

To cut a long story short...

How your donations are helping our patients



Making a difference

Welcome to our impact report for 2009/10.

We always say that The Christie would not be the world leading cancer centre that it is without the immense support of our fundraisers and donors. But we can never say it too many times. The huge difference that the charity makes to patients is apparent across the entire organisation; our research and services help patients both cope with and survive cancer.

This impact report aims to highlight the difference that our supporters have made over the last financial year and also to say thank you.

The Christie was first established in 1901 through generous donations – and fundraising has helped take forward vital developments for more than a century. It has been a challenging year for all charities with the economic climate, but the support we have received has been unstinting. I am constantly amazed and humbled by the generosity of people, in giving time as well as money. And everyone at The Christie is inspired and moved by the affection and support received, knowing that every penny counts.

You are helping to save lives. A great gift for which we are enormously grateful.

Rt. Hon. Lord Keith Bradley
Chairman of the Charitable funds committee

The photo on the front cover shows one of our cancer trial patients, John Ryan, with his family-wife, Margaret, son and daughter-in-law Chris and Sandra, daughter Leanne and grandson, Connor

Key Areas

Our fundraisers and donors have helped us raise an amazing amount of money which allowed us to fund a large number of projects during 2009/10.

All of these will help our cancer patients and their families, sometimes in big ways – like our new patient treatment centre which fundraisers raised £13 million for; sometimes in smaller, more personal ways, such as the complementary therapies we are able to offer patients and their carers.

The next few pages highlight some of the major areas that we've funded:

- world class research into children's cancers and breast cancer
- new buildings such as the patient treatment centre that will allow us to double the number of people who have access to clinical trials

- first class Christie care closer to home through our new radiotherapy centre in Oldham – the first of its kind in the UK
- complementary therapies that help patients and carers cope with the ordeal of cancer treatment

But we do so much more. Thanks to your fantastic support we were also able to do many other things over the last 12 months. This includes education projects such as the refurbished library and learning zone with additional teaching facilities and the supply of specialist equipment including a 10-headed microscope to allow several staff to review and discuss cases at the same time. Charity funding has also funded communication skills training for front line staff to help patients in distress.

You've trusted us with your generosity and we've spent your money wisely helping patients through investment in patient care, improved and extra services, research and education.



We will always try, try and try again

Finding better and more effective ways of treating cancer doesn't come easy. It takes time, money and commitment, but it is, of course, crucial. Especially when it's targeting childhood and teenage cancer. Indeed, it might take the pursuit of many different research routes, but because the effects can be so profound and far-reaching, if that's what it takes to reach a positive outcome, then that's what has to be done.

Dr Adamski has undertaken one example of such dedicated research. She has been working on the effects of low levels of oxygen (hypoxia) on the response of osteosarcoma cells to chemotherapy. Osteosarcoma is one of the more common tumours of teenagers and young adults, and resistance to chemotherapy because of reduced levels of oxygen is often a problem.

With other tumour types we know it's possible to restore drug effectiveness by targeting a molecule called hypoxia inducible factor-1 (HIF-1). Dr Adamski set about investigating if this was also true for osteosarcoma but her research has found that targeting this molecule has no effect in osteosarcoma cells. This means further research is needed to find another way of restoring the effectiveness of two chemotherapy drugs, cisplatin and doxorubicin, used to treat osteosarcoma.

So whilst there's no solution as yet, Dr Adamski has made important steps towards something that will have great impact to young patients with high-risk tumours.



We've had our heads down

Concentrating efforts on researching breast cancer and improving treatments has been a priority. In collaboration with our academic partners, we've elevated the status and effectiveness of our research. We've also improved treatment, care and understanding of our breast cancer patients by sponsoring a highly specialised radiographer. None of this would have been possible without Charity funding.

Working with The University of Manchester and their Wolfson Molecular Imaging Centre (WMIC) to advance our studies, we'll be using cutting-edge imaging technology to identify and validate tests that could individualise and improve the treatment of breast cancer, as well as facilitate drug development. We've also committed to an expansion of our Trials Co-ordination Centre to further enhance studies and improve efficiencies of treatments.

Whilst breast research in Manchester has a long history of excellence, which currently comprises a group of nine principle investigators, the appointment of a Chair of Breast Oncology will take work to another level. This is because having a scientist of international standing as part of their group will greatly improve the likelihood of their excellent research being implemented as new treatments.

The introduction of a Specialist Breast Radiographer back in May 2009 has made a tremendous difference to the way patients were treated over the last year. The role supports patients from their initial referral to The Christie through to recovery from the physical and psychological effects of diagnosis and treatment. The post has also gained a deeper understanding of the total management of breast cancer by observing the work of other team members, such as breast and oncoplastic surgeons, psychooncologists and breast care nurses.



We're just around the corner

In March 2010, we opened our second home. The Christie at Oldham radiotherapy centre has taken our world-class care, research and treatment and put it within reach of many more people. And in just one year, it will have saved patients the equivalent of a return trip to the moon. That's a whole lot of miles, not to mention time and discomfort.

The new £17 million centre funded by donations to our charity is the first in a unique network of Christie radiotherapy centres, where patients can access first class radiotherapy treatment from Christie experts, but much closer to home.

Based at the Royal Oldham Hospital, the centre has two £1.3 million radiotherapy machines – the most advanced in the world – which help our doctors, specialist radiographers, nurses and other medical experts treat 70 people a day from Bury, Middleton, north Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale and parts of Tameside.

This is the realisation of a vision we've had for over ten years to establish the first network of its kind in the UK to deliver patient care closer to people's homes. And we'll be hoping to extend the positive effect it's had with another new radiotherapy centre now being built in Salford.



We don't do things by halves

If something's worth doing, it's worth doing properly. That's why we've spent £13 million of your donations to help fund our new £35 million patient treatment centre. Due to open in 2011, it will include the world's largest phase I clinical trials unit.

This will mean more and more local people will be among the first in the world to access the most innovative treatments for cancer as they become available, giving them the best possible chance of survival.

So what exactly are clinical trials? Well, basically they're research studies to find better ways to prevent, diagnose or treat cancer. They aim to find out if a treatment is safe, whether it has side effects, and if it works better than established treatments.

Around 2,400 patients a year will be treated at our new clinical trials unit. That's double the number we currently treat, so the new centre will have a considerable impact on a lot of local people's lives. And with more new treatments tested here, our research will also benefit people around the UK and beyond.

The new patient treatment centre will also include an expanded chemotherapy department, increasing treatments from 30,000 to 36,000 a year. Part of the charity contribution provides new equipment for this area, helping to speed up treatment in an improved environment.

Our pioneering research has already helped Manchester become the best city in the UK for cancer research. The new centre will see The Christie become global leaders. But more importantly, it will mean the number of patients making a complete recovery will keep growing and long-term survival rates will keep increasing.



We've done things you might not have expected

Massage, for example. And hypnotherapy. Reflexology, aromatherapy and acupuncture too. Not forgetting relaxation classes and smoking cessation sessions. You see, all these things help make patients feel better. Because whilst receiving world-leading cancer treatment is one thing, coping with that treatment is quite another.

Our award-winning complementary therapy service provides over 10,000 therapy sessions every year to help improve patients' wellbeing, and assist with alleviating treatment related symptoms, concerns and side-effects, in liaison with the multi-disciplinary teams throughout the hospital.

The service has continued to expand and is free to patients and their carers, thanks to your generosity. They are seen for a variety of symptoms and concerns, some of which occur in combination e.g. anxiety, sleeping difficulties and hot flushes.

From diagnosis, through to treatment and beyond, therapies such as acupuncture, massage and reflexology help to alleviate physical symptoms such as pain and nausea as well as the anxiety and stress associated with living with cancer.

Charity funding also allows massage treatments to be extended to carers as well as patients. This service, we know, is much appreciated; a head-and-neck massage is a wonderful stress-relieving treat for those people closest to our patients.

Over the last ten years, our team has initiated and developed a number of studies and evaluation projects to better understand the effectiveness of complementary therapies and improve techniques.

Fear of needles, claustrophobia of scanners, anticipatory nausea, treatment fatigue, anxiety, depression, stress, chronic pain, addiction, insomnia. Our complementary therapy team continues to ease them all.



Future Plans

Although we've achieved a lot in 2009/10, there's still plenty for us to do. Here are some of our priorities for the future.

Research

Our new patient treatment centre will include the largest phase I clinical trials unit in the world. Local patients will benefit by being the first to access the very latest treatments, but this research will also ultimately help save lives across the world. We will help fund trials for more unusual cancers where commercial funding is not available. We also want to support the development of radiotherapy research which is a life-saving treatment for cancer, alongside chemotherapy and surgery. Research into palliative care is much needed too and is not just related to end-of-life care, but also to quality-of-life care for all patients.

Patient experience

At the Christie, we recognise the importance of treating not just the disease but caring for our patients and loved ones too. Providing a restful environment in our gardens, relaxation room or those important extra services is an important part of the support we can give.

School of Oncology

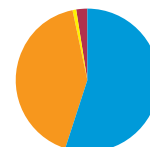
Enhancing the education and development of our expert staff and helping to train the doctors and nurses of the future is an essential part of being a world-class cancer centre. We're helping to raise funds to support the development of our new Christie School of Oncology.

Local access to treatment

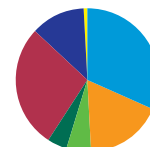
We continue to support the development of a unique network of Christie radiotherapy centres across our area. The opening of our new centre in Salford in 2011 will allow our patients in Salford, Bolton and Wigan to access first-class radiotherapy treatment closer to home.

The pounds and the pence

Charity Income	£m	%
Donations	6.78	55
Legacies	5.13	42
Investment income	0.13	1
Other	0.28	2
Total	12.361	



Charity Resources Expended	£m	%
New buildings, refurbishment etc	4.76	31
Research	2.65	18
Patient and staff welfare	0.81	5
Enhancing clinical care	0.68	5
New equipment	4.14	28
Cost of generating funds	1.86	12
Governance costs	0.09	1
Total Resources Expended	14.979	



Here's how we spend the money given to us by our fundraisers, donors and legators.

The charts above give a simple overview of our income and where it comes from. You'll probably notice straightaway that we spent more during 2009/10 than we raised. This is because we have funded some major capital development projects such as the new patient treatment centre which we have put aside money for in previous years. It is amazing to see these projects becoming reality after so many years in planning.

As for where the money comes from, it's all thanks to the thousands of supporters donating money or raising funds through a huge variety of events.

Here are some examples of what people have done:

- 4,126 people either ran, walked, cycled or skydived for The Christie and together they raised £1.6 million
- Over 6,906 people gave a gift through their bank, donating over £293,000
- Over 90 companies supported us
- Over 200 people left us a gift in their will
- 688 people organised a fundraising event in their community

Whatever the size of your contribution, every little bit helps and every little bit is appreciated. It's an incredible effort by everyone and one that make a huge difference to lots of patients' lives.

If you'd like a full copy of the financial accounts, please call the charity finance team on 0161 918 7340.



We couldn't do it without you

To anyone who raised or donated money for us, a huge thanks. Your time and generosity really do help to make a great difference to the lives of our patients, their families and friends. We endeavour to list here all those who gave gifts of £4,000 or more. But however much you raised, we are truly grateful to everyone who contributed time, effort and money this year.

Thanks!

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