road

Gowan Motors Merrion

Home Instead Senior Care

Merrion Inn

Jim Mitchell

Remané Jewellers Merrion S.C.

Tara Towers Hotel

Tony Tracey

Goodbodys

Harbour Mill Westport

KSG

Maddeleana Merrigan

Noonans

Talbot Hotel Stillorgan

Tony Walsh's Allcare Pharmacy

Gloria Winterlich



Fundraising Highlights continued.....

Killeshandra fundraising for patient care:

Thank you to a group from Killeshandra, County Cavan who donated €390 for patient care from a raffle held during the Harry O'Reilly Memorial Bike Run in Killeshandra last Autumn.

Kasia's Everest Base Camp fundraising for Cancer Research in St. Vincent's:

Well done to SVUH employee Kasia Marcinowska who took part in the arduous and challenging Everest Base Camp trek in October. This was a 3 week trek in Nepal from Lukla to the Basecamp of Mount Everest. On the way to the Basecamp Kasia faced different challenges including altitude effects and extreme weather conditions. Kasia fundraised for Cancer Research here in St. Vincent's and raised €448.09 for this cause.

Kasia is pictured on her amazing adventure



St. Vincent's Charity Ball 2018:

Every year the contemporary committee of St. Vincent's Rugby Club organises a Charity Ball to benefit particular causes in St. Vincent's Hospital.

The hardworking committee this year, under the guidance of Robbie Murphy, had a most successful event, raising €2,000 for Pancreatic Cancer Research here in St. Vincent's.



Organising the Ball is a very taxing challenge for this amazing group, who are simultaneously engaged in demanding medical studies and placements. We particularly appreciate their achievement.

Thanks again to all concerned, on behalf of our patients.



Remembrance Run 2017 in memory of Moira Furey R.I.P.:

For many years Dermot Furey and his family and friends have fundraised for Pancreatic Cancer care in St Vincent's. Once again they took part in the annual Remembrance Run in November in the Phoenix Park. Their generosity, not to speak of their energy, contributed almost €2,000 to this important cause.

Pictured taking part on the day are Peter O'Hara, Dermot Furey, Gerry Murphy, Mick O'Hara & David Furey.

Fundraising Highlights continued.....



Transplant Party for the Liver Unit:

One of the most novel fundraising events took place in Birr, County Offaly on Friday 8th December.

The Community Nursing Unit in Birr organised a fundraising “Transplant Party”. Lead by Nuala Murray (*pictured second from left with work colleagues*) Cathy McCormack and Gillian Cooper, the party raised €2,500, which is a magnificent result. There was a big attendance on the night, having sold over 200 tickets. They held a

fundraising raffle with donated prizes from the local community who enthusiastically supported the event.

The group came up with this idea because a retiring colleague wanted to mark the occasion with a positive fundraising event and the Unit had direct experience of the benefits of liver transplant.

We would like to thank Cathy, Nuala & Gillian for organising the event. Special thanks to all who assisted, donated prizes and to Dooley’s Hotel.

St. Michael’s College Support for St. Vincent’s:

For many years the students of St. Michael’s College have been selling Christmas trees to raise money for charities including St. Vincent’s Foundation. Through their efforts they have financed important investments in the hospital for which we are most grateful.

This year they have again been most supportive donating €2,500 to St. Vincent’s. This money will be deployed towards a current project to purchase Scalp Cooling Units for patients undergoing chemotherapy.

As he accepted the cheque from School Management and a large group of students John Hickey spoke to them about the work of the Foundation and the many projects that have been enabled by kindness such as they have displayed. This included the use of Scalp Cooling units. There followed a question and answer session where the boys showed enormous interest and empathy with the work for patients in the hospital and some of the recent initiatives.

On behalf of our patients now and in the future we give them a great big thank you.

Pictured are some of the First Year Students and Vice Principal Aidan O’Donnell presenting the fundraising proceeds to John Hickey, St. Vincent’s Foundation



Fundraising Highlights continued.....

Hazel Brack's Pink Day - Breast Cancer fundraising:

Hazel Brack has been one of the finest fundraisers for many years in St. Vincent's and we are indebted to her on behalf of our patients.

On October 27th last, Hazel again arranged a Pink Day fundraising in Dunne's Stores Cornelscourt.

The event raised €2,765 for this very important cause.

The store management and staff, as well as Hazel's family were enthusiastic contributors to this huge success and we thank them.

Hazel has now raised almost €29,000 for Breast Cancer Care and Research.

Sincere thanks again to all involved in this.

Hazel is pictured along with Store Manager Pdraig Carney presenting the proceeds to John Hickey



Dublin Marathon 2017 fundraising for the Liver Unit & I.C.U. :

Patrick Farrell (*pictured*) took part in the Dublin Marathon to raise funds for the Liver Unit in St. Vincent's. Patrick's efforts raised €1,030.78 which is a terrific result and we thank him on behalf of our patients.

Conor Owens and 3 friends from County Galway also took part in the Dublin Marathon and raised €1,255.00 for the Intensive Care & Liver Units.



Fundraising Highlights continued.....

Christine Kearney's Easter Raffle for Breast Cancer:

We are now at the 9th anniversary of Christine Kearney's fundraising raffle. The final result from this year's event was a new record of €3,080 for an Easter Raffle.

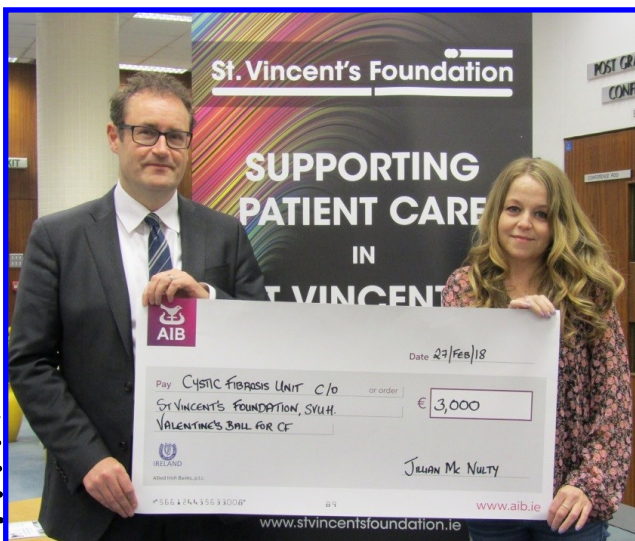
Over the years, Christine and her friends Catherine & Katie have raised in excess of €37,000 for Breast Cancer care and research in St. Vincent's. This outstanding financial contribution is mirrored by the spectacle that they always create at these events (*see photos*). It is most motivating for patients, families and staff.

In this year's result Christine asked us to acknowledge the specific contribution of Stephanie O'Neill. We are delighted to do so. Our sincere thanks again for this superb support for our patients.



Jillian McNulty's Valentine's Ball for C.F.:

Jillian McNulty has been one of our most consistent and ingenious fundraisers, organising a terrific range of fundraising events for Cystic Fibrosis.



This year Jillian had a Valentines Ball on 10th February in Lough Rynn Castle. The night was a tremendous success and generated a total of €6,000, shared equally between the C.F. Unit here in St. Vincent's and Cystic Fibrosis Ireland.

As we highlight this great event we should also mention that Jillian presented a further €250 to C.F. here from the County Longford Golf Club Ladies Committee. Gillian is tireless in her support and we really appreciate it.

Thank you Jillian.

Pictured is Jillian presenting €3,000 for the C.F. Unit in St. Vincent's to Prof. Edward McKone, Consultant Respiratory Physician in SVUH

Fundraising Highlights continued.....

Eamonn & Mary Burke's St. Stephen's Day Charity Swim 26/12/2017 in aid of the Liver Unit: When the rest of us are enjoying the relaxation of the Christmas and New Year periods, Eamonn & Mary Burke from Arklow have been busy organising a sponsored Swim to raise funds for the Liver Unit here in St. Vincent's.



The 2017 event raised the massive total of €4,200. This means that, over the 8 years or so, this event has raised in excess of €43,000 for this vital medical area and has contributed enormously to our capacity to serve patients. It has also grown year on year in terms of the number of participants.

Mary & Eamonn always emphasise that this is a community effort which would not be possible without the contribution of sponsors and participants each year. We are really thankful to all concerned.

Thank you Eamonn & Mary for this wonderful support.

See photos of Eamonn & Mary Burke presenting their fundraising proceeds and also a selection of photos taken on the day of the Swim.



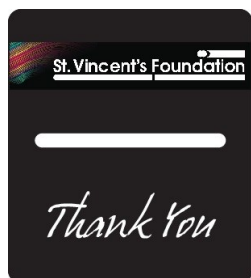
2018 Women's Mini Marathon:

The 2018 VHI Women's Marathon is taking place on Sunday 3rd June.

Best of luck to the many participants, fundraising for different causes here in St. Vincent's. We will have an update on this event in our next edition.

We are so indebted to all our supporters mentioned here and to many more not listed. Some donors do not want to be identified and we always respect that.

How we handle your money



Regular readers will be familiar with this page which we reproduce in each edition as we feel it is important to demonstrate both our activities but also our consistent policy in dealing with donations.

Donations: *In line with our privacy policy we generally do not highlight specific donors unless they specifically request to be identified. Most donors want confidentiality and we always respect that.*

Personal details of **Donors** will remain confidential unless SVF is specifically requested by the Donor to publicise them. Otherwise Donors will be able to recognise their own donation by reference on that page to the donation date and amount and by the cause, if they have specified one.

Fundraisers will be individually identified in the publicly accessible database, if they have requested to be identified, by name and amount raised. Otherwise they will be able to recognise their contribution by reference to the presentation date and amount and specific cause if nominated.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank those many, many generous people who give money to assist us in our work.

Many couples getting married decide to make a contribution instead of wedding favours on their special day. Normally we are asked for table displays for the wedding reception and we are of course very happy to provide them. We thank all those couples as we wish them a long and happy married life.



On the sad occasion of the loss of a loved one, many families request a donation to a named charity in lieu of funeral flowers. St. Vincent's frequently benefits from this generosity. This is most appreciated. We always advise the family of donations received and also acknowledge directly to the donor. As we thank these families we would like to acknowledge the Funeral Directors who assist people who wish to donate.

We continue to receive donations in lieu of Court fines and we are very grateful to the Court staff who support this.

Finally we must thank those people who, completely anonymously, support our collection boxes so generously throughout the hospital.

For details of all donations, fundraising and spending, please see our website www.stvincentsfoundation.ie

On the website also, you can read our Income and Grants policies.



Donors making a difference

In the pages that follow we demonstrate the practical impact that donors and fundraisers have had on patient care in St. Vincent's Hospital. Here we feature investments in patient and family comforts, and equipment financed by donors through St. Vincent's Foundation

Donation to Intensive Care Unit:

Following a stay in St. Vincent's a patient donated an amazing €50,000 to the Foundation. As a result we were able to support major investment in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and there is more to follow from these funds.

Arrangements are underway for re-upholstering of the furniture in the family rooms in ICU. This will be of great benefit to many people who spend much time in the Unit, often in difficult circumstances.



Three Specialist Intensive Care chairs were recently acquired for the Unit. These chairs are electrically powered and wonderfully engineered, giving superb flexibility in usage.

ICU management report that the chairs have been a huge success for patient comfort and for enabling better access for patients and treating staff. The result is a great benefit for our care in ICU. We will also be able to invest in technology to assist communication from patients who are unable to speak. We will report more in subsequent editions of this magazine. On everybody's behalf we sincerely thank that donor.



Specialist Acute Care Unit beds:

St. Vincent's Foundation was delighted to approve the purchase of five Specialist electric beds for St. Joseph's Ward and the Acute Care Unit.

These very specialised beds are of great benefit to patients in these wards enabling more efficient care. All controls for adjusting or moving the beds are integral to the beds. This also means that they can be more easily cleaned which is very important.

Weighing scales in St. Anne's Oncology:

Enabled by kind donations for St. Anne's Oncology, SVF

funded the purchase of 20 standing weighing scales for St. Anne's Ward. A weighing scales per room was required to ensure accuracy of weight checking and to minimise the risk to patients of cross-infection.

Each room in the ward now has it's own scales which is effective for patients and staff.

While a project like this seems minimal, it is very important and would not ever be possible without donor and fundraising support.



Donors making a difference continued.....

Creation of Hyperacute Stroke Unit:

This is a recent project supported by St. Vincent's Foundation.

In 2014 St. Vincent's University Hospital (SVUH) implemented a Stroke Unit (SU) consisting of 10 beds which are located in Our Lady's Ward. These beds are specifically targeted at patients over 65 years of age presenting with stroke, with the SU caring for these patients in the initial 2 weeks of their stroke.

The development of organised and focused stroke care as undertaken in SVUH has been shown nationally and internationally to reduce disability and mortality associated with stroke. Parallel to this targeted concentration of resources; significant advances have been made over the last ten years in the medical management of the hyperacute stroke patient i.e. those patients within six hours from onset of their stroke. Intravenous thrombolysis together with thrombectomy for patients with evidence of ischaemic stroke has been shown to be a major advance, whilst aggressive blood pressure control in the haemorrhagic stroke patient can also improve outcomes.

Assisted by St. Vincent's Foundation funding, SVUH is now installing a monitored telemetry system into its hyper acute stroke unit (HASU) so as to develop 4 designated Hyperacute Stroke beds.

These beds would be utilised for all stroke patients of all ages and would be used to enable continual physiologically monitoring of these patients 24 hours per day / 7 days per week for a period of up to 72 hours.

The specific benefits of this investment are the following:

- ◆ Single point of entry for all stroke patients into the specialised stroke service, thereby permitting early referral and access to the full specialist multi- disciplinary team;
- ◆ Access to early specialist assessment;
- ◆ Monitoring of the hyperacute stroke patient either post thrombolysis or following thrombectomy directly by the stroke service;
- ◆ Monitoring of the severe hypertensive stroke patients who requires active IV drug management of their hypertension;
- ◆ Development of a neurological protocol to identify and management of patients who suffer Early Neurological Deterioration (END) which may occur in up to 20% of stroke patients; and
- ◆ Creation of specialist unit for hyperacute stroke that may become a key attractor for recruitment and retention of clinical staff with an interest in this area.

SVF support for this vital initiative would not have been possible without the generous fundraising and donations from *Friends of St. Vincent's*. Sincere thanks to them all.



Research News

Pancreas Transplant Programme

Over the last couple of years St Vincent's Foundation has been receiving financial support for Pancreatic care and for the Pancreatic Transplant programme. The patients affected and their families are very dependent on positive developments in this area. We are delighted that the team in charge of this most important programme has provided this edition of Friends of St. Vincent's with an insight into its history and progress. We hope readers will find it interesting.



Pancreas transplantation is a highly specialised procedure that was first performed in the USA in 1966 with the objective of replacing the need for insulin therapy in people with Type I Diabetes Mellitus (T1DM).

Since then, simultaneous pancreas-kidney (SPK) transplantation has evolved both technically, and with the development of new immunosuppressive therapy. This therapy is now widely accepted as an optimal therapeutic option for highly selected patients with type I diabetes mellitus (T1DM) and end-stage renal disease.

Pancreas Transplantation started in Ireland in 1992 in Beaumont Hospital under the leadership of Consultant Surgeon Mr David Hickey. Over the time period from 1992 – 2014 147 pancreas transplants were carried out. Most of these were simultaneous pancreas and kidney transplants (SPK) but a small number were pancreas after kidney (PAK) or pancreas transplants alone (PTA). Arising from a shortage of transplant surgeons in Beaumont Hospital, when Mr Hickey retired, the programme was

suspended for a period of time. In 2015 the Health Service Executive approached St. Vincent's University Hospital (SVUH) and it was agreed that the pancreatic programme would be transferred to SVUH under the auspices of the hepatobiliary team. This transfer was deemed the most sustainable solution to enable the development of the national specialist service. The surgical teams from Beaumont Hospital and SVUH work closely together, in SVUH, to carry out SPK transplants.

SVUH was established as the home of the National Pancreas Transplant Programme in 2016.

Over the following months all staff that were to be involved with the programme underwent training, with some staff travelling to Edinburgh to work alongside colleagues in the pancreas transplant centre there. A variety of educational approaches were taken including e-learning modules, study days, lectures and workshops. All of the relevant documents, policies, procedures and guidelines required for the development and operation of a national programme were written and approved within a Quality Management System that ensures adherence to all of the legislative requirements for a solid organ transplant programme. A licence for pancreas transplantation was granted by the Human Products Regulatory Authority in late 2016.



The programme starts with referral of the potential recipient by their local nephrology or endocrinology team and follows through assessment and decision making to listing and waiting for a suitable organ, transplantation and post-operative follow up.

Research News continued.....



SVUH provides a Consultant led Pancreas Transplant Service for those patients with Type I Diabetes. Mr Tom Gallagher (*pictured on the left*) and Dr John Holian (*pictured on the right*) have taken the lead in this matter.



Patients who require a simultaneous pancreas and kidney transplant are cared for in SVUH by a multi-disciplinary team which combines the expertise of the surgical team and nephrologists in SVUH, with the renal transplant team from Beaumont Hospital. The transplant team undertook a roadshow around the renal dialysis centres to introduce ourselves, present the new programme and introduce the assessment and referral form.

To date more than 40 patients have been referred for consideration for pancreas and kidney transplant. Almost two-thirds of these have been presented and listed for simultaneous pancreas and kidney transplant with the remainder being considered for kidney transplant alone or pancreas after kidney transplant. The majority of patients are under 50 years of age and have been referred from all over the country. All patients being listed for transplant attend a patient information and consent day with their family members or support person. This contributes to the formal and informal educational opportunities provided to this client group in order that they gain a clear understanding of pancreas and kidney transplant, including the potential risks and benefits and the role they need to play to support their care and empower their decision making. A procedure specific consent form is used to document their decisions in consultation with the transplant team.

While on the waiting list, patients are managed in their local referral unit with an annual review in SVUH. However, patients are contacted on a regular basis by phone to maintain an up to date record of their condition and complications and the transplant team liaises closely with the referring team.

Up to the present time, 7 pancreas and kidney transplants have been carried out at SVUH, 5 in 2017 and 2 further transplants in 2018. It is hoped that the numbers will increase this year, but this is limited by the number of suitable pancreas and kidney donors available.

As we emphasise the impact of financial donations and fundraising on the success of this programme we also want to stress the importance of as many people as possible carrying donor cards



Ways you can Help St. Vincent's

Tax Reclaim for Charities

As a registered charity, donations to St Vincent's Foundation can be enhanced when we can reclaim tax on the amount donated. The process is quite simple and we describe it here.

From January 2013, for all donations of €250 or more in a given tax year the receiving charity receives a tax rebate for the charity provided the donor/taxpayer had paid tax of this amount or more in the relevant tax period.

Because donations are made from "after-tax" income the tax reclaim is calculated to refund the amount of tax that would have been deducted and the taxation rate used is 31%.

The benefit to charities is best demonstrated by an example as follows: where a donor gives €500 during 2017 to St Vincent's Foundation the €500 is considered to be what was left after the donor had paid tax. At a rate of 31% this gross amount before deduction of tax is calculated at €724.65. If the donor has paid a minimum of €224.65 in tax in 2017 the Revenue will repay this amount (€224.65) to St. Vincent's Foundation thereby increasing the value of the donation by almost 45%. Relevant donors complete and sign a Revenue CHY4 form, which we will provide and the tax reclaimed is very worthwhile as it substantially increases the income to charities at no further cost to donors.

Fundraising Events

These are one of the biggest sources of financial support and are covered extensively in this magazine.

Are you thinking of taking part in a fundraising event?

If so, please consider choosing St. Vincent's Foundation as your chosen charity
You can select the cause within the Foundation you would like your money to go to
All monies received will go directly to your chosen cause and patient care

Contact us now for a sponsorship pack on 01-2215065

or

Email: stvincentsfoundation@svhg.ie



EverydayHero (formerly MyCharity) Affiliation

Don't forget our partner in fundraising **EverydayHero (formerly mycharity.ie)**
This is a really useful way to organise fundraising for sponsored events.

If anyone is considering participating in any type of sponsored event, it is worth visiting the website. Literally any kind of event can be put up.

Everydayhero is an online fundraising platform just like MyCharity.ie, allowing people to raise money for their favourite causes or to give donations directly to them.

MyChairty.ie has now evolved into Everydayhero and is now fully mobile and is optimised to work on smart phones. It includes a range of engaging features for fundraisers to post photos, blog posts and even share their training effort with their friends and family.

See further details on www.everydayhero.ie

Donations can be made by

Tel: 1850 603 803

Via Our Website

www.stvincentsfoundation.ie

Or

Pick up one of our leaflets in the hospital

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