

# Concept 3



Rachael, a 17 year old student diagnosed with Leukaemia in 2009, developed liver and renal failure. She was quickly transferred to Kings College hospital, London from her Cornwall home for 2 months. Her mother, Susan, had to stop work temporarily to support Rachael, incurring huge expenses during her stay.

Rachael is now an out-patient at Treliske hospital and will continue treatment until mid 2011. She and her mother make the daily 140-mile round trip for chemotherapy, making it difficult for Susan to return to work. Susan is now extremely worried about how she can afford to take Rachael to hospital as her savings are quickly running out.

**CANCER  
REDUCES  
A FAMILY'S  
INCOME**

## How Macmillan helps

Macmillan grants service provides urgent temporary financial relief to people affected by cancer:

- giving 400 grants a week
- making decisions within 72 hours

### Macmillan provides grants for:

- mortgage and rent repayments
- medical equipment
- fuel poverty
- hospital travel and car park costs
- respite breaks for palliative cases

**Macmillan provided a grant of £400, to ensure that Rachael could still attend her vital chemotherapy.**

## How you can help

The financial crisis has increased demand for our grants. Forcing us to reduce the level of our assistance from £360 to £325 per grant.

**Help us bridge this gap by donating to pay for one or more grants. Please choose the grants you believe are most vital:**

Grant	Value
<input type="checkbox"/> Mortgage & rent repayments	£360
<input type="checkbox"/> Medical equipment	£360
<input type="checkbox"/> Fuel poverty	£360
<input type="checkbox"/> Hospital travel & car parking	£360
<input type="checkbox"/> Respite breaks	£360

Total Donation \_\_\_\_\_

## The impact of your donation

Your donation will enable Macmillan to address this increasing demand for financial relief and help those in urgent need.

### Your donation will:

- help reduce the threat of losing a family home
- stop the stark choice of heating their home or eating
- ensure patients get to vital hospital treatment
- provide necessary equipment to aid recovery at home
- give a family one last break together

### We will update you by:

- thank you letter from a beneficiary of the grant you donated.
- end of year appeal update, detailing what was raised, spent and the impact it made
- details of our future grants strategy

**'I feel so grateful for the Macmillan grant Rachael and I received. Without this, I am unsure how we would have been able to get to her chemo, as I was running out of savings. This has given me the time I needed to find a new job that works around her chemo – things are looking up!'**

**–Susan**