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Last year Donald, 56, an accountant for 24 years was diagnosed with bowel cancer and has been unable to return to work. Donald needs personal care throughout the day and night.

To help with Donald's care needs, his wife Sarah, needs to stop working. The couple have eaten into their savings to cover their reduced income, and increased costs (heating, hospital travel/parking and medical equipment). They are concerned about their future and how they will continue to pay their remaining mortgage and bills.

**EVERYONE
WITH CANCER
HAS INCREASED
MONEY WORRIES**

How Macmillan helps

Macmillan's UK wide benefits phonenumber and specialist advisers offer:

- help with identifying benefit entitlements that may go unclaimed (over £50m were secured in 2008)
- financial information, advice and support

Sarah contacted Macmillan Cancer Support for financial advice on her rights as a carer.

Macmillan identified that Sarah and Donald were entitled to disability and carers allowance worth £438.35 per week. This enabled Sarah to give up work to care full-time for Donald.

How you can help

A £1000 donation from you will help us pay for the benefits phonenumber for half a day.

For every £1 invested in our benefits phonenumber, Macmillan will identify £36.12 in benefits.

Your donation will ensure every person affected by cancer across the UK has access to benefits advice, and will reduce the financial strain of cancer.

The impact of your donation

Your £1,000 donation will enable Macmillan to help 20 cases and identify a total of £36,120 in benefits entitlements.

Your donation will:

- reduce the financial stress of cancer, improving recovery and quality of life
- reduce NHS resources through improved patient health and wellbeing

We will update you by:

- thank you letter detailing how your donation will be spent.
- example case study of who your donation has helped.
- details of benefits services in your area
- end of year appeal summary, highlighting the impact and achievements made.

'I never believed Donald and I would be in this position. We had professional careers, owned our own home and had savings. Yet, Donald's cancer drained our health, income and savings. I would never have considered benefits had it not been for Macmillan. The relief and peace of mind it bought has allowed Donald to concentrate on getting well, so we can continue our lives together.'

– Sarah