

EPIC Golfing Society
C/o Malcolm Marshall
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Dear Malcolm,

I am writing to express my sincere thanks to **The EPIC Golfing Society** for choosing to fundraise for The Ehlers-Danlos Support UK (EDS UK) during the Society's 40th Anniversary, raising a fantastic **£8099.30**. I really enjoyed attending the dinner following the Charity Golf Day on 5th July 2017 and having the chance to talk a bit about what we do and why funds are so desperately needed. EPIC's donation really makes a huge difference to an organization as small as ours trying to do so much. The generosity of the Society and its supporters means we can keep our vital services going and continue to be the first port of call when someone with one of the Ehlers-Danlos syndromes needs support and advice.

As I know you are aware, being diagnosed or suspected of having a chronic condition can often be difficult, challenging and bewildering for individuals. Many people don't know where to turn and struggle to cope; often feeling **anxious depressed** and **alone**. With your generous donation, individuals and families that have been affected by EDS can feel fully supported and not feel so alone.

"After wrongly being diagnosed as the doctors have never heard of EDS before, I finally got my diagnosis. I contacted EDS UK looking for support and advice. Whenever I have spoken to EDS UK they have always been very helpful and provided with me useful advice, and really felt I was being listened to for the first time in my life."



86% of attendees of EDS UK support groups find it has helped them to feel less isolated

69% of carers who have used the EDS UK free phone helpline have felt more confidence in supporting someone with EDS

94% of individuals felt that EDS UK positively impacted their understanding of the condition

"I have been diagnosed with EDS for five years and I got more information from this charity than I have received from the doctors. A great place to go and find information and friends suffering from the same condition"



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EDS UK aims to provide support to people affected by EDS, educate and raise awareness and support research to improve knowledge. These aims are fulfilled by running support groups, providing high-quality information, providing a free helpline and funding research.

Through your support of the charity you help us to bring individuals and families together to help overcome the **anxiety, depression** and **isolation** they may feel. Funding allows us to bring people together at conferences and dedicated events we hold. They enable individuals and families to talk with others going through the same experiences. Empowering them to share ideas, understandings, as well as the ups and downs they face having a chronic condition or seeing a loved one with a chronic condition.

"A great place to go and find information and friends suffering from the same conditions. Brilliant!"

"Believe it or not, I met two of my best friends at the residential conference in 2014. Knowing they know what I go through is such a relief as they really get me"

Ultimately the generous donation The EPIC Golfing Society has given will ensure no-one with EDS is left to fight on their own.

With warmest thanks,

Kay Julier
Managing Director