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Brain injury group salutes Bill and his 'inspirational' legacy

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Edinburgh Headway Group has paid tribute to its founder Bill Bryden who died on May 18, aged 90.

Bill and his wife Jean were among a group of carers who set up the charity in 1982, providing support for adults with acquired brain injuries and their families.

They successfully ran the group for 30 years, while providing dedicated care to their own son, and continued to serve as honorary presidents following their retirement in

2012. Even after Jean's death in 2019, Bill remained active with the charity.

A lifelong Hibs supporter and talented musician – playing the organ at London Road Church – he was also a school friend of the late Ronnie Corbett, who he persuaded to become a patron. Bill received the charity's Outstanding Contribution Award in 2012.

EHG chief executive Michelle Keenan said: "We will always be grateful to Bill and Jean; no one forgets the people who make a difference and it's without doubt that Bill and Jean made a huge difference to the lives of many individuals with a brain injury

and their families." Describing Bill as "an inspirational person", whose dedication to EHG was "absolute", trustee David Williamson added: "The personal time he contributed both before and after he retired was incredible. His and Jean's legacy is the current success of EHG in its fantastic new building, providing first class support to members and carers. He will be sadly missed by all who knew and admired him."

Previously based at Astley Ainslie Hospital, the group now offers rehabilitation services and social activities from premises in Peffer Place. edinburghheadway.org.uk



Edinburgh Headway Group founder and honorary president Bill Bryden