

The Lawrence Home Team is Ten

The Lawrence Home Nursing Team was established in May 1999, in memory of my father, Dr. Martin Lawrence, who was a GP in Chipping Norton for 25 years and was himself diagnosed with a terminal illness. During the last few weeks of his life he was cared for at home with extensive nursing and medical support. It was his wish that other patients choosing to remain at home should have the benefit of this type of support to complement existing services. After his death in February 1999, The Lawrence Home Nursing Team was set up and now provides skilled care and support to the terminally ill who wish to remain at home. The LHNT works in close partnership with patients, their families, GPs, Community Nurses, Community Hospitals, Hospices, the Marie Curie and Macmillan nursing services.

Securing our Future

Since 1999 the care provided by our team of 18 nurses has allowed 327 terminally ill patients to remain in their own homes. Our nurses are all fully qualified, registered nurses. Their work and training is co-ordinated by Jenny Nolan. Specialist palliative care is provided at **no cost to the patient and is funded solely through donations; the LHNT receives no government funding.** The demand for nursing care continues to be high so fundraising events; legacies and donations provide vital funds to secure the future of this local charity. It is the wish of the LHNT Trustees that these funds are used primarily to pay the nurses; most of the associated work is carried out by volunteers so our supporters can be confident that their

donations really do make a difference to terminally ill patients in the Chipping Norton area. Last year the LHNT's expenditure was £74,477 so do send a donation to the Treasurer, Robin Coates, at Dunthorp House, Heythrop, Chipping Norton, OX7 5TJ or donate online at www.justgiving.com ; contact Robin Coates should you wish to leave a legacy to the LHNT. Please also consider attending one of the following events:

6th June: Dance in aid of the LHNT and Heart Foundation, Town Hall, Chipping Norton. Contact Jenny Nolan for further details on: 01608 645669

20th June: Barn Dance at East Downs Farm, Chipping Norton.

Local Success Story

The LHNT Support Group, chaired by Nikki Knott, is keen to encourage people to run local fundraising events. If you wish to organise an event please contact Nikki Knott on: 01608 677665 or by email at nikki@litchfieldfarm.co.uk so that the date can be posted on our website and publicity material made available. The LHNT is compiling a list of people who would be willing to help with fundraising events by baking cakes, selling Christmas cards, putting up posters and so on. If you would be willing for your name to be added to this list please let Nikki Knott know.

For further information check www.lawrencehomenursing.org. The support in the Wychwoods and nearby villages has been amazing over the last ten years and the LHNT is a real local success story. Please continue to support the team in its work, so that the service will be available to local people for decades to come.

Anna Jo Righton, Secretary, LHNT.