

# Patient's gratitude helps rebuild confidence for cancer sufferer

## After life-saving op she joins fundraising for vital equipment

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A woman who had her faith in the NHS restored by a life-saving operation has helped a Lions club donate a vital machine.

The Lions Club of Fairlop presented a £5,000 nipple tattooing machine, for patients who have undergone breast reconstruction surgery, at a ceremony at King George Hospital, Barley Lane, Goodmayes.

Pali Chakravarti's trust in the NHS and King George was at absolute "zero" after staff failed to pick up a life-threatening condition.

But after undergoing emergency surgery to remove her thyroid, the effective treatment that she received from consultant Anthony Pittathankal and his team inspired her to ask for help from the Lions.

Mrs Chakravarti said: "I was more than grateful for my new lease of life.

"To show my gratitude, I wanted to do something



Paul and Pali Chakravarti with lead consultant Anthony Pittathankal at King George Hospital

ence, and after discussing the same with Mr Pittathankal, I agreed to help with Breast Cancer Awareness within the Asian communities, and fund raise for the nipple tattoo machine.

"I approached the members of the Lions Club of Fairlop, whose current president is my husband Paul Chakravarti to ask for their help in

with their help we managed to raise the money."

At a ceremony at the hospital on Thursday, the drama group EKTA gave a short performance in Hindi on the danger of breast cancer, and Mr and Mrs Chakravarti presented the machine to Mr Pittathankal.

Lions president Mr Chakravarti said: "At the moment

way to Chelmsford to be from this treatment, but this new machine they do everything in-here.

"Particularly in Asia, women are reluctant to come forward and checked.

"What we want to do is create the awareness of