

Dina's 'Bidding for Hope Auction'

raises over £15,000 for UCH Macmillan Cancer Centre

Dina Lazarus has been a patient at University College Hospital (UCH) for two and a half years, and on Thursday the 16th of June at Foyles Bookshop Dina held an auction to raise funds towards a 'winter garden' as part of the new UCH Macmillan Cancer Centre.

Dina has just celebrated her birthday, the third one since she was diagnosed with stage 4 bowel cancer in June 2009. Incredibly when Dina was first diagnosed they were not sure that she would have a chance to celebrate another birthday.

At the time of diagnosis Dina had a great job as a writer, a beautiful home and loving family and friends, but had been in agony for months. Eventual referral to UCH resulted in the news that not only did Dina have cancer, but that it had spread to four other places. Without treatment Dina was given 3-6 months to live.

This news was shattering for Dina and her family – "I was devastated, weak, ill and more scared than you can ever imagine. I couldn't stop thinking of death and the hideous thought of my parents having to bury me. But then I met my amazing oncologist - Professor Hochhauser. Tragically, he said that the cancer had been left too long for a cure but he promised me that he would do everything humanly possible to keep it at bay. He gave me the will to fight."

Dina's battle with cancer has meant she has now had over 32 sessions of chemotherapy and 2 major operations, but she looks and feels really well, apart from when she is undergoing treatment which is extremely tiring. For Dina the auction was a way to celebrate the life that treatment at UCH has enabled her to lead, and for her to give something back to the hospital that she credits with saving her. The evening was a great success, "Everyone seemed to enjoy what was a really fun and exciting evening," said Dina. "I am delighted that the wonderful UCH, the hospital which saved my life, will benefit so much from this event."

The auction was attended by members of Dina's treatment team, Professor Daniel Hochhauser, medical oncologist, and three cancer nurses, along with nearly 80 family and friends, ensuring it was a huge success.

Dina says of Professor Hochhauser, "This remarkable man, my Angel of a specialist cancer nurse, Jacquie, the chemo nurses Sylvia and Caroline, and the whole team have been my salvation. Their dedication humbles me. I'm now living with cancer, not dying from



Dina Lazarus (left) and her Cancer Nurse Jacquie Peck

it. Every day, when I wake up and see the sun shining, I feel grateful to be here."

We are incredibly grateful for the energy and support that Dina has given to the Charitable Foundation and the hospital, and are humbled by her strength and determination to make a real and lasting difference to the lives of cancer patients in the future. Dina is an inspiration to cancer patients, proving that you can live a rich and rewarding life with this terrible disease.

'We still need to raise over £4 million for the new Cancer Centre. Fundraising for this magnificent building will continue through 2012. It is not too late to give your personal support and help'. John Gray, Chief Executive

Artwork Creating a Peaceful Space

'At some point in time cancer will touch everybody, either directly or indirectly,' says Stuart Haygarth, lighting designer. 'Dealing with the disease is both a mental and physical journey and throws the newly diagnosed patient into the unknown.' Stuart has been commissioned to create Strand, the sculpture that will be suspended directly above the circular reception desk in the atrium of the new Cancer Centre. The work, which will have a span of around 5.5 metres, will create an immediate visual impact for people entering the hospital. The beautiful shock of ordered colour will work in harmony with the neutral clean colours of the hospital interior.

The starting point for Haygarth's artwork for the Cancer Centre was a personal physical and mental journey. For the commission he walked along the south coast from Gravesend to Lands End collecting man-made objects which had been washed ashore by the sea. Haygarth chose the coastline because historically the sea is viewed as the 'unknown'. The objects collected will form an archive, fragments from people's lives, and will eventually be categorised to create a visual explosion of colour and form. Cancer patients who currently receive treatment at UCH are being invited to donate objects for the commission.



The commissioning of Stuart Haygarth to create Strand has been made possible by a generous donation specifically made for art work in the new Cancer Centre by Morven & Michael Heller.

Art auction raises over £3,500 for UCH Macmillan Cancer Centre



On the 30th of June, Guy Noble, UCH art curator, organised an art auction at Her House Gallery.

The provision of the Arts within the Cancer Centre is integral to patient wellbeing and to providing a high quality, modern patient-centred NHS. Within the Cancer Centre there will be peaceful spaces for patients and visitors to feel comfortable and relaxed in and the art will be central to this.

The artworks that were auctioned on the 30th June were commissioned by UCLH Arts to decorate the external hoardings around the perimeters of the construction site whilst the Cancer Centre was being built and will form part of the centre's permanent art collection, benefiting not only the patients but also all of those visiting the centre and the staff who work there.

The auction was widely supported by members of the public and staff, Guy said: "It was great to see so many UCH staff present at the auction and coming away having successfully bid for one or more of the prints from this unique collection."

Richard Murley, Chairman of the Trust, David Wherrett, Workforce Director and Mark Pemberton, Clinical Director of Cancer Services, were all present at the auction and bid successfully for prints.

The sixteen prints were auctioned for £5,050 on the night, of which £3,622 will be donated to the UCLH Charitable Foundation's Cancer Centre Appeal which is aiming to raise £30 million towards the £100 million cost of the development.

Guy continued: "I'd like to thank everyone involved in this project, particularly the artists for donating their time and their expertise to this project and to the staff who supported us by buying the prints."

Debra Glastonbury, UCH Operations Manager:

"I've worked in the Trust for 25 years, first as a nurse and now as the UCH Operations Manager. I like to support new developments within the Trust and as cancer can affect all of us, in my opinion there's no better cause than the UCH Macmillan Cancer Centre.

In 2007, with Maureen Browne, Divisional Manager for Medical Specialities and Clinical Support Services, we cycled 400Km across India, raising £12,500 for the new Cancer Centre. I sit on the Arts committee and I wanted to continue my support of the Cancer Centre by going to the auction and buying one of the prints. Wellness, 2011, by Jess Wilson has lots of things in it that I can relate to as a nurse. I've never bought art at an auction before, it was great fun!"

Jess Wilson, the artist, chose the 12 images in the print because for her they captured wellbeing and contentment and because they are icons which are often seen on medical leaflets or posters.

Maureen Browne, Divisional Manager for Medical Specialities and Clinical Support Services:

"I've previously raised funds for the new UCH Macmillan Cancer Centre by cycling across India and raising £12,500. I've had relatives with cancer and I think it's a really good cause to support. I'm really looking forward to the new Cancer Centre opening. I bought NEW EMPIRE, (Hour Glass), by Andrew Curtis. I'd seen it in the catalogue but liked it even more when I saw it in person. I thoroughly enjoyed the challenge of beating off the competition to win the bid."

My Story

A Survivor Chick

I was diagnosed with Cervical Cancer when I was 29. It was discovered following a routine smear 6 months after I gave birth to my first baby. Within 3 months of that diagnosis I was in hospital fighting for my life after having a full hysterectomy. The scary part was that if I had not had that standard checkup it would have been too late and I would not be here today.

Cancer was not the end of my life in 1993 – but it was the start of a different one. My values changed; I wanted control of my own destiny, I craved information about what was going to happen to me which was not easy to find, but most of all... I learnt to value time.

With emotions blitzing through my mind, my inspiration, Charlee my baby, gave me the will to live. I could not let her down; the guilt, the anger, the pain of not being there for her was eating away inside me. She was my reason to fight, I had to win the battle and failure was **not** an option. Charlee is 19 years old now and a day does not go by without me appreciating just how lucky I am to be here.

For 7 years after my operation I could not talk about what had happened to me; all of that emotion, that pain locked up in the corners of my mind. Not able to come to terms with the 'what might have been'. Some days were so hard. Seeing my baby grow up, appreciating every step and knowing that life could have been so different; my child without her Mum, and my Mum without her child.

I made the decision that when I could, when I felt strong enough, I would 'give something back', to try and make things a little easier for those who had to walk the same path as me.

This is the reason I joined the Development Board for the UCLH Cancer Centre Appeal, and if my small contribution helps in the future to keep families together for longer, then my own experience will have been worthwhile.



Suki Gallagher,
Development Board
Member and Vice Chair
of 'Showtime' on page 5

Rotherhithe Festival raises £4000 for UCLH Charitable Foundation

In July this year the annual Rotherhithe Festival, a community event with bands, bouncy castle and face painting for the children, and council advice stalls for the residents, raised £4000 to support UCH Macmillan Cancer Centre.



Barry Duckett and Lady Mayoress

Barry Duckett, the Chairman of the Festival Committee for the last 4 years and a cancer patient at UCH, nominated UCLH Charitable Foundation to be the sole benefactor of the fundraising. Barry commented, 'It's a pleasure to raise money for UCLH this year. We all know somebody with this terrible disease and we see how it affects people's lives and their families. Thank you to all of you at UCLH for your hard work in treating cancer patients and for helping to find a cure for those of us who have cancer.'

In three of the four years that Barry has been Chairman, the funds raised by the festival have been donated to cancer charities, including Macmillan. The Festival is well supported by the local council and the residents. One of the most popular stalls is the stocks, where a local councillor volunteers to be pelted with wet sponges. The Mayor of Southwark opened the festival this year and even joined in the fun, bouncing on the bouncy castle.

Barry came to UCLH in the summer to present the cheque for £4,000 to Hannah Persaud, Fundraising Events Consultant for UCLH Charitable Foundation.

Outstanding dedication of staff at the Young Person's Unit



On Sunday the 4th of September this year Laura Walter, Activity Coordinator for the Young Person's Unit (YPU), along with seven of her colleagues, took part in a sponsored parachute jump to raise money for the YPU. In total they raised over £7,500 which is an incredible achievement.

Laura said the experience was 'amazing, and we are so grateful to Alexander Mandelstam and his family who raised over £1000 for us, and who came to support us on the day and made food for us, they were an incredible support'.

The YPU cares for patients aged 13-19 with chronic and acute illnesses other than cancer. Many of these illnesses are life-long and can be life threatening. The fundraising that Laura and her team are doing for the YPU enables their patients to benefit from home comforts whilst on the ward, such as wi-fi and home entertainment, as well as going out on the occasional outing to the cinema or the theatre, things that so many young people take for granted but that for these patients is a rare treat.

Since the parachute jumps Laura and her team are continuing to fundraise for the YPU. Now that is commitment to the cause!

Jumping for Cancer Care



Steve Last in freefall

On Sunday 9th October, Steve Last, who is the Project Accountant for the Cancer Centre, voluntarily took part in a 10,000 feet free fall parachute jump to raise money for the Cancer Centre Appeal. He talks to Lynne Gailey, PR volunteer for UCLH Charitable Foundation about his motivation for doing the jump.

Why did you decide to do a sky dive? Where did you do it?

The Sky Dive took place at Chatteris Airfield in Cambridgeshire. For me a skydive has always been one of those things you want to do in your lifetime, but I was always putting it off as I have a slight fear of flying.

Why did you decide to raise funds for the UCH Macmillan Cancer Centre?/ What's your personal motivation for this?

From working on the Cancer Centre Project, I could see clearly the benefits that the Cancer Centre will deliver and over the past

5 years I have had a number of friends & family members who have been affected by Cancer, so I understand first hand what impact this disease has on peoples lives.

How much have you raised for the Cancer Centre?

So far to date I have raised nearly £1300 with a target set of £1500.

How is your job at UCLH connected with the UCH Macmillan Cancer Centre?

Currently I am the Project Accountant for the Cancer Centre, so I am part of the Finance team that is in charge of managing the financials of the £100m business case, along with giving financial decision support to the Cancer Centre Project Board.

Steve describes his jump as 'an amazing experience which hopefully I will do again someday!!'.

Running for a better future

On Sunday 10th July, Ed Burdett took part in 'The British 10k London Run' with several other runners who were all raising money for UCLH Charitable Foundation. Ed is a locum consultant anaesthetist who was a medical student at UCL, and he has worked at UCLH several times over the last ten years.

Ed raised £180 for the new Cancer Centre and said 'This was a great opportunity to increase the profile and to contribute to the funding of a major new project at UCLH whilst doing something I love – running through the streets of London!'

Ed Burdett (second from right) and other runners



Past Events

SANTA'S RUNNING FOR CHARITY

On Sunday 4th December hundreds of runners dressed in Santa outfits will gather in wintry Greenwich Park to run for charities. This is the third year that the UCLH Charitable Foundation has taken part in this event.

SUPERHEROES RAISING FUNDS FOR UCH MACMILLAN CANCER CENTRE

On Sunday the 15th of May, Hannah Persaud, Fundraising Events Consultant for the UCLH Charitable Foundation, and Lynne Gailey, Volunteer Communications Advisor for the Charitable Foundation, joined five hundred people running to raise money for various charities in Regents Park at the weekend for the Superhero Fun Run. Dressed as superheroes, Batgirl and Superwoman, Hannah and Lynne collected more than £1000 towards the UCH Macmillan Cancer Centre.

ASICS 10K 2011

On Sunday 10th July thousands of people gathered to take part in the Asics 10k Run through central London. Amongst these were ten people who raised almost £1,000 for the Cancer Centre Appeal. Hannah Persaud says 'this event is a fantastic run for those who want to experience a car-less London, the atmosphere is always amazing and the support you receive along the route is very moving.'



Santas in Greenwich Park



Hannah Persaud and Lynne Gailey as Superheroes

Upcoming Events

'SHOWTIME – A CABARET DINNER WITH THE STARS' – WEDNESDAY 25TH APRIL 2012

On Wednesday the 25th of April 2012 The Dorchester will open its doors to celebrate the opening of the Cancer Centre. Guests to UCLH Charitable Foundations' 'Cabaret Dinner with the Stars' will enjoy a sit down meal, celebrity entertainment, an auction and five star treatment all round. This evening promises to be a fantastic celebration of a truly remarkable appeal, and if you are interested in purchasing a ticket for £250 in support of the Cancer Centre Appeal please contact the office on 020 34479558 or email Shirley.Featherstone@uclh.nhs.uk



The Ballroom at The Dorchester

THE BRITISH 10K LONDON RUN – SUNDAY 8TH JULY 2012

On Sunday 8th July 2012 thousands will get together at Hyde Park to start a 10k run through central London. UCLH Charitable Foundation has 12 places to fill for enthusiastic runners who wish to raise money for our work. Packed streets and a buzzing atmosphere make this one of the very best 10k runs in the country.

LONDON TO PARIS BIKE RIDE – WEDNESDAY 13TH JUNE – SUNDAY 17TH JUNE 2012

A huge success in 2010 when we had 19 cyclists doing this event for us, we are running a London to Paris Bike Ride from 13th-17th June 2012. If you are interested in taking part please contact us for further information. This is a tough challenge and requires committed training, but as those who have done it before would say, it's worth every minute.



Cyclists with Jon Snow at the start of the last London to Paris Cycle Ride

Cancer Centre Update

The Cancer Centre has progressed dramatically over this past year and what was at the beginning of the year a building site with the foundations just going in, is now an impressive and completed hospital building – on the outside at least!



UCLH Charitable Foundation is eternally grateful to the huge amount of support it has received from people wanting to contribute to this world class centre, and as of today nearly £26 million has been raised as part of the £30 million target.

Lungs for Living

Dr Sam Janes, Consultant Respiratory Physician, is setting up a new fundraising group under UCLH Charitable Foundation. This new fundraising initiative will be called 'Lungs for Living' and its purpose will be to raise funds that will enable the development of a new Translational Research Centre.

Dr Janes, with the help of UCLH Charitable Foundation, would also like to develop an educational website that lung cancer patients at UCLH and beyond can visit. The website will focus on updating patients in lay terms on new advances and explaining controversies in lung cancer treatments. If you would like to donate to Lungs for Living please do so using the donation form below.

Trusts and Foundations Update

With five months to go until the Cancer Centre opens, the UCLH Charitable Foundation is now within reach of the appeal target, with over £4 million still to raise. We have been lucky enough to receive some considerable contributions from trusts and foundations, amongst these £1.25 million from The Wolfson Foundation towards the imaging equipment within the Cancer Centre's lower ground floor research facility; £250,000 from the Garfield Weston Foundation and £750,000 from The Kay Kendall Leukaemia Fund. A very substantial donation has been received from the Teenage Cancer Trust (TCT) who have a special part of the Cancer Centre dedicated to young people. A major contribution to the TCTs' appeal for the Cancer Centre came from Arsenal Football Club. Many other smaller, yet nonetheless vital, donations from trusts and foundations wishing to support this significant project have been received. Thank you. We are most grateful to all of our supporters.

The UCLH Charitable Foundation continues to secure the outstanding funds, and although over £4 million is an enormous amount to still find, a robust fundraising plan is in place, and funding bids and applications to trusts and foundations are ongoing.

There remain some exciting funding opportunities within the Cancer Centre, namely some key items of equipment, which range from around £100 up to £300,000. If you are reading this on behalf of a trust or foundation, or have any personal links to a trust or foundation which you think may be interested in supporting the new Cancer Centre, then we would very much like to hear from you.

Please make contact with Hannah Persaud on email address: hannah.persaud@uclh.nhs.uk or by telephone: 0203 447 9558.

DONATION FORM

Please support UCLH Charitable Foundation

Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____ E-mail _____

I would like my donation to support;

- The new Cancer Centre
- The Obstetrics Fund
- The Young Person's Unit at UCH
- Research taking place in the Cancer Clinical Trials Unit
- Research into Early Lung Cancer
- Research into the treatment of Sarcoidosis
- Lungs for Living

I enclose a donation of £ _____ (state amount)

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- I want my donation to be eligible for Gift Aid. I pay an amount of income tax or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that the charity will reclaim on my donations in the tax year.

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- I am not on your mailing list for UCLH Fundraising News but would like to receive it in future
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