

Actress Sian Phillips is a new Patron for RAFT

RAFT (The Restoration of Appearance and Function Trust)- the UK charity carrying out pioneering work in the treatment of major wounds and skin traumas – is delighted to announce that actress Siân Phillips has agreed to be a Patron for RAFT. The lives of hundreds of thousands of people are affected by skin disfiguring illnesses and damage such as burns, wounds and skin cancer. Through invaluable research, RAFT aims to improve the lives of these patients.

Born in Wales, and graduate of University of Wales, Sian Phillips trained at RADA where she was awarded the Bancroft Gold Medal. The recipient of many awards in theatre film and television, Siân was made a CBE in the Queen’s 2000 Birthday Honours List for services to the theatre. She is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and an Honorary Fellow of Cardiff, Swansea, Trinity and Glamorgan Universities. She holds an Honorary Doc. Litt, University of Wales and is a member of the Gorsedd of Bards of Great Britain.

Siân says, “I visited RAFT for the first time last week without really knowing what to expect. I can honestly say that I was truly amazed at the work that goes on there. I met the RAFT team (the surgeons, scientists, fundraising and administration) all of whom went out of their way to make me feel very welcome. I was invited to tour the laboratories and see the research ‘in progress’. Although I don’t admit to understanding all of the science, I do understand the true need for RAFT’s research and the urgency to get it to patients. I was also impressed by the commitment and passion of everyone involved. Therefore I am honoured and delighted to be a Patron for RAFT and to become part of the RAFT family.”

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Since 1988 RAFT has been carrying out pioneering research into practical and affordable ways to save and repair skin. **RAFT has been working to improve the healing outcome and the patient’s future quality of life.**

Currently we are working on a new product ‘Smart Matrix’ which is an artificial skin material. It will not only treat the wound in the short-term but also allow more extensive wounds to be treated than ever before.

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