

## Our History

In 1911, a young man named Douglas Macmillan watched his father die of cancer. His father's pain and suffering moved Douglas so much, he founded the 'Society for the Prevention and Relief of Cancer'.

Douglas wanted advice and information to be provided to all people with cancer, homes for patients at low or no cost, and voluntary nurses to attend to patients in their own homes.

As a result of experience and listening to patients and their carers, the Charity now provides medical, financial, practical and emotional help throughout the cancer 'journey'.

### 2008 Achievements

- Raised 124 million (10 m. more than 2007)
- For every £1 raised, 93p was spent on patients (2 or 3 pence more per pound than other big charities)
- 86 New Macmillan nurses
- 2.8 million visitors for online information
- MCS gave financial grants to 27,000 cancer patients with an average grant of £360
- We now have 182 benefits officers (65 new ones) with an average of £2,000 retrieved for 37,000 patients.

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## Macmillan Cancer Support Cambridge Committee

### Fundraising Events Autumn 2009 - Winter 2010

*Macmillan improves the lives of people affected by cancer. We help with all the things that people affected by cancer want and need, from specialist health care and information to practical, emotional and financial support.*

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