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**Dear Friends,**

This year has been exciting, hectic and mind-boggling! The charity has moved forward in leaps and bounds as you'll see here.

Many more organisations have chosen to support us this year and we now have our own van for shop collections & deliveries and to help attendance at events. The number of events that we have been involved in has risen considerably during the year which has increased awareness of ECH in the public arena. The generosity of the donations streaming in is overwhelming and Corinne and I have been working on the internal structure of the hospice, looking at equipment, fittings, furniture and the functionality of the building. This is all bringing us closer to our goal.

Volunteers are a very important part of any organisation and ours have proved to be superb this year. Thank you all so much (but this isn't to say we don't need a few more of you!!) I also want to say thanks and congratulations to all our staff, their partners and families who have contributed to the success of ECH this year. We cannot do without any of our friends, volunteers and supporters.

In September we had a garden event in Southwold which was extremely well attended; the talk was given by Lady Tollemache and the Q&A session was extremely enlightening with Charles Notcutt and David Kelf adding interesting food for thought for our hospice environment. Thanks to all who participated.

We are looking for three more shops to add to our chain by March 2015 and are delighted to say that the income raised from our current shops covers the costs of running the charity. Therefore new shops' profits will go (with our donations) towards the capital fund which is a situation we have been working towards for quite some time. This achievement is truly gratifying.

I wish you all a Happy Christmas and us all a successful 2015!

**Kind Regards,**

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