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Friends of the Elderly's Peace of Mind Appeal has received a major boost with a grant from The Freemasons' Grand Charity totalling £80,000.

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The donation will be used towards the building cost of a specialist 24-bedroom dementia care home adjacent to Friends of the Elderly's existing residential and nursing care homes in Malvern.

Sir Michael Perry, Chairman of the Peace of Mind Appeal, said, "I am delighted to receive such a generous sum on behalf of the appeal. I know that the causes supported by the Freemasons' Grand Charity are chosen because they aim to make a significant difference to people in need and that's certainly the case with people living with dementia."

Jo O'Boyle, Director of Fundraising for Friends of the Elderly, added, "Recent reports suggest that by 2030 there will be a rise of over 70% in people diagnosed with dementia in the West Midlands. This generosity from the Freemasons' Grand Charity helps us to respond to that increased need by building the new dementia unit."

Speaking about the donation Richard Goddard, Provincial Grand Master for Worcestershire Freemasons said: "Friends of the Elderly provides a wonderful service, supporting older people and their families. This new home, specifically catering for those living with dementia, will provide much needed help for people in the local area and we are very glad to be able to assist in this way."

The Peace of Mind Appeal is targeted to raise £500,000 of the estimated £3.2m needed for the development of the home, and has raised £240,000 so far.

The Major Grants Scheme is just one of the initiatives driven by The Freemasons' Grand Charity which donates over £3 million to national charities every year.