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CHRISTMAS APPEAL

"Stroke is the leading cause of disability in Australia. Early mobility following stroke has been shown to reduce complications and assists in greater recovery of independence and function long term" Romesh Markus, Neurologist, St Vincent's Hospital.

This Christmas, St Vincent's Hospital has requested our support for a ceiling mounted hoist system for their Stroke Care Unit. This special hoist will:

- assist in the early mobility of stroke patients and early commencement of rehabilitation
- reduce complications in stroke patients such as post-stroke pneumonia and DVT, and
- reduce the number of falls that occur with patients who have poor balance and weakness.

In 2009, Australians will suffer around 60,000 strokes. This figure is expected to increase each year due to our ageing population. Timely treatment and rehabilitation is vital to enable the best possible outcomes for those who suffer stroke.

I thank you in advance for your consideration of this important appeal which will assist the St Vincent's Stroke Care team provide the best possible treatment for its patients.

Most sincerely,

Marie Haren RSC

Sister Marie Haren RSC

Donations can be made via the Curran Foundation website, www.curran-foundation.org.au or by completing and returning this form. All donations $2 and over are tax deductible.

☐ **Yes, I would like to contribute to the Curran Foundation for St Vincent's Hospital to support the acquisition of a patient hoist of the Stroke Unit.**

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