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## Dear Mr Morris

I am writing to thank you for your generous donation of £1,500 towards the work of Help the Hospices. Please also pass on our thanks to all of the members of the recycling of metals scheme, as well as the bereaved families, whose support of your scheme has clearly helped to make it such a success. It is heartening to know that such great efforts are made to develop innovative methods of raising funds, and your support is most appreciated.

Your kind donation will help us to continue supporting local hospices throughout the United Kingdom, who tirelessly care for their patients as well as supporting their loved ones through their bereavement.

"...I had always had the idea that hospices were frightening places, full of death and gloom. I had hoped that I would never have to find out. When my husband was admitted to St Columbas in Edinburgh my preconceptions changed immediately. We were greeted with courtesy, kindness and great empathy. The day he died - thanks to the skill, patience and humanity of the staff - was one of the most moving (and, paradoxically, peaceful) I can ever remember." Family member of a hospice patient

As well as providing a voice for hospices, our practical support, through training programmes, grant making, and our information service, are vitally important in enabling hospices to provide this highly personalised care. Thank you so much for helping us to provide this support.

If you would like any additional information about the ways in which your donation will help, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0207 520 8896 or s.gray@helpthehospices.org.uk.

With very best wishes

Sarah Gray Head of Major Donors and Trusts