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Dear John,

On behalf of all at St. Rocco's I would like to say a huge thank you for helping to make our Christmas Tree Collection a huge success this year. We are so fortunate to have such amazing support from within the local community and it is only because of support such as this that we can continue to be there for our patients and their families when they need us.

Guy Hindle, Chair of the Trustees at St. Rocco's asked that I pass on the following:

As Chair of St Rocco's Hospice, I am proud to be one of hundreds of volunteers who give up their time to help the staff provide the best possible service to our patients at a time when they most need it.

In a normal year, our fundraising team work hard to develop events and initiatives to ensure that we reach our income targets. This is a vital part of our funding as we receive only about 20% of our income from the NHS. The team have had to work harder than ever since the pandemic to find ways of increasing our income because many events have had to be cancelled and our shops have been closed. Hence, the Christmas Tree collection has been an important source of funds for us, and with your help it has proved to be a great success.

The fundraising team, the senior management team and board of trustees at St Rocco's are more aware than ever that we simply cannot carry on without the help of our supporters and our community. So please accept my thanks on behalf of us all for everything you did to make the Christmas Tree collection such a success and a source of much needed funding for our hospice. We could not do what we do without you.

Yours Guy.

We are still amazed at the total raised- £42,000! We will use these donations to really make a difference.

Thank you again for all your support- I look forward to hopefully working with you on future Christmas Tree Collections!

With thanks and best wishes

Tracy Barnes

