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Dear Mr Henwood,

I am writing to thank the Guildford Lions for the very generous donation of £250. This is a huge boost towards our fundraising, which as you might imagine has been enormously hit over the last 12 months. We really do appreciate your support.

At the beginning of last year we had so many exciting plans which quickly dissolved when the Covid-19 virus spread and we had to halt all face to face groups and meetings for the safety of everyone. Our service team adapted our courses and programmes at rapid speed so that our Members could remain in receipt of services from us, still gain the much needed support of their peers and to reduce any feelings of isolation as we faced with our first 'lockdown'.

Our 27 years of experience and our well defined models of support in aphasia management provided a firm foundation for this combined with our exceptional volunteer team (many going over and above their roles), very eager beneficiaries and families who have been determined to learn new skills in order to remain connected either via on-line video conferencing methods or teletherapy.

2021 brings us an opportunity to now further these new digital skills in both service delivery and fundraising. We have a new 5 year vision and have incorporated our developments in remote support as we hope to reach more and more people with aphasia and primary progressive aphasia (PPA). We will continue to build on partnerships with clinical and academic experts in the field of aphasia to grow and share our expertise, as we recover from this pandemic.

We altered our approach to community fundraising with several new initiatives and managed to exceed expectations with some new digital fundraising pursuits. This year we really look forward to organising some local events - as a friendly and sociable charity this is something we have really missed. Individual supporters and local community groups, the support they give and the relationships we have with them are really important to us.

We hope you may wish to receive our newsletters which illustrate different aspects of our work and its impact on so many people's lives. Please email us at: info@dyscover.org.uk to let us know if you are happy for us to add you to our distribution list (we produce these just 3 times a year).

We are determined this year will be better and look forward to the vaccination programme roll out taking effect - eventually allowing us to welcome our beneficiaries back to our centres. On behalf of us all at Dyscover, thank you once again for your valuable support. We look forward to sharing our news with you soon.

Yours sincerely

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