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Dear Ms Cox

Last month Scannappeal celebrated its 25th anniversary, so I am writing to thank you for your past support which has enabled us to purchase so much life-saving equipment during that time, particularly for the **cardiology** department. From the original CT scanner 25 years ago through to recent purchases such as the latest 3D heart scanner, donors like you have enabled over 500,000 local people to receive treatment at the forefront of clinical care.

Every day I use this marvellous technology at Amersham, Wycombe and Stoke Mandeville hospitals. This would **not normally be provided by the NHS** so Scannappeal's independent Trustees assess each project to ensure that your donation goes directly to purchase equipment that will benefit many patients.

I hope you will renew your support of Scannappeal's work which is currently for cancer patients. Cilla Black recently launched an Appeal to provide equipment to create a totally digital breast screening service which will radically improve diagnosis of early **breast cancer**. I'm sure there can't be anyone who doesn't know someone who has been affected by this terrible disease. The charity's other projects are for equipment to diagnose **bowel cancer** or to help with rehabilitation after a **stroke** – you can choose where your donation is spent.

If you, or a member of your family, has benefited from the equipment Scannappeal has supplied in the past, perhaps you could consider **giving £25 to mark our 25th anniversary?** However you may decide to support us – with a donation, by attending an event or by organising your own fundraising – it will make a difference to many people just like you.

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UPDATE

Raising funds for Amersham, Wycombe, Stoke Mandeville & Community Hospitals

Spring/Summer 2012

Every 10 minutes a patient in your area is diagnosed or treated with equipment Scannappeal has supplied in the past

25th birthday present arrives

Scannappeal celebrated its 25th birthday by inviting the Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire to unwrap a very special present. Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher and William Baxter, Chairman, delighted volunteers and clinicians by revealing a £125,000 3D heart scanner funded by Scannappeal, which is one of the first in the UK.



From Patient to Torch Bearer



Last year we funded innovative OSNA equipment to rapidly diagnose the spread of breast cancer. Tina Read, 49, from Chesham, is one patient who underwent the OSNA test. She said 'I was extremely fortunate that during the surgery to remove

the tumour, my Consultant, Giles Cunnick, was able to use this test to confirm whether the cancer had spread to my lymph nodes. This meant the affected nodes were removed during this single operation. I didn't have that awful wait for the results and my treatment plan wasn't delayed. Life is great, the outlook is positive and I'm thrilled that this year I have been chosen to be an Olympic torch bearer.'



photo: James Bramley

Cilla launches new Appeal

Cilla Black, Principal Patron, launched our £500,000 Appeal for digital breast screening equipment to radically improve diagnosis of early breast cancer. She encouraged people to support Scannappeal's work and said 'There can't be a woman who doesn't know someone who has been affected by this terrible disease of breast cancer.'

Digital images are exceptionally sharp, making diagnosis more accurate, and will mean a quicker examination and lower radiation dose for 23,000 local women aged 47-73 each year.

(Cilla is pictured with Jane Barrow, Radiology Manager, and Hilary Hillson, Breast Cancer Care Nurse)

Switchover ... and save costs

The rise in the cost of postage is having a financial impact on small charities such as ours, yet is currently our main way of contacting supporters. To help keep costs down, we would really like to send out our twice-yearly *Updates* by email. If you would like to receive our *Updates* electronically, please let us have your email address which we will never forward on to a third party. Thank you for helping us switchover and save costs!