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Increase the value of your donated furniture for nothing!

Did you know how you can boost the value of your furniture donations to your local hospice for nothing? If you are a UK tax payer then your furniture donations to the Hospice are now worth 25% more, as part of the government's Gift Aid scheme, which allows charities to claim back the tax donors have already paid on furniture donations.

To make this happen, all you need to do is make sure you fill in one of our furniture Gift Aid forms, which our drivers will present to you upon collection of your unwanted furniture, confirming that you are happy for us to claim Gift Aid on your donation. We then claim Gift Aid once the item donated has been sold, as it works as if you had donated the money rather than the item.

"By allowing us to claim Gift Aid on your behalf you can help us to increase the amount of money we spend on free care to those affected by life limiting illnesses in your town," says Tim Osborn, Head of Retail at Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice. "Every year we miss out on thousands of pounds worth of unclaimed Gift Aid which can have a significant impact on the Hospice's income and ability to develop our services. I urge everyone who is a UK tax payer to let us know their status when they make a furniture donation, so that we can continue offering exceptional care to those who need it."

If you would like to find out more about donating and buying items from our Furniture Showroom in Farnham, please contact the sales team on 01252 710679. We offer a free inspection and collection service and are able to deliver furniture items for a small charge. In addition to the Furniture Showroom, five out of our 12 shops sell furniture, and these are located in Farnborough, Fleet, Farnham, Aldershot and Camberley.

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Notes for Editors:

Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice provides Specialist Palliative Care to adult patients and their families living with life limiting illnesses in West Surrey and North East Hampshire. We aim to give excellent specialist care and support and, through training, empower other healthcare professionals serving our community of 600,000 residents to do the same.

Every day we support over 100 patients and carers in their own homes, in the community and at the Hospice (on our In-Patient Unit, in Day Hospice, at out-patient appointments and through Patient and Family Services). We firmly believe in offering an integrated package of care that reflects both clinical requirement and patient choice.

The NHS covers less than 16% of the Hospice's costs. This means we have to fundraise 84p in every pound the Hospice needs to spend so we rely heavily on the support and generosity of our local community. All our services are free of charge to our patients and their families, but we need to fundraise over £10,000 a day to offer such an exceptional standard of clinical care and support.

Our vision is to be able to give local patients and their families both an excellent service and a choice about where they'd like to be cared for by the Hospice. We can only do this with the continued support of our community.

Please get in touch for more information on how you can support your local hospice. Please visit www.pth.org.uk or call 01252 729446 for further information.