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Help Us Bring Comfort to Our Oncology Patients This Christmas

As the Christmas season approaches, we're reminded of the importance of generosity and the true meaning of giving. At St Vincent's Private Hospital Northside, our focus is on ensuring that every patient who comes through our doors receives the very best care—care that promotes healing, comfort, and hope. This year, as part of our New Year, New Equipment project, we need your help to ensure that our hospital is equipped to meet the needs of our patients in 2025 and beyond.

The Challenge We Face: Cancer is one of the most challenging diseases known to man, and it touches the lives of many in our community. While oncology plays a crucial role in treating and managing cancer, the journey can be tough for patients and their loved ones. A supportive environment is vital for those undergoing treatment, which is why we want to upgrade our rooms including the sunroom in our Oncology ward. We would like to enhance our spaces to improve and provide the comfort that patients and their families need during their time with us.

Our Solution: To create warm, inviting spaces where patients can take a moment to relax and unwind. We aim to update our sunroom in Ward 1C with new furniture, for example comfortable conversation lounges and side tables, along with artworks to brighten the space and also enhance patient rooms. A screen where programs like Mindsettle can be viewed will be placed in the sunroom. Mindsettle has been designed to calm patients in many clinical settings using a combination of tranquil natural images and curated soothing music. This enhancement will offer patients a peaceful escape, allowing them to experience a sense of normalcy and calm during their treatment journey.

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The Impact of Your Support: By contributing to our 2024 Christmas Appeal, you will help transform the sunroom into a sanctuary of comfort and hope. For patients, this will mean a place to find respite from the challenges of their treatment. Families will have a welcoming space to spend time together, and our staff will have an environment that supports the emotional well-being of those they care for. Creating this comforting space will bring a sense of warmth and healing to everyone who spends time in the ward.

Story from Our Ward: Trish, a recent patient at St Vincent's Private Hospital Northside, shared how a soothing environment can make all the difference:

"Hospitalisation can be challenging for most patients, with medical fears, loss of independence, and the restrictive environment. As a patient in the oncology ward, I believe enriching our experience by promoting more comfort, choice, and joy is essential to wellbeing."

Inclusion of aesthetically pleasing artwork in patient rooms, along with improvements to the current sunroom space in Ward 1C will make it more inviting for everyone - a place to step outside of their rooms and enjoy the southern view of greenery and sunshine. These simple changes like new furniture, artworks, and a TV screen, would make long and frequent hospital stays more bearable. Most importantly, I envision the ward as a pleasant space where all patients at St Vincent's Northside can find comfort when they need it most."

Why Your Support Matters: We need to raise funds to make this upgrade a reality. Every dollar donated will help us create a space that promotes healing and comfort, making a tangible difference in the lives of those facing one of the toughest battles imaginable.

At St Vincent's Private Hospital Northside, we believe that everyone deserves dignity, compassion, and the highest quality of care. By supporting our 2024 Christmas Appeal, you are helping us bring that belief to life.

We ask you to consider making a donation this Christmas. Your contribution will not only help us achieve our goal but will also send a message of care, love, and support to every patient in our Oncology ward.

Wishing you a joyful and peaceful Christmas, filled with the warmth of giving and the blessings of the season. Together, let's ensure that 2025 is a year of comfort and healing for all who rely on our care.

With gratitude,

Joseph Mundava

Manager of Haematology and Oncology Services
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