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## **Step into Christmas with Saint Francis Hospice**

October is here, and that can only mean one thing: Sir Cliff is preparing to come out of hibernation as we speak. As the autumnal chill sets in, we think that now is an acceptable time to start talking all things Christmas.

If you're not feeling Christmassy yet, then allow Saint Francis Hospice to get you in the mood: welcome to the Hospice's countdown to Christmas.

Saint Francis Hospice charity retail stores are packed with new and pre-loved favourites we know you will love. You'll find Christmas gifts for even the most hard-to-buy-for friends and relatives. Electrical goods, toys, books, toiletries, cosmetics, jewellery, clothing and accessories — not forgetting their unique Christmas cards — are in abundance.

We're especially fond of the Saint Francis Hospice festive greetings cards this year. Expect snowy paintings showcasing the Hospice's impressive 19th-century mansion set in the beautiful surroundings of Havering-atte-Bower.

You'll also find Christmas trees, baubles, crackers and candles to deck your home with festive sparkle. If in true Noddy Holder style, you'll be waiting for the family to arrive and wondering if you've got the room to spare inside, there are glasses, plates, tables, chairs, beds, blankets and throws.

There are so many '3 for 2' offers in the run-up to the festive period. Why not donate that third item to one of the Hospice's stores? They make great secret stocking fillers and secret Santa gifts; the Hospice has plenty of 'under a tenner' presents.

Not only will you be saving you and your bank balance from the dreaded January blues, but you'll also be doing something amazing. You'll be supporting local people who really need a festive cheer.

Happy shopping, and remember: the money from every purchase you make goes towards caring for the Hospice's patients living with life-limiting illnesses and providing bereavement therapy for families — often young children who will be without a parent this Christmas.

With only 27% of the Hospice's total costs coming from the government, they need to find over £7.8m between this Christmas to survive.

You can find a full list of the Hospice's stores [here](#).

**Photos:**

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Notes for editors:

Saint Francis Hospice is a registered charity that employs 150 nurses, doctors and specialist healthcare staff who are supported by 800 volunteers. Together they provide care and help to more than 4,000 people across the boroughs of Havering, Barking & Dagenham, Redbridge and Brentwood. Saint Francis Hospice provides all of its services free of charge to support patients from our local community with any life-limiting illness including cancer, heart, lung or motor neurone disease.

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