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To the members of Basingstoke MG Owners Club

I would like to take this opportunity to say a massive 'thank you' to each of your members for their generous donation of £310.00 in lieu of your cancelled annual Donut Run.

The funds that you have raised will enable our small charity to continue to support adults living in our local community whose lives have been affected by cancer. When lockdown began, we quickly adapted, and with the use of technology were able to provide 'virtual' emotional support and counselling to our members. Supporting people from initial diagnosis, throughout treatment and for 3 years on, we organise 9 sessions per week including Coffee and Chat, Mindfulness Classes, Counselling, Dietary Discussions, Exercise, Craft Classes and Guest Speaker Talks.

Over the last 10 years, we have received some wonderful feedback from those whom we support and none more so than in these last 7 months since Covid-19 hit. The following are some messages we have recently received, and the people concerned agreed to share their comments with you.

Lesley - "I just wanted to say that the Pink Place has been a lifesaver to me during this awful time. The regular virtual coffee mornings have been such a big part of my life through all of this, giving me something else to focus on rather than my cancer. Being able to talk to others in the same situation and hear how they are coping and just to have a laugh with them has helped me so much. Knowing that you are there for us, even on the bad days is just wonderful. I can't thank you enough for all that you do"

Sarah - "The Pink Place Zoom sessions during lockdown have literally been a lifesaver, without them lockdown would have been so much worse. The daily sessions not only give me support, they have brought the outside world to me as I have no garden or outside space and I am still shielding indoors. To see everyone 'virtually' has put a huge smile on my face"

Rob - "Thank you to The Blue Space, I am indebted to you. You give me a reason to get out of bed each morning and face the day ahead. I don't know what would have happened to my mental health without you being there for me, especially when dark thoughts creep in"

Once again, our heartfelt thanks for your kind donation and we are so very appreciative of your continued support of The Pink Place and Blue Space.

Kind regards

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