

Dear valued supporter,

It has been my absolute honour to lead Cranfield Trust for the last 25 years. In that time, I have seen the role small charities play in our society evolve and grow in ways we could not have anticipated. They are increasingly the first port of call for people in need and often work with central or local government to deliver what would have been statutory services in the past. Charities are a valuable national asset and have never been more needed.

Charities are needed now, and will be in the future, and they need our support. At Cranfield Trust, during our last financial year, we experienced our highest demand ever. Thanks to our volunteers, we worked with hundreds of organisations on consultancy projects, with our mentors, through our peer support groups and by offering learning opportunities through management webinars.

We are here for essential, frontline charities – and have been for 35 years, an amazing track record of support made possible by you, our dedicated and highly skilled volunteers, sharing time and expertise so generously, and our donors and funders who support the Trust.

We are committed to being here for charities in the future, to work with small charities and their leaders to provide the skills and support they need to complement their own expertise and to be resilient for many years to come.

As I retire from Cranfield Trust, I would like to ask your help in securing our future, to make sure Cranfield Trust is there to nurture and grow the confidence and capabilities of charity leaders for generations to come. I would be very grateful if you would consider joining me in leaving Cranfield Trust a gift in your will. A legacy is an invaluable way to ensure your already incredible support continues long into the future. I enclose more details for your consideration, when the time is right for you.

My sincere thanks for your support of Cranfield Trust during my time as Chief Executive. My legacy is due to all the amazing people I have had the pleasure and honour of working with over the years. I know Cranfield Trust is in great hands for the future, but I will miss working with you, and being part of a group of amazing people, doing so much for vital charities.

With best wishes, as always

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