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Imperial Health Charity's COVID-19 Relief Fund Friday 24 April 2020

On behalf of everyone at Imperial Health Charity (IHC) and the Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust, we would like to say a huge thank you for your tremendous support of our COVID-19 Relief Fund.

Your incredible support has enabled the Charity to provide urgent aid to our remarkable NHS staff, volunteers and patients – across our five hospitals – Charing Cross, Hammersmith, Queen Charlotte's and Chelsea, St Mary's and the Western Eye hospitals

How your donation is supporting our hospital community

Since launching the appeal on Friday 20 March, we have raised an outstanding **£418,991.15**.

We have also received a significant gift from #FeedNHS – a national campaign led by LEON, Damien Lewis and Helen McCrory (£200,000).



Our COVID-19 Relief Fund has been set up to provide emergency support to three key areas in our hospitals: staff wellbeing, financial aid to vulnerable patients and their families and improved technology and infrastructure. To date we have:

- installed an improved internet service across our hospitals. Our patients, staff and volunteers now have access to faster and more reliable internet – helping them to stay connected to their loved ones and the outside world
- provided iPads for patients on the road to recovery from the virus but need to remain in isolation. The iPads will keep patients entertained and allow them to speak to their family and friends
- invested in catering equipment to ensure hot food and other grocery items remain fresh and available throughout the day for staff
- opened three pop-up shops for our staff, giving them access to free essential groceries and snacks (*pictured, our volunteer Kate at Charing Cross's shop*)
- provided over 18,000 emergency bottles of water for front-line staff

We also plan to provide wellbeing packs and create respite spaces for staff to rest, with access to on-site one-to-one and group counselling. As our hospitals needs continue to evolve and develop, we are working closely with the Trust to identify new areas that require urgent and immediate support to help us fight the virus.



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Meet our volunteer response team

Imperial Health Charity's volunteer response team is led by our IHC staff, who have recruited over 190 dedicated volunteers. Our incredible volunteers are working across our hospitals to ensure hospital staff receive essential supplies during the coronavirus crisis.

Since March, the team have co-ordinated food deliveries from food outlets such as LEON, Deliveroo and local community groups, with the number of meals distributed to staff increasing each week. Last week (13-19 April) over 15,000 meals were hand-delivered to staff!



The team also manages our three pop-up shops 12 hours a day, seven days a week as well as donations of other essential items for staff, which are distributed around our hospitals to those teams most in need.

News stories featuring Imperial Health Charity

On Thursday 16 April, Fergal Keane (BBC News) reported from the frontline across the Imperial Trust, which featured a number of our incredible NHS staff:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A13dfgSzets>

We are also delighted to share with you a short celebratory video of Ralph Deocampo, one of our Nurse Practitioners at Charing Cross hospital. Ralph is leaving to go home after successfully recovering from the virus. Beside Ralph, is his wife, Brenda, a Sister on the Marjory Warren Acute Medical Unit at Charing Cross. They met 10 years ago at Charing Cross hospital! <https://twitter.com/ImperialNHS/status/1252299932591104003>

A huge thank you for joining us and our hospital community in the fight against the coronavirus.