

VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM LIZ CUDDY, CEO

COVID-19 has changed everything about life and work as we know it. Here in Hospice we are focused on how to best protect and support our patients, their families, our employees and volunteers. On behalf of SAHS, I want to let you know that our thoughts are with those who have been affected by this crisis.



I am proud and inspired by the way Hospice staff have risen to this challenge - with flexibility, resilience, courage - and always with a caring heart. Whilst we miss our volunteers, I am sure you will all understand that our priority during this time is keeping everyone safe. As you are aware, for the most part, our volunteer programme continues to be suspended. Voluntary Services will be in touch when each of our departments are ready to re-introduce volunteers.

I am aware that many of you have been finding other ways to raise funds for the Hospice over the last few months. Thank you for this support and for the enormous contribution you all make to our Hospice services. We could not manage without you and I look forward to welcoming you back when it is safe to do so.

Please do look after yourselves and your families - stay safe.

NOMINATION - QUEEN'S AWARD FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE

We are delighted to advise you that you, as a volunteer group, have been nominated for The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. This is the highest award given to volunteer groups across the UK to recognise outstanding work done in their own communities. It is the MBE for volunteer groups and even being nominated is a tremendous achievement. The winners are announced in June 2021.



UPDATE FROM VOLUNTARY SERVICES

We would like to echo the message earlier from Liz and emphasise how much we miss you all. It truly is a strange time. We know that Covid19 has impacted people in very many ways. Should you feel that your circumstances have changed to a point where you are no longer able to volunteer for Hospice or would like to understand different volunteering options which may be more suitable, please do get in touch to let us know.

As you are aware, we always have a focus on reducing our administration costs as much as possible in order to maximise the funds allocated to patient care. Now more than ever, this is essential. We currently circulate this newsletter by email, publish on the volunteer section on our website and post to those who we do not have email details for. If you have received this newsletter by post and you have an email address, please text or email for future use:



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HOSPICE LOTTERY

Each week Southern Area Hospice Lottery supporters are enjoying a variety of cash prizes.

The Lottery provides a regular form of income for Hospice services as well as giving something back to our loyal supporters. By playing our Lottery, you are helping us to achieve our fundraising target of £3.1 million this year which will enable us to continue providing care for local patients and their families. Please spread the word amongst family, friends & colleagues.



Anyone over 16 years of age can play SAHS Lottery. To join you must complete an application form, which you can download from our website <https://www.southernareahospiceservices.org/how-it-works> or request from SAHS Fundraising Department on 028 30251333 (Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm)

CAR COMPETITION



With so many of our planned fundraising events this year postponed or cancelled we are delighted that the Fundraising team have come up with a different, but safe way to proceed with our Annual Car Competition.

This year we are giving away an All-New Renault Clio 1.0 SCe 75 Play and one year's insurance (up to the value of £500) in association with Renault, Shelbourne Motors, Autoline Insurance, and the Oaks Shopping Centre in Dungannon.

Unfortunately, due to current restrictions we are not able to do the usual ticket sales road shows in the shopping centres which so many of you provide help with. Instead, this year as well as selling entries through our usual mailing, tickets for the competition can be purchased on our website. This is the first time we have promoted our car competition online and we are delighted with how well it is going so far. We would appreciate any help you could give us in helping to spread the word about the car competition amongst your family and friends. The competition can be entered online at www.southernareahospiceservices.org/competition or by phoning SAHS Fundraising on 028 30251333 (Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm) and you can pay by card over the phone.

The entries close on **4th November 2020 at 9pm** and the draw will take place on **7th November 2020 at Shelbourne Motors in Newry.**