



Working for a life free of pain

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Dear Howard,

I am so very pleased I was able to come to your meeting last Wednesday and to be able to say thank you in person for the club's remarkable donation of £2,350. I'm sure you already know but I want to repeat just how important this gift is to us and how grateful we are to you all for raising such a significant sum to help fund our work. No fundraising ever takes place without the gifts of time, hard work and dedication and, on behalf of everyone who will benefit from your generosity, I should like to thank you all for what you have personally given to the charity.

DeBRA has always recognised that specialist nursing care is an essential requirement and a Social Care Team has also been provided to offer practical, social and emotional support for people with EB and their families. Research into effective treatments, and ultimately a cure for EB, is also a part of DeBRA's work and recent projects have given promising results which we believe will lead to improved pain relief, better wound management, cancer care and the correction of genetic abnormalities.

However, all this work - however crucial - is expensive and relies on the generosity of people who care enough to want to help. Thankfully, people like you are willing to support us, believing in what we do and having the confidence in our ability to do it well.

Every charity will tell you that supporters are important; they will tell you that supporters can make a difference. Well, DeBRA is no different in that - however, with DeBRA we know that our supporters are not just important, they are vital. Our supporters don't just make a difference; they make a fundamental difference and a very significant impact. What you enable us to do is to be there - every minute of every day - for people with EB. And DeBRA is always there for families - in their hardest times and in their loneliest moments. It's a very special charity and I hope you will feel proud to be a part of our successful fight to end EB.

With many thanks once again - and with very best wishes to you all,

Laura

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PS I have banked your cheque and our Office will send you a receipt in due course.