

The Charity's new Half a Million Appeal

1 Bring entertainment, particularly the excellent Hospital Radio Bedford back on to the wards. (www.hospitalradiobedford.org.uk)



2 Fund Frozen Section apparatus for the Histopathology Department so they can assist the Plastic Surgeons to treat skin cancers using the Mohs technique, minimising the amount of tissue removed.



3 Provide a mini C-arm x-ray machine for use in theatres by plastic and orthopaedic surgeons operating on hands, wrists, elbows, ankles and feet.



4 Purchase an add-on 3D facility for the existing mammography equipment to improve the early detection and assessment of breast cancer.



5 Establish an Endobronchial Ultrasound Service to speed the diagnosis of lung cancer and other chest conditions.



All this will cost **£500,000** and with your help we will raise it



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*A new appeal from
The Bedford Hospitals Charity*

30th Anniversary



the Half a Million Appeal

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Thirty years of achievement

In 1988 a small group of people got together to share concern about the state of the Nurses' Home.

Recruitment of nurses was essential to keep the Hospital going and the Home was dilapidated and unwelcoming. A Committee was formed and a Chairman recruited in the person of Brian Woodrow. In two years, £440,000 was raised and the beautifully refurbished Home opened by the Duchess of Gloucester. From this beginning the Charity has gone on to bigger things – the Hospital's first **MRI scanner - The Gamma Scanner - The Macmillan Primrose Unit - a Second MRI Scanner - the Primrose Car Service...**

The aim of the Charity is to support Bedford Hospital and 'Make the difference for patients and carers'. The Charity is the vehicle by which over £10 million has been raised to make that difference. The Charity has no paid staff and everything is done by volunteers.

As a result, there are virtually no overheads and almost all the money raised goes to supporting the hospital and patients.



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Major appeals and projects funded by the Bedford Hospitals Charity

1988	Student Nurses Home	£440,000
1992	MRI Scanner	£651,000
1995	First Primrose Cancer Unit	£180,000
1996	Cygnets Wing	£164,000
1997	Heart Scanner	£33,000
1998	Acute Pain Service	£20,000
1999	A & E /Theatres	£100,000
2000	Macmillan Primrose Unit	£2,500,000
2006	Chemotherapy Preparation Area	£337,000
2007	Cancer Screening Endoscopes	£400,000
2009	Cygnets – Duckling Appeal	£200,000
2012	Gamma Camera Appeal	£600,000
2014	Challenge Cancer Appeal	£750,000
2017	MRI Scanner	£1,000,000

Plus the Primrose Car Service and many, many smaller projects totalling over £10 million.

You can help us now by...

- Organising an event.
- Joining the 50/50 club (see website for details).
- Taking part in a sponsored event e.g. marathon, swim or skydive.
- Holding a coffee morning or lunch.
- Supporting one of the events organised by the Charity.
- Sending a memorial donation.
- Making the Charity a beneficiary in your will...

..and together, we will continue to make the difference for patients and carers