



# The rise and rise of the carers' movement

OVER THE PAST TWO DECADES, THE CARERS' MOVEMENT HAS EVOLVED INTO AN INTERNATIONAL FORCE. PATIENT GROUPS, TOO, HAVE BEGUN TO ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF CAREGIVERS.

THIS ISSUE OF *HSCNEWS* LOOKS AT THE MOVEMENT'S MANY SUCCESSES, AND CONSIDERS WHY CAMPAIGNERS BELIEVE THAT NUMEROUS COUNTRIES STILL NEED TO DO FAR MORE TO RECOGNISE THE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY CARERS. AN 18-PAGE OVERVIEW OF THE SUBJECT IS FOLLOWED BY INTERVIEWS WITH FOUR KEY INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED WITH THE CARERS' MOVEMENT:

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