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Generous donation to cancer wellness services

The family and friends of the late Wakeley resident Cong Thanh Huynh have made a big-hearted gesture as a special tribute to the much-loved man.

Liverpool Hospital's Cancer Wellness Centre has received a \$30,000 donation from Mr Huynh's widow Thi Thon Le after family and friends donated the money in lieu of flowers at his funeral.

Professor Geoffrey Delaney, Director of Cancer Services, South Western Sydney Local Health District, thanked Ms Le for the generous donation.

"The money will support our Wellness Centre programs, which rely on donations, for up to 12 months," Professor Delaney said.

"This means patients can benefit from massage, acupuncture, Tai Chi, yoga, art therapy, relaxation and meditation as well as participate in our Bravery Unmasked and Active Survivor programs.

"The donation will benefit many patients, both while they are receiving treatment as well as post-treatment, and I am thrilled and thankful that our wellness centre was selected to receive the funds."

Father Paul Van Chu, a patient at the Cancer Wellness Centre, conducted Mr Huynh's funeral and was approached by Ms Le who was seeking to donate the money to a "worthy cause".

Although Mr Huynh was not a patient of the hospital's cancer service, Father Paul said he suggested the facility for the donation because he knew first-hand of the wellness centre's outstanding work.

"I was delighted to suggest the Cancer Wellness Centre to receive the donation because it does so much to assist in the care and treatment of people with cancer," he said.

Father Paul said Mr Huynh's family were pleased the money would help to fund activities which promoted the wellbeing of cancer patients.