

A word from some of our beneficiaries

Here at the Arthur Rank Hospice we really value our relationship with the Cambridge Evening News and Press Relief. The financial help we have received from Press Relief has enabled us to help our patients and their families in a very positive way

As a result of the inaugural **Bridge the Gap** sponsored walk in 2002 we received £13,930 which we used to help fund our Day Hospice. We receive no NHS funding for this vital service and our charity is completely responsible for raising the £300,000 needed to maintain it each year.

This donation funded two week's Day Therapy for approximately 40 patients, not only enabling them to access all the specialist facilities we offer here at the Hospice but also allowing their relative/carer with a few hours of respite from the responsibility of caring for a terminally ill loved-one.

The £16,000 we received from the **Flight of Fantasy Ball** and the £10,000 from the 2003 **Bridge the Gap walk** have helped us to co-fund the Hospice at Home service. Given the choice, most patients diagnosed with terminal illness would choose to die at home. The Hospice at Home service, based at Arthur Rank House provides specialist palliative and terminal nursing care in the community.

In April 2003 our charity agreed to contribute £100,000 each year to make this service available and the money raised from these two events has helped 35 patients and their families.

On-going support from the Cambridge Evening News is our lifeline, publicising our fundraising events and highlighting the way in which our charity helps our local community, without them my job would be a great deal harder.

Pat Dalrymple
Fundraising Co-ordinator, Arthur Rank Hospice Charity



East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH) has had the very good fortune to be involved with **Press Relief** and the **Bridge the Gap Walk** for the last two years and will be again this year.

We have not only benefited from the money raised by the walk but also had the fun of being involved in its organisation. Many of our families, staff, volunteers and supporters have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the walk, seeing parts of Cambridge that would not normally be open to them. Having the opportunity to be sponsored to do such an enjoyable thing is an added bonus.

Even the children who are in the Hospice on the day the walk takes place have been able to come with their carers, and take part.

Over the past two years the **Bridge the Gap Walk** has raised £24,000.00 for EACH and has been a major part of our funding.

We have also benefited greatly from the publicity associated with being involved with **Press Relief** and although it is difficult to calculate, we are sure that this raised awareness has helped us in many other ways.

We are very grateful for the support we have received and thankful that we are involved again this year.

Good Luck to Press Relief, may it live long and prosper.

Carol Harper
Community Fundraising Co-ordinator

