



MAGDALENE COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE
The Master's Lodge

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As a Patron of the College of St Barnabas I am writing to you to ask for your help.

I am proud to support the College in this way because I have been so impressed by what I have found on each of my visits there. The beauty of the environment, profound spirituality and excellence of the care that the Residents receive all contribute to making this a truly special community.

As a registered Charity, the College has always sought to ensure that anyone who looks to us for help can receive the care they need, even if their means are not sufficient to cover its cost. However, you will know as well as I do of the problem caused by the gap between the cost of looking after someone in care and the amount that social funding provides for this.

The funding gap for those in our Nursing Wing who receive State support for their care is now some £160,000 each year.

Despite this shortfall we remain determined to continue to provide the best possible care for all who live here. Indeed, in a recent unannounced inspection on behalf of the Care Quality Commission, our Nursing Wing was graded as GOOD in every category.

Not all of our Residents are clergy. Some have been married to priests, others have given distinguished service in lay ministries. All are faithful Anglicans who look to the College in their later lives for practical and spiritual care, even though many cannot meet the costs we incur.

We need your help if we are to continue to look after our Residents in this way. These are people who have given their lives to care for others. Now it is our turn to care for them.

With this letter you will find a leaflet with more information about the College and the situation we are grappling with year on year. I hope you will find this interesting and that it will inspire you to give us your support.

Whatever you can give will be used directly to care for our most needy Residents. Please help us to help them *now*.

Thank you.

Lord Williams