

# St Christopher's

More than just a hospice

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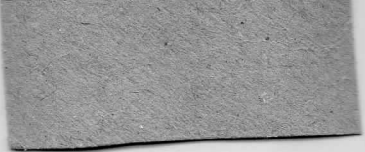
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Mr & Mrs B Sells



1 December 2020

Dear Brian and Sheila,

### **SLAMS Bridge Club – fundraising for St Christopher's**

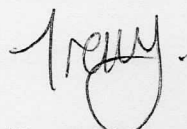
On behalf of everyone here at St Christopher's I write to extend our sincere thanks to you and the members of the SLAMS Bridge Club who despite there being no annual bridge day this year still raised a fantastic **£2,035** (plus up to £430 in Gift Aid). This generosity really means so much to the clinicians and support workers taking care of our patients during these very challenging times.

Since the start of the pandemic we have found ourselves busier than ever. Additional requests for support have been made of the hospice by colleagues in the NHS, in care homes, by the people we support and their families. Our colleagues were remarkable in their response and we witnessed a hugely creative, courageous and sustained effort on their part to work differently and to cope with the many different challenges associated with COVID-19. At the height of the first spike our numbers of patients at home increased by around 300 people to over 1,400 in addition to the patients staying on our wards. Furthermore, the hospice became the centre of a significant community aid programme to deliver essential food packages and medication. We have been managing all this in the context of reduced financial support from our usual fundraising events and closure of our shops due to lockdown, which has been far from easy.

We really appreciate your continued support and enthusiasm for St Christopher's. The response from SLAMS bridge club really has been amazing, please do pass on our thanks to everyone that contributed.

Thank you for being part of our caring community and for being there for us while we continue to be there for others.

Best wishes,



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PS: I have enclosed a copy of our latest annual review