

Friends of the Sheffield Children's Hospital

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Dear Friends

The last two years have been particularly difficult for our Charity but, even though our shop has been forced to close during the Covid crisis, we have been able to continue our support for the Hospital.

Our donations are all in response to requests by the hospital staff who guide us on what the children need to keep them distracted and happy. Lots of toys, videos, virtual reality videos, books, craft materials, badges, soothing lights for the restless and lots more. Whatever the staff recommend and the health service does not provide.

We are delighted that our shop has now been able to reopen but we are also very grateful to the general public for their voluntary contributions which supplement our income from the shop. The shop is entirely staffed by volunteers. Please support us by using it. It has a great selection of baby clothes, toys, cards, balloons, stationery, model cars and animals. We still need more shop volunteers. This is a great opportunity to meet the children and parents. Please contact Lynne Hebblethwaite if interested.



Ken and Martin with Ruth Brown, Chief Executive, who kindly drew the raffle prizes

New members are always welcome and we encourage members to join the committee, we welcome any applications.

We have decided not to alter our subscription, which has been £2.00 for many years, but we do ask you to regard this as a minimum and any extra contribution would be very welcome

Martin Steiner

Our charity is entirely run by volunteers and we receive funds from wide a range of organisations and individuals but most of our income is generated by the shop.

SHOP

The shop is run entirely by volunteers as a service for children, parents and staff with all profits being used to buy items for the children in the hospital. Parents often tell us that their children really enjoy coming to the shop as part of their hospital visit and often just pop in for a chat and to see our volunteers.

After a record year in our new premises in the redesigned Hospital foyer we unfortunately had to close for an extended period due to the Covid epidemic. We are now fully back open and we again feel that we play an integral role in making visits to the Hospital less intimidating.

Thank you to all our volunteers who are so committed and work so hard. A special thank you to eight volunteers who have each worked with us for over 20 years.

We are seeking volunteers to help to run the shop. You can work either morning or afternoon on either a weekly or fortnightly rota, or go on the reserve list to fill in for absences. Please contact me if you feel you can help.

Thank you to everyone who has donated goods and a big thank you to all our supporters who donate knitted items to sell in the shop.

Lynne Hebblethwaite (Shop co-ordinator)



Two of the groups who knit for the shop. Lowedges, above, and Crystal Peaks

RAFFLE

The last Christmas Raffle, which took place before lockdown, was again administered by long standing Trustee and committee member Ken Bramall. The event raised £2,200. Ken had great support from Committee members and Hospital Staff who sold tickets, canvassed for prizes and made the Raffle Draw on the 4th Dec such a success.

Thanks are due to the following businesses for donating prizes:

P&A Jewellery, Sheffield Arena, Sheffield Shop, Mercure Hotel Sheffield, Montgomery Hall, Curzon Cinema, Cannon Hall Farm, Langlands Garden Centre, Hollywood Bowl Don Valley, The Entertainer Toy Shop, Owlerton Stadium, Kirklees Light Railway, Crystal Peaks, Waitrose, Rowland's Pharmacy, Tesco's, Parkwood Karting, Cineworld Sheffield, Segway park Leisure Centre, Monkey Business, The Crispin in Great Longstone, Lazer Quest, Katie Bell Pilates, John Farde Physiotherapist, Chatsworth Garden Centre



Jean Massey selling raffle tickets at Crystal Peaks. Jean worked in the NHS for 38 years and she has is a lifelong supporter of the Friends and now knits baby clothes for The Friends Shop something she refers to as her "TV Knitting".

DONATIONS

The object of our charity is to raise funds to help and support the welfare of the patients of the Sheffield Children's Hospital. We publicise the availability of funding throughout the hospital and we are always pleased to receive requests. No reasonable request is ever rejected and we are usually able to respond quickly to appeals for help.

Since our last newsletter in 2019 we have made over 100 donations totalling over £78,000 and we continue to fund a wide range of projects and activities for the benefit of patients.

Here is just a sample of the many messages of appreciation we have received:

The Charity has funded a sewing machine and all associated equipment for the Hospital school. The children are learning how to follow patterns and are currently making tote bags.



The Charity also provides funds for baking ingredients.

Every Wednesday morning the Hospital teaching staff gather small groups of children together to cook in Ward 3 dining room.



They create mouth-watering dishes including pancakes, pizzas and cakes. The children really look forward to these mornings.

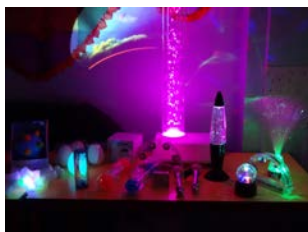
To the League of Friends,

Thank you so much for the money you have donated. We have bought some new toys and craft items for the children to play with (please see attached photo). We are very grateful and appreciate everything you do to support the children. I am sure they will have many happy hours playing with the toys and making things to pass their time while visiting our unit.

Kind regards

The team at the Child Assessment Unit





Distraction toys provided by the Friends for Ward 6

To the Friends

You all do so much for the hospital and really support the work of play services. Without the LOF funding support we would really be struggling.

The Play Team

Dear Friends

Many thanks to you all for all the support you continue to give to our team and our lovely mummy's and babies. We really do appreciate it all.

We will be purchasing the new pumps and placing your stickers on them with pride.

Infant Feeding Team



Refurbished library at the Becton Centre in Beighton financed by the Friends.

The staff have told us, "It's great to see the patients accessing the books and chilling out having a read."



Staff with some of the Christmas toys for the Wards donated by the Friends

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