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Dear Mick and the South Woodham Ferrers Rotary Club,

Thank you from Sarcoma UK

Thank you for choosing to support our charity in memory of Chris Betts. Your kindness and generosity is giving support, information and hope to the sarcoma community.

The truth is, being a less common type of cancer also means the amount of research looking into sarcoma is sorely lacking. It means our understanding of the disease lags far behind other cancers, which in turn means researchers have further to go to discover more effective treatments.

South Woodham Ferrers Rotary Club's support and funding is helping to change that. Your kind £400 donation which we received on 27 August 2021 is helping to bring together a collaboration of world-class researchers and clinicians to analyse around 1,000 genetic samples from sarcoma patients.

The project, called the GeCIP study, is something completely new for sarcoma research. Professor Adrienne Flanagan who leads the project says "for the first time we have the chance to get an unprecedented understanding of sarcoma". This is a hugely exciting step for sarcoma research, which has the potential to benefit people with all types of sarcoma. With a better understanding of what's happening in sarcoma cancer cells, researchers will be able to use and create targeted treatments, getting patients on the right drugs sooner and without the unnecessary rounds of side-effects.

The £250,000 granted to the project by Sarcoma UK would not have been possible without you, and donors like you. Please do pass on our special thanks to all at South Woodham Ferrers Rotary Club who made this donation possible. We are so grateful for your generosity and support in memory of Chris, his legacy is giving hope to everyone affected by the disease.

Thank you again for your kindness.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Davidson Chief Executive