

a warm welcome to

Friends^{of} the cancer centre

Proud History

In 1985 Friends of Montgomery House, based at Belvoir Park Hospital, became a registered charity. The name originated from Montgomery House, the original name given to the hospital in 1953.

'Friends' is the leading local cancer charity based at the heart of the Cancer Centre, Belfast City Hospital. The charity relies entirely on voluntary donations and with your help and support 'Friends' makes a real and meaningful difference for thousands of cancer patients and their families across Northern Ireland.

The late Dr Gerard Lynch, who was Senior Oncologist at Belvoir Park Hospital, started the charity along with members of the Cancer Scanner Appeal, which had been set up in 1979 to purchase a CT Scanner for the hospital.

A special appeal was also launched in the early 90's to purchase an MRI scanner at a cost of £1.2m. This purchase brought the hospital waiting list down from two months to one week.

Over the next 2 decades the charity continued to raise funds for cancer patients and

their families and funded projects such as Glenview the patient hotel, The Gerard Lynch Support Centre and the hospital church. The charity also funded many thousands of other essential items of equipment, patient comforts and research posts.

at the Belfast City Hospital plays a major role in the treatment and after care of cancer patients from across Northern Ireland.

HOW "FRIENDS MAKE A DIFFERENCE"

Exciting times lie ahead for 'Friends' and it is the patients and their families who benefit from the continued good work of the charity. When donating to a charity it is important to see how it impacts on the lives of the patients and their families. All funds raised by Friends goes towards the following three key areas:

- Supporting staff to achieve excellence, by providing funds for medical research.
- Purchasing medical equipment to provide cutting edge technology
- Improving patient comforts and care.

With the support of the Northern Ireland public, 'Friends' continue to make a real and meaningful difference to those affected by cancer.

New Beginnings

In March 2006 Belvoir Park Hospital closed. Under the charity's new name and in its new home, Friends of the Cancer Centre, now based at the Cancer Centre at the Belfast City Hospital, continues to contribute to the care, treatment and support of cancer patients and their families throughout Northern Ireland.

Every year over 9000 people are diagnosed with cancer in Northern Ireland. The Cancer Centre