

## **BOSTON**

*'I write to offer my support for hospice beds in Boston after reading your article in the local press. I am a single mum with a young family living in Boston. I was diagnosed with cancer several months ago. I had chemotherapy at Pilgrim hospital and some radiotherapy at Lincoln hospital.*

*At first I was able to drive and found it not too difficult to travel for my treatment, but as time has progressed and my health became worse, I am no longer able to drive and sometimes find it difficult to look after myself: relatives help with the children.*

*Recently it was decided that I would benefit from a short stay in a hospice but there were no beds available in Lincoln at St Barnabas, so I had to go to Thorpe Hall at Peterborough. I hated every minute, the care was loving, kind and everything I hoped it would be, but I felt lonely and isolated because my family could not afford to visit every day, I really missed my children who were also unhappy and they too felt isolated as they were unable to visit.*

*A hospice close to home would mean so much to a patient like myself, I do hope your project will be successful and beds will soon be available.*

*Alison*