

Friends of the Cancer Centre (formerly Friends of Montgomery House) have been supporting cancer patients and their families since the early 80's. During that time over £5m donated by the Northern Ireland public was put to good use in improving patient care, the purchase of vital equipment and provision of first class facilities.

With the closure of Belvoir Park Hospital in March 2006 'Friends' moved to the newly opened Cancer Centre at Belfast City Hospital, and with the support of the local community will raise much needed funds to contribute to the care, treatment and support of cancer patients and their families throughout Northern Ireland.

The Cancer Centre at the Belfast City Hospital will play a major role in the treatment and after care of cancer patients from across Northern Ireland.

How 'Friends' Help

Friends of the Cancer Centre, the hospital charity, work alongside the staff to achieve excellence, by providing funds for medical research. "Friends" also purchase medical equipment to provide cutting edge technology and provide patient comforts and care to improve the quality of life for patients and their families. Over the next 5 years 'Friends' will contribute over £4M enhancing the environment in which our patients receive their treatment and care at the Cancer Centre, supporting research, including supporting clinical trials, and purchasing additional equipment to help with diagnosis and treatment.

Some of the projects that 'Friends' support include:

Patient comforts to improve their quality of life

'Friends' fund many projects to enhance patient care and comfort. Just a few included are complementary therapy, yoga, and aromatherapy; the refurbishment of Day Rooms in the Cancer Centre Wards, and in the Bridgewater Suite and the provision of papers and magazines in the treatment areas of the Cancer Centre

Glenview

A place where radiotherapy patients can stay during their treatment and Friends has funded the refurbishment of Glenview to give patients a home from home environment.

Research Radiographer

Since 1998 'Friends' have funded a Research Radiographer which has permitted the development and implementation of research. This has improved and advanced patient treatment and care.

Enhancing the environment for our patients

On an ongoing basis Friends purchase additional equipment such as syringe drivers, nebulizers and equipment to support clinical trials.