

Charity Collection Submission – St Raphael’s Hospice

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to apply for a chance to hold a collection for St Raphael’s Hospice at one of your home matches.

St Raphael’s is the local Hospice for Sutton and Merton, including Wimbledon. We support over 1,000 patients – and their families and friends – each year, offering vital and highly-specialised care at the end of life.

Our approach is holistic, offering each patient physical, emotional and spiritual care. We seek to demonstrate the ethos of the hospice movement that everyone should be helped to fully live until they die.

All of the services St Raphael’s offer are free of charge to patients and families but we rely heavily on fundraising, donations and legacies and the generosity of our local community to continue providing our high quality care.

This support is crucial as it costs £5.8m a year to keep the hospice running, that’s £15,890 every day. More than 80% of income is spent on direct patient care, including medical and nursing salaries.

We receive a small amount of funding every year from the government but the remaining £4.4m is raised from activities and donations, which is why we really would hugely appreciate your support.

Any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you.