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Manchester United players Wayne Rooney and Juan Mata kick-started our £12 million state of the art Palatine Treatment Centre.

The players visited as The Christie is an official charity partner of Manchester United. Meeting staff and patients, they took part in a penalty shoot-out to officially launch the new centre and open the dedicated gym, funded thanks to the generous support of Manchester United.

First class treatment and care

The Christie’s new Palatine Treatment Centre will provide first class treatment, care and facilities for our teenage cancer patients and all inpatients with blood-related cancers.

Opening to patients in June 2014, the new centre has been made possible thanks to the generous supporters of The Christie charity who raised an incredible £10 million towards this development.

So it is thanks to the tremendous generosity of our fundraisers and donors that we have been able to build this world class facility for our cancer patients.

Integrated services

Our young patients often had to use the facilities and receive specialist treatment within our haematology and transplant unit as around a third have blood-related cancers such as leukaemia and lymphoma. So we decided to relocate and integrate both the existing young oncology and haematology and transplant unit into one purpose built facility.
Patients in our Brachytherapy and Molecular Radiotherapy Unit have been benefitting from ‘virtual windows’ thanks to generous donations from charity supporters.

Around £220,000 was raised to fund ‘sky technology’ - incredible moving imagery which creates virtual windows to the outside world for cancer patients undergoing treatment where they have to remain in isolation.

The ‘virtual windows’ are essentially screens which are placed on the ceiling to simulate the sky. There are also smaller screens for walls which create windows with different views of the sea, landscapes and waterfalls.

Consultant at The Christie, Dr Jacqueline Livsey, said; “We know that many patients can feel isolated and claustrophobic so these ceilings and windows cleverly use artificial light and colour temperature to give the illusion of natural light pouring into the rooms. This is proven to have an uplifting effect on patients’ moods and stress levels which, in turn, helps them to manage the isolation period and enables them to finish their treatment.”

A mum of two from Gorton, who is being treated for breast cancer, has been praising the benefits of complementary therapy during cancer treatment.

Tracey Bradley, 44, said; “I started chemotherapy in December and one of the side effects I was finding particularly difficult to deal with was nausea.

“I mentioned this to my nurse and she told me that The Christie can offer complementary therapy to patients if they are finding treatment hard or even just for relaxation. I now have reflexology whenever I have my chemotherapy and the difference it’s made is enormous.”

Our award winning complementary therapy service supports patients and carers through all stages of their cancer journey. The team offers a range of therapies, all free of charge, such as massage, aromatherapy, acupuncture, reflexology, therapeutic touch, hypnotherapy techniques and creative visualisation, which all help to alleviate difficult emotions and symptoms. The therapies can be offered either on the ward, or in our dedicated complementary therapy department.

Our complementary therapy service is self-funded through running training courses, fundraising events and charity donations.
**Patient’s life saved by innovative umbilical cord transplant**

Our experts saved a 60 year old grandfather’s life by carrying out a successful umbilical cord stem cell transplant.

David Pyne, from Baguley, underwent the transplant in September 2013 after exhausting all other treatment options for leukaemia.

Now the father of four said; “I was truly amazed when my doctor at The Christie said we could use this option. “To think two newborns saved an old man’s life is just marvellous and it’s given me more time with my own grandchildren.”

Dr Mike Dennis, director of the haematology and transplant unit, said; “Umbilical cord blood is very rich in stem cells, which being so immature has phenomenal regenerative powers. These were a great, alternative source of cells for David, in fact the only option, as after a worldwide search he had no other available donor.

“Also, as the cord blood immune system is so immature, the recipient is able to accept the stem cells better and therefore accept less well-matched cells, making it easier to find donor and recipient matches.”

This relatively new technique is available on the NHS and we carried out six of these types of transplants during 2013/2014. Patients with cancers such as leukaemia need blood stem cells to replace their own damaged cells.

David was diagnosed with leukaemia following routine blood tests in August 2012. He began chemotherapy and blood transfusions.

David, who is married to Susan, said; “In 2012 we then began looking at the possibility of adult donors - but there was no family match and no other donors were suitable. Getting down to the nitty gritty, my life expectancy at that time was around 12 to 18 months.

“Things were looking pretty grim until I got the breakthrough news about the possibility of an umbilical cord stem cell transplant. The team from The Christie managed to find two separate umbilical cord donors who were a good match - one from France and one from America.

“I just felt elated - it was something to hope for, like a lifeline was being thrown to you. So I just grabbed it with both hands and hoped for the best.”

In September 2013, David was admitted to The Christie to have the transplant and was an inpatient for six weeks. Stem cells from the second cord began to work very slowly and gradually David’s blood count began to improve.

He added; “The staff were excellent, encouraging and really helped me through. Again it was a very worrying time but as you see your blood count climbing all the time it gives you more positive thoughts.

“It was a slow process to regain my strength but the outlook is good. I have weekly check-ups at The Christie but my blood count is going in the right direction and I’m hoping to go back to work.”

**Date for your diary:**

**Annual Members’ Meeting and Open Day** at The Christie, Saturday 13th September. From 10.00am – 3.00pm, there will be tours, drop-in sessions as well as The Christie Friends’ Summer Fair. The AMM begins at 2.00pm. Look out for more details.

**Make a brew, Make a difference**

Cuppa for The Christie, our new campaign, makes it easy for you to raise money to fight cancer. You just need to put the kettle on. Whether you like tea, herbal tea, latte or flat white, hot chocolate or mochachino, every cup will make a difference to people with cancer.

You can enjoy a brew and a slice of cake at home with your family, charge colleagues each time you make them a brew or sip expressos in a local coffee bar with friends.

It’s your cuppa, it’s your choice. Visit www.christies.org/cuppa for downloadable posters, invitations, bunting, collection mug wraps and to register for your FREE Cuppa for The Christie fundraising pack. Alternatively you can call 0161 446 3988. Now on sale in The Christie charity centre at Oak Road reception are Christie cuppa bone china cups and travel mugs.

Send us your mug shot with your favourite mug and your favourite brew to web@christie.nhs.uk or tweet us @Thechrisie and use the hashtag #CuppaChristie

**Wigan couple celebrate 25 years of fundraising**

Bob and Ilse Splaine are celebrating hitting the quarter of a century mark. The couple, both 79, from Atherton, were determined to reach this fundraising milestone after Ilse was given a second chance of life after being treated at The Christie.

They are now looking forward to officially ‘retiring’ from fundraising having raised an incredible £70,000. In 1988, Ilse was given just two months to live following surgery for advanced cancer of the abdomen and ovaries. Bob asked for a second opinion and Ilse was referred to The Christie, where she underwent a successful course of chemotherapy.

Former Christie patient Ilse said; “I have enjoyed everything I have done for The Christie over the last 25 years, it is my way of saying a big thank you. We worked hard at it and we’ve had some amazing times, but we always felt The Christie was a place of excellence which is why we wanted to give something back.”

Over the years the couple, who have one son, two granddaughters and a three month old great-grandson, have organised countless events including raffles, tombolas at summer fairs, mulled wine tasting evenings, car boot sales and collections.

But perhaps their most famous events were the tremendously popular ‘strawberry fairs’ which the couple hosted at their home every year for 16 years. Bob and Ilse have also done a trio of big sponsored walks – a 102-mile trek along the Coastway Walk, along the entire length of Hadrian’s Wall and 23 miles from Manchester to Wigan Pier along the canal.

Their fundraising has helped to pay for equipment such as chemotherapy pumps, vital research into cancer and supported building developments.

Bob added; “Since 1988, we’ve had a fantastic 25 years – that we wouldn’t have had without The Christie – so we wanted to give something back to the hospital that gave Ilse all those precious years and many more to come.”

The couple are now looking forward to spending more time working on their allotment and seeing family.

Comedian Jason Manford said; “It’s a pleasure and a privilege to support The Christie charity’s new Cuppa for The Christie appeal. There’s nothing better than a good brew – so I would urge everyone to put the kettle on and do what they can to raise money for cancer patients at The Christie.”
Manchester business leaders go ‘behind bars’

Business leaders from across Manchester raised almost £18,000 for our patients by being ‘locked up’ for the day. Current President of the Insurance Institute of Manchester, Barry Thompson, persuaded other bosses to go behind bars in the Victorian cells of the Greater Manchester Police Museum.

The ‘Lock Up Your Boss’ initiative was part of Barry’s Project 150 to raise £150,000 towards a specialist room in our new oncology and haematology and transplant unit.

Participants donned striped ‘convict’ suits and were marched through the streets of Manchester to the museum on Newton Street to await their fate in the cells. The event, which took place over two days in March, saw senior directors and managers ‘charged’ by magistrates before going behind bars for crimes ranging from dad dancing, not liking cheese and excessive grumpiness.

Participants included Rob Moores Senior Underwriter at QBE, Martin Jackson Director at McParland Finn, Paul Moors CEO at The Bollington Group Ltd and Karen Cartridge at Create Solutions. Huge thanks to everyone who took part.

Praise in recent surveys

Patients have once again praised the care and treatment they’ve received in a national survey focusing on radiotherapy services.

Out of 49 Trusts assessed, The Christie, scored top marks in almost 70% of the survey categories.

The questionnaire asked radiotherapy patients their views on a range of subjects such as, ease of travelling to the hospital, opportunity to ask questions, treatment experience, follow up visits and the overall care and experience.

Pat Lawrence, Radiotherapy Manager at The Christie, says: “We are humbled by the positive response of our patients to the survey. They are very special people and are at the heart of what we do. It’s our privilege to provide a service that combines state of the art technology with high standards of care, respect and dignity.”

We also received excellent results in the annual 2013 national inpatient survey, published in April by the Care Quality Commission, sustaining and building on last year’s success.

The survey shows how NHS trusts score against each other in 58 questions looking at different aspects of the inpatient experience including the hospital and ward, doctors and nurses, care and treatment, and operations and procedures.

Trusts are rated as performing ‘about the same,’ ‘better’ or ‘worse’ compared to other trusts.

Out of 58 questions, The Christie scored ‘better’ than most other trusts in 46 and ‘about the same’ in 12. No questions were ‘worse’ than most other trusts.

The Christie had a response rate of 69% compared with the national response rate of 49%.

The Christie calendar of events 2014

**June**

**Great North Swim – 13th – 15th June**
Dive in and take part in the Great North Swim, an open water swim taking place in beautiful Lake Windermere. The perfect challenge for all abilities, from first-timers to Olympic champions.

**Great Manchester Cycle – 29th June**
Get peddling with the Great Manchester Cycle. Choose to do 13 miles, 26 miles or the full 52 miles.

**July**

**Manchester to Blackpool Bike Ride – 13th July**
Join Team Christie at this popular 60-mile bike ride from Old Trafford to Blackpool.

**Great Manchester Swim – 19th July**
Take the plunge at this unique dock to dock swimming event at Salford Quays.

**August**

**Three Peaks Challenge – 1st – 3rd August**
Tackle the three highest peaks of England, Scotland and Wales in 24 hours with The Christie.

**Ride100 London – 10th August**
Join us at this exciting cycling event taking in the Olympic Road Race Route.

**Salford Triathlon – 17th August**
The iconic triathlon is back at Salford Quays. Whether a first timer or experienced triathlete this is an event not to be missed.

**Manchester 100 – 31st August**
Take this 100km or 100mile bike ride around the glorious Cheshire countryside starting and finishing at Wythenshawe Park.

**September**

**Great North Run – 7th September**
Put your best foot forward at the world’s most iconic half marathon.

**Daredevil Parachute Jump Day – 14th September**
Calling all adrenaline junkies, join Team Christie for a challenge of a lifetime.

**Walk of Hope – 20th September**
Join us for an inspirational 10km evening walk around the beautiful Tatton Park.

**Kilimanjaro Summit Trek – 24th Sept – 4th Oct**
Trek to the roof of Africa, the world’s highest free standing mountain, Mount Kilimanjaro for The Christie and our cancer patients.

**October**

**Night of Neon – 25th October**
Dress to dazzle at this fun filled 10km walk with a difference.

**December**

**Manchester United Santa Run (date tbc)**
Don your best Santa suit at Old Trafford for a festive event like no other.
Community News

Pennies to Pounds

When John and Val Fisher’s daughter Sarah was diagnosed with cancer, they decided they would like to give something back for the fantastic care she was receiving.

Together with her grandmother, Sarah began making small novelty gifts to sell to relatives and friends. Sadly, Sarah passed away during her treatment and a tribute fund was set up in her memory. Her relatives continued to make and sell gifts to raise money towards her fund.

In 2012, John and Val came up with the idea of making small boxes with a slot in the lid, and asked friends to put in a penny a day for a year. Since then, Sarah’s family and friends have raised more than £350 from the boxes. Thank you to John and Val for their continued dedication and support.

Altrincham and Sale group raises £20,000

The latest donation of £20,000 from one of our longest serving fundraising groups, Altrincham and Sale, has helped to fund a new Cliniporator machine, which can improve quality of life for patients with skin cancer or cancers which have spread to the skin.

The machine delivers ‘electrochemotherapy’ to patients and is currently used mainly for melanoma patients.

This latest donation came from events including bucket collections, carol singing and their annual November Charity Day at St Peter’s in Hale.

The Christie at Oldham

Huge thanks to the Mayor of Oldham Councillor John Hudson who choose The Christie at Oldham as one of his chosen charities during his year of office. The Mayor visited earlier this year to hand over a cheque for £4,200.

Lead radiographer at The Christie at Oldham, Julie Davies, said: “Huge thanks to the Mayor of Oldham and everyone who has contributed for this generous donation. The funds raised will go towards a new blood pressure monitor for the centre and four new reclining chairs for our patients. We are so grateful to the people of Oldham who have given us so much support since The Christie opened this centre. These chairs will provide much more comfort for our patients while they are undergoing treatment.”

The League of Friends from Royal Oldham Hospital also recently donated £1,000 for a complementary therapy couch and £250 towards magazines for patients to read in the waiting room.

Chad’s Challenge

Congratulations to Chad’s Challenge and Altrincham Grammar School for Boys for reaching their £50,000 target in memory of much loved relative, friend and pupil Chad Mulholland.

Chad’s Challenge was set up after Chad sadly passed away whilst being treated on our young oncology unit in 2008.

The Christie Grafters

Congratulations to The Christie Grafters who donated a further £12,000 from their fundraising in 2013. Chairperson Lorraine Wallace, treasurer Irene Coy and all at The Christie Grafters have been raising funds for more than 15 years.

The Portfolio Guide Appeal

Thank you to Jim Brown and all at the Portfolio Guide Appeal for their continued support. The money they raised in 2013 paid for a new triple Baxter Chemotherapy pump, which will help a large number of our patients.

Nantwich Christie Hospital Support Group

Since the Nantwich Christie Hospital Support Group began fundraising they have raised over £282,000. Fundraising highlights from 2013 include a ladies race day, the Fizz Fashion Show, the Hankelow Summer Fete and a Flag Day street collection.
A huge thank you to...

The Women’s Trust Fund groups who have raised £104,000 to date for Dr Mark Saunders’ project to fund a cell search machine. The groups continuing to fundraise towards this project include the Women’s Trust Fund Trafford, the Women’s Trust Fund Dukinfield, the Women’s Trust Fund Oldham, and the Women’s Trust Fund Stand Unitarian.

Mo and Bob Cooper who have raised a further £5,200 for Professor Radford’s lymphoma research fund by holding their regular ‘rock n roll’ gigs in Altrincham. This takes their total to £36,300.

Lucy Smith for holding her second successful charity night at St Kentigerns as a thank you for her mum’s continuing treatment. Lucy raised £11,500, which will be split between our new teenage cancer unit and breast cancer research.

Dave Hollin, Chairman of the Macclesfield Fundraising Group, for raising £7,710 as President of Davenport Golf Club. Thanks also to Chris Banfield and Lady Captain Lynda Lomax for their support this year.

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Mary Monaghan from the Manchester Home Team had a leaf put on the Tree of Hope in loving memory of her father Denis Monaghan.

Nicola and Andrew Cameron were also able to have a leaf in memory of their mother Mary Cameron.

Dilys Birch Lough from Alsager Friends of The Christie had a leaf added in memory of her husband Robert Birch Lough.

Lynn Lewis raised funds in memory of her late mother Maureen Gill and also had a leaf put on the tree.

Following the sad death of rugby league legend Steve Prescott MBE in November 2013, his wife Linzi and sons Taylor and Koby placed a leaf on the tree for Steve in late December, watched by more than 30 friends and members of the Steve Prescott Foundation.

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Contact our charity team on 0161 446 3988 if you would like to discuss raising funds in memory of a loved one and to find out more about our Tree of Hope in The Christie garden.

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Dates for your diary 2014

15th and 16th May
The Women’s Trust Fund - Supermarket Collection at Morrisons Rochdale.

7th June
Rat Pack Big Band Dinner Dance at The Britannia Hotel, Northenden. Tickets £30 – contact Joanna on 07990 545434.

27th June
The Irish Association Golfers Annual Charity Day at Northenden Gold Club. Contact Larry on 07850 687559 or email larrymcdonald777@yahoo.co.uk for more details.
Corporate News

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The Trustees have supported our music therapy service on our teenage cancer unit for the last three years.

John Blaylock, honorary music tutor reports that more than 50% of young patients on the unit get involved with the music sessions and others benefit from live performances and the social interaction that this brings to the ward.

Pinsent Masons Foundation is a charitable trust that supports the Pinsent Masons corporate responsibility programme by giving financial support to projects that inspire young lives.

Congratulations to Jean Depledge who was awarded a British Empire Medal for services to music and charity in the Queen’s New Year’s honours list.

Jean, 78, has been chairman of the Dukinfield branch of the Women’s Trust Fund for more than 20 years.

During this time she has organised numerous events for our charity, raising thousands of pounds towards projects including our patient treatment centre.

Join the Christie for the 10K run event

We are launching a new series of events called Spotlight Events to highlight just how much of a difference fundraising support can make and the impact donations can have on the lives of cancer patients.

The events are open to anyone who has supported or has an interest in The Christie and will focus on a different area of treatment, research or development, which have only been made possible thanks to charitable donations. The first event, ‘Spotlight on…the mobile chemotherapy unit,’ took place in May where guest speaker was clinical lead for chemotherapy, Dr Andrew Wardley.

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Spotlight Events will allow people to find out more about our latest work, future plans and speak to charity staff about any fundraising ideas. For more information visit www.christies.org/spotlightevents

Future Spotlight Event dates:
Wednesday 3rd September and Thursday 4th September
Wednesday 5th November and Thursday 6th November

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Thank you to BTG Recruitment and GE Capital for joining us at our recent bucket collection held at Manchester United football ground. Our volunteers helped to raise more than £3,000 towards rehabilitation for our teenagers and young adults patients.

Icopal raise over £13,900 and counting

Thanks to their enthusiastic staff team, global building protection firm, Icopal Ltd, has managed to raise more than £13,900 and have pledged to continue in 2014.

Staff have undertaken various sporting challenges including the grueling Tough Mudder challenge, the Manchester 100 cycle ride and our Night of Neon walk. Other activities have included a golf day, collecting work related fines and fundraising events in the office.

Living Ventures diners show their support

Over Christmas, we were delighted to have the support of four of Living Ventures’ well known restaurants in the region. Thanks to staff and customers at Australasia, Manchester House, Olive and Gusto in Didsbury, the group have managed to raise more than £4,900 to help our cancer patients.

The total was reached by adding an optional donation of £1 to every bill during December.

Huge thanks also to the team at Australasia who went on to organise a second fundraising event ‘Singapore Swing’ in March in their Grand Pacific bar. The glamorous cocktail evening, inspired by the famous Raffles Hotel in Singapore, included a raffle and auction in aid of the charity.

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Over Christmas, we were delighted to have the support of four of Living Ventures’ well known restaurants in the region. Thanks to staff and customers at Australasia, Manchester House, Olive and Gusto in Didsbury, the group have managed to raise more than £4,900 to help our cancer patients.

The total was reached by adding an optional donation of £1 to every bill during December.

Huge thanks also to the team at Australasia who went on to organise a second fundraising event ‘Singapore Swing’ in March in their Grand Pacific bar. The glamorous cocktail evening, inspired by the famous Raffles Hotel in Singapore, included a raffle and auction in aid of the charity.
Bents Garden Centre smash fundraising target

At the beginning of 2013, staff at Bents Garden and Home set a fundraising target of £12,500. But, thanks to the generosity of customers and colleagues, Bents recently handed over a cheque for £17,023.

Matthew Bent, managing director at Bents Garden and Home said: “Our colleagues and customers have been hugely generous in helping us to raise such a fantastic amount.

“The Christie has been pioneering cancer research breakthroughs for over 100 years and we hope that our donation will go some way towards helping their work continue well into the future.”

Thank you to the following companies:

• TD Direct Investing – for their recent donation of £9,920 towards social activities on our new teenage cancer unit.
• BNY Mellon – for donating £5,230 from various staff fundraising events including dress down days, coffee mornings and raffles.
• Norwest Foods International – for their £5,000 donation towards cancer research.
• B2B International – for raising £2,700 from various events including cake and book sales, raffles and the Manchester to Blackpool bike ride.
• Foresight Recruitment Solutions – for raising £2,220 from their annual dinner.
• In Time Private Hire – for raising £1,500 at their family fun day at Asda, Longsight.

Special evening of recognition for corporate supporters

Representatives from companies across the region were invited to celebrate their impact at a special recognition evening at The Christie in April. Corporate support for the charity contributed an amazing £1.2 million during the last financial year.

Attendees from companies who helped us to reach this fantastic total heard about the impact of their support and how much of a difference they have made for our patients. Christie Professor Nicholas Slevin also spoke at the event to highlight the importance of charitable donations to the Trust. Huge thanks to everyone who came along to the evening.

Special thanks must go to our corporate partner JD Sports Fashion. Barry Bown, Chief Executive Officer, and staff at the company have offered an incredible amount of support to the charity over the past three years.

Thanks to JD Sports

They raised £500,000 to fund a state of the art social space for teenagers and young adults in our new Palatine Treatment Centre. The space offers younger patients the opportunity to relax and socialise in an age-appropriate environment, helping them to feel a sense of normality whilst undergoing treatment.

Cheryl McMahon, Head of Own Brand, and Traci Corrie, Supply Chain Manager, attended our recognition evening having championed the company’s fundraising efforts including hosting their “Diamond Ball” for two consecutive years at the prestigious Hilton Manchester Deansgate hotel.

Interserve staff show wealth of support

Staff members at Wigan-based construction firm, Interserve, raised more than £30,000 to go towards our new Palatine Treatment Centre.

Led by Divisional Director, John Godfrey, fundraising events included taking on the gruelling Three Peaks Challenge, cycling 64km in a charity bike ride, organising a ‘Come Dine With Me’ evening supported by local college students for 80 guests, a football tournament for their clients and a race night.

In May, six staff members continued their fundraising by taking on a challenging cycle ride from London to Paris. Riders Steve Stanton, Chris Heneghan, Peter Baker, James Gaskell, Dave Foden and Iwan Lewis set themselves a target to raise £12,000 by completing the 280 mile, three day challenge.

Team Captain Peter Baker said; “The team have been working really hard practising for the challenge. We have received fantastic support, not only from our families, friends, and colleagues but also from our supply chain, all of whom recognise the fantastic work The Christie does. We are proud to be involved in such a great cause.”

After working on building projects at The Christie, Interserve were inspired by our work and decided to engage staff in fundraising for our charity.
Manchester United Abseil

More than 180 supporters took to the ropes at Manchester United and faced their fears by abseiling the 140ft drop from the roof of the stadium on to the pitch in March.

Even Christie Bear took on the challenge alongside United's mascot Fred the Red.

Granddad Eric O'Neill, 59, from Stockport, was one of the many who signed up to the challenge as a thank you for the care he has received since being diagnosed with prostate cancer in July 2013.

Eric who took part with friend Dave Roberts said; “It was absolutely fantastic and such an uplifting experience. I did an abseil years ago but as I’m a big Manchester United fan, it was even better to do it in the Theatre of Dreams”

“This past year has been so uncertain and it was certainly a shock to receive that cancer diagnosis. It does make you look at life completely differently though and appreciate everything so much more. The care I’ve received has been phenomenal and the staff are so emphatic and support you every step of the way. Taking part in this event was a way for me to do my bit to say thanks and to help others.”

For more photos from the day visit www.christies.org/abseil or see our facebook page.

Manchester United Santa Run

We would like to say a huge thank you to our 300 supporters who donned Santa suits and raced around Manchester United's ground last December.

Collectively they raised more than £7,000 for our young cancer patients. This will make a huge difference in enabling young patients to regain their independence and adjust to their life after a diagnosis of cancer.

Challenge Yourself for The Christie

Is it your dream to cross the finish line of the Edinburgh marathon, to be able to call yourself an ‘ironman’ or to earn your Tough Mudder headband? Hundreds of sporting events throughout the year allow participants to raise money for our charity. Simply sign up to the event then get in touch to tell us about it. If you can’t find your perfect event why not organise your own?

All of our Team Christie members will receive support from our events team, a fundraising pack and Christie t-shirt. Visit: www.christies.org/events or email: events@christies.org for more information.

Bike Events 2014

It doesn’t matter if you’re an experienced cyclist, or simply looking to get back on your bike for the first time in years, we have a range of rides to suit cyclists of all abilities this summer.

Great Manchester Cycle

Starting on 29th June, the Great Manchester Cycle is a family friendly ride offering three distances across Manchester to suit everyone including a gentler 13 mile route, a more testing 26 miler or the harder 52 mile route for the more experienced or ambitious cyclists of the family.

Manchester to Blackpool bike ride

If you want a bit more of a challenge then why not join our fantastic fun and extremely popular Manchester to Blackpool bike ride on 13th July where you will join thousands of other riders completing the 60 mile route from Manchester United's ground along country lanes to the finish on the South Promenade in Blackpool. Participants will be met at the finish line with a fabulous barbecue, live music and a well earned massage. This is a great day out and a good challenge for all abilities.

Manchester 100

Looking to take on our biggest cycling challenge? Then why not sign up for the Manchester 100 Bike Ride on 31st August which offers both a 100 mile and 100 kilometre route from Wythenshawe park, across the beautiful Cheshire countryside and back again. This is perfect for recreational club riders, offering a challenging and varied ride for all abilities.

Ride London 100

If you are lucky enough to have been given a place for the Ride London 100 bike ride in Surrey on 10th August and want to raise funds for Team Christie, then get in touch and we will support you with your fundraising and training along the way. We also have a number of free places available for anyone wanting to take part in 2015’s Ride London 100 too, so if you want to pit yourself against the country's top amateurs or challenge yourself at the UK's largest cycling event, register your interest with us now.

For more information on any of our rides visit www.christies.org/bike or call 0161 446 3400.
Go Team Christie

In May, more than 1,750 Christie supporters took to the city centre streets to take part in the Great Manchester Run. A huge thank you to everyone who took part.

This year also saw the biggest ever number of Christie staff taking on the challenge – with almost 50 members of staff taking part.

Amongst the staff runners was consultant Dr Fiona Thistlethwaite. Fiona specialises in treating patients with kidney, oesophageal and stomach cancer and was herself diagnosed with breast cancer last year. She has since undergone surgery and chemotherapy and is in remission.

She said; “Within a few days of doing the run last year I was diagnosed with breast cancer. At that time I set myself a personal goal that I would be back to run the 2014 event. Unlike last year’s run which, for me, was about getting a fast time, this year’s was a way of thanking all staff here for their support and care.”

So far Fiona and the team of runners she recruited have raised over £11,000 and Fiona personally has raised over £5,000. Fiona’s story featured in the national press on the lead up to the race and on BBC2 live on the day of the run.

Leaders’ Race

Our clinical director for medical oncology, Dr Was Mansoor, headed up our charity’s Leaders’ Race at the event and encouraged business leaders from across the North West to take part with him and raise £1,500 in sponsorship.

Supporters taking part included Ian Langley from Air Energi, Dave Foster from Forest Sofa, Jo Miehe from Virgin Media, Matthew Wilcock from Mercedes-Benz and Jo Edwards from Astra Zeneca. Jo has been fundraising for The Christie since her husband died, aged just 33, from a rare form of stomach cancer, eleven weeks before the birth of their son. To date Jo has raised over £65,000 for our charity.

Dr Mansoor said; “Having never taken part in such an event before, I was definitely out of my comfort zone but I thoroughly enjoyed it. I’m going to make sure even more colleagues take part next year and challenge you all to beat my time of 53 minutes and 14 seconds!

“So much of what has been achieved here at The Christie would not be possible without the support of our valued fundraisers, so it was an honour to run alongside them.”

Celebrity support

Runners were joined on the start line by a host of celebrities who also signed up for our charity.

BBC Breakfast presenter Bill Turnbull, actress and singer Tricia Penrose, whose mum is a patient here, Manchester born X Factor star Misha B and Joy Division and New Order’s Peter Hook all took part.

Other ‘Team Christie’ runners included actor Ciaran Giffiths from Shameless and the TV series The Mill, BBC radio presenter Sam Walker, former GMTV weather presenter Clare Nasir and Manchester Evening News Diary Editor Dianne Bourne.

Tricia, who is best known for her role as Gina Ward in ITV’s long-running drama Heartbeat, said; “I’ll be forever indebted to The Christie – they saved my mum’s life after she was diagnosed with lung cancer in 2010.

“That’s why I wanted to take part in the run this year and hope my efforts can do a little to show how grateful our whole family is.”

Peter Hook added; “The Christie is an amazing place and I know from supporting the hospital for a while now, just how much of a difference money raised can make.”
More News from The Christie

Highest ever total raised for Christie charity

We are delighted to announce that we raised £14.8 million in the last financial year – our highest ever total. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed, supported or donated to help fund life-changing and potentially life-saving projects.

During that time:
- 1,015 community events were held
- 445 companies supported us
- 6,290 people gave regular gifts
- 11,189 supporters took part in a sporting event
- 175 people left a gift in their will
- Overall, 181,126 donations were made by 30,595 donors

The Christie charity provides enhanced services over and above what the NHS funds. We are one of the largest hospital charities in the UK with 83p in every pound raised going directly to helping and supporting our patients. Last year The Christie charity contributed £10 million towards our new Palatine Treatment Centre, £1 million towards a hybrid diagnostic CT and Gamma Camera that will revolutionise diagnosis and treatment for patients with certain types of cancers and just over £700,000 towards our mobile chemotherapy unit.

It also continues to fund vital research into cancer and valuable complementary therapies for our patients.

We pride ourselves in being able to offer a choice to our supporters in where they want their donation to go – whether it be a particular research fund, piece of equipment or building development.

Thanks again to everyone who helped us reach this fantastic total and we hope you will continue to support us in the future.

Five year strategic plan

As a Foundation Trust, we are required to submit a five year Strategic Plan to Monitor who use it to assess the basis of the Trust’s financial and governance risk ratings and monitoring for the coming year. This is to ensure we are demonstrating clinical and financial viability over the coming years and will be based on the strength of our performance, breadth of our combined services in addition to NHS services including research, education, The Christie Charity and commercial activities, together with sufficient capacity to meet rising demand for care.

Show stopping Christie Variety Show

We held our first ever variety show at the Stockport Plaza in May, raising almost £5,000 to support our new Palatine Treatment Centre.

The crowd were treated to incredible performances from tenor Martin Toal, Manchester Show Choir, ‘Do Your Thing’ Choir and BBC ‘The Voice’ contestants Bob Blakely and Chris Royal. Chris was invited to be part of the variety show by his mum, Jane Smith, who works on our teenage and young adult unit.

Chris said: “I know how important the work at The Christie is. I’m delighted to be helping to raise money for such a good cause which will help the young cancer patients my mum works with.”

Bob added: “It was an absolute pleasure to appear on the bill for The Christie Variety Show fundraiser. I was only 13 when my mother attended The Christie three or four times for treatment as she suffered from leukaemia. And obviously the reputation of The Christie speaks for itself being a world famous hospital for helping those suffering with cancer.”

Key 103 presenter Chelsea Norris was the host for the event, announcing acts from local schools and community groups as well as Christie staff and patients who performed.
Saddle up... and help us save lives

Great Manchester Cycle Sunday 29th June 2014
Manchester to Blackpool Sunday 13th July 2014
Ride London 100 Sunday 10th August 2014
Manchester 100 Sunday 31st August 2014

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