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**Dear Friends,**

It is almost ten months since I took over the Chairmanship of East Coast Hospice and during that time so much has moved forward. I need to thank the staff, new and old, for their commitment and dedication and for their enthusiasm which truly inspires me. Our volunteers and supporters have been outstanding and without their total commitment we would not have progressed as successfully.

With the completion of the purchase of our land we have been able to apply for many more grants than previously and have been delighted with the results. It has also been truly wonderful how people have donated to our brick appeal in memory of loved ones in lieu of floral tributes etc and the appeal is running from strength to strength. Many of you have kindly signed Gift Aid declarations which means we can earn an extra 25 pence for every pound donated. This is true of donations of goods and clothing given to our shops as well as monetary donations and we are very grateful for this.

We have relocated some of our shops and opened others to enable us to have a foundation of income for the future. We will in time be opening more shops and increasing the charity's awareness in new areas.

Our events programme is getting fuller by the day and I have great enthusiasm that our goals are being, and will be met. Your support is imperative for the People's Charity to become a reality and I thank you all.

**Kind Regards,**

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