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Hello,

'Oh no, not another one!' I wouldn't blame you if that's what you thought when you saw that the post had brought you another request from a hard-pressed charity.

Of course, we do need funds, but if all you're going to do is read about what I do at The Terrence Higgins Trust, then this mailing will have been a success. This opportunity to tell a great many - I hope - sympathetic people about what we're doing means a lot to me.

My name is Sharley McLean and I have two main roles. One is as a counsellor, talking with people, their families and friends who get in touch with us to discuss their fears and worried about HIV and AIDS. My other job is to help administer our hardship fund which gives financial support to those diagnosed with AIDS.

The leaflet that they've sent with this note tells you a few of my thoughts and experiences, both about counselling and the fund.

I have to admit I sometimes think 'Oh no, not another one', when a particularly difficult counselling case crops up at the end of a long day. Or when someone very deserving approaches us for money which we simply can't afford to give them.

Thank you for being interested enough to read on. If you can help us in any other way please do. Anything you can send will achieve so much where it really matters.

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