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UHB Charity helps
younger patients
through their
treatment journey**

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you!*

Discover how we have been supporting families
and how you can get involved in fundraising for us!

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£3,000
in our
Christmas Lottery
Bumper Draw**
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MIKE'S LETTER



What we do at UHB Charity

Together with your help we raise money to provide world-class facilities for patients and their families at Good Hope Hospital, Heartlands Hospital, Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham and Solihull Hospital that go 'over and above' what the NHS can provide.

We spend your generous donations on cutting-edge equipment, world-leading research, specialist facilities and 'added extras' that help to improve the hospital experience for over two million patients who are treated across the Trust each year.

Hello and welcome to the latest edition of UHB Charity's Over and Above newsletter where we bring you our latest news, our upcoming events and examples of incredible charity projects.

2023 has been a year of momentous celebrations. Fisher House, our 'home away from home' for military patients and their families, celebrated its 10th anniversary with an afternoon tea for those who have stayed at the house along with our supporters. In July, we marked the 75th birthday of our wonderful NHS by holding Big Tea birthday parties across our four hospital sites as well as nearly 100 wards and departments hosting their own.

We are very excited to announce the launch of our latest Children's Appeal. Being in hospital can be difficult for anyone, let alone a child. Our Children's Appeal will make their time in hospital that little bit easier. Head to pages eight and nine to hear all about how we are revitalising our children's departments to make them a brighter, happier place to be for our younger patients.

UHB Charity is so grateful for the support we receive from fundraisers, companies and organisations across Birmingham and beyond. Take a look at pages four and five to see some of the ways our Charity Champs have given back to their local hospital this year. On page 11 we showcase the incredible support we have received from Trusts and Foundations who have enabled us to fund lifesaving projects.

On page 17 you'll find all the information on how you could win our Christmas Lottery Bumper Draw! We hold a bi-annual bumper lottery draw to give our wonderful supporters the opportunity to win an extra special cash prize! Hear from the lucky £3,000 winner in our Summer Bumper Draw.

We always love to hear from you, so please contact us on social media, just search @UHBCharity on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter or LinkedIn and follow us to send us a direct message. Alternatively, call us on 0121 371 4852 or email charities@uhb.nhs.uk. It is thanks to our donors and supporters that we are able to change and save lives each year, so thank you for your ongoing support.

Mike Hammond
Charity Chief Executive,
University Hospitals Birmingham Charity



Dates for your diary

Trek of a lifetime

Immerse yourself in Iceland's wonders: geothermal springs, volcanic mountains, and the mesmerizing Northern Lights ... all while fundraising for UHB Charity.

November 2024 – book now via the QR code below



Calling all runners

From London to Paris to Amsterdam and Barcelona... don your running shoes in some of the best locations on the planet and raise vital funds for UHB Charity.

Various dates throughout the year



Ride London 2024

Fancy getting on your bike for UHB Charity? You'll get to see famous landmarks through London and into the Essex countryside. There are 100/60/30-mile rides or a family-friendly Free-Cycle ride.

May 26, 2024
sign up now on the link below



Pub Quiz anyone?

PLOUGH HARBORNE



Test your general knowledge at one of our pub quiz events at The Plough in Harborne to help children with cancer and transplant patients.

September 24 & November 26

Christmas cheer for all to hear

Enjoy listening to harmonious carollers from local schools and community groups and immerse yourself in the Christmas Spirit.

Various locations and dates in December



Whizz, Pop Bang!

Don't miss our spectacular fireworks displays at Solihull Moors Football Club and Little Sutton Primary School, which will help make a difference at your local hospital.

November 5
at Solihull Moors
and
November 10
at Little Sutton



To see all the events we have on offer this year, scan the QR code or head to hospitalcharity.org/events

SCAN ME

Fab fundraisers celebrate 75 years



This year marked an incredible 75 years of the NHS and on July 5, UHB Charity celebrated with our amazing staff by hosting Big Tea events across our four hospital sites: Good Hope Hospital, Heartlands Hospital, Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham and Solihull Hospital.

We invited staff, patients and volunteers to join us at our Big Tea stands and take a break while enjoying a slice of cake. We also had fundraising games and activities to get involved with and even sold out our limited edition NHS75 pin badges!

Many of our amazing staff also held their own tea parties at various wards and departments across University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust. As well as Big Tea stands, we had cake trolleys doing the rounds, staff competing for star baker in bake-off competitions and beautifully made NHS cakes baked especially for the occasion.

To help us continue supporting our patients and staff please visit: hospitalcharity.org/nhs75 or scan the QR Code.



rs of the NHS for Superhero Staff

HELP US CELEBRATE

This year marks the sixth year of the NHS Big Tea and it was heart-warming to see so many people come along and support our wonderful NHS and celebrate this milestone anniversary. We also created a celebration page so that patients and their families could thank NHS staff members who have looked after them, their family or friends. **You can still post on here to share your love and appreciation for staff at your local hospital:**

uhb.celebrationpage.org/happy75thbirthdaynhs



These companies also wanted to show their appreciation and support for their local NHS by donating to UHB Charity so we can help our staff as they support their patients through their treatment journeys. We also had some corporates giving their time to volunteer at our Big Tea events, including BT, Pegasus Group and Guerbet.



HOST YOUR OWN

If you missed out, don't worry, you can still join in the NHS75 celebrations throughout the year by hosting your own tea party or coffee morning, or have a 'wear it blue day' with your friends or work colleagues. UHB Charity will be able to provide bunting, posters and charity goblets to support your fabulous event.

For more information please email charities@uhb.nhs.uk or give us a call on 0121 371 4852.



Warwickshire Freemasons

11,000 babies are born across Heartlands and Good Hope Hospitals every year and every year, 1,000 of these babies will arrive earlier than expected and therefore need urgent, lifesaving care in our specialist Neonatal Units.



In 2019, The Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire enabled us to purchase two specialist incubators after donating an amazing £40,000. They haven't stopped there; we are pleased to announce they have donated a staggering £20,000 to fund a whole year of free accommodation at our Heartlands Home away from Home, so that families with premature babies receiving lifesaving treatment on the Neonatal Unit can be just a few minutes' walk from their loved ones.

Thank you for helping us make such a big difference to our smallest patients and their families.

Brett Gazey

We'd like to shine a light on one of our longstanding fundraisers, Brett Gazey, who hosted his eighth charity football match this summer!



Brett hosts the annual football matches with his family and friends in memory of his dad, Michael, who was treated at Heartlands Hospital for kidney failure and sadly passed away in 2016. Brett wanted to thank the incredible team who provided such amazing care and worked so hard to keep his dad alive for as long as possible. Brett said, "The staff and care at Heartlands Hospital were second to none; they saved my dad's life and gave us more precious time to spend with him. A special thanks to Tracie and her team for keeping dad going for another few months."

Since Brett started the annual football matches in 2016, he has raised over £3,200 for the Renal Unit at Heartlands Hospital to help fund vital equipment, allowing families to have more precious time with their loved ones, like his family. Brett's fundraising isn't slowing down and he is already talking about next year's match! He said, "It's the same lads every year, 28 of us. We play 11-a-side for 90 minutes and we'll keep doing it for as long as we can."

We want to say a huge thank you to Brett and his family and friends for continuing to fundraise in Michael's memory. Thanks to fundraisers like Brett, UHB Charity is able to provide 'added extras' to support patients, their families and staff at your local hospital.

If this has inspired you to fundraise for UHB Charity, details on how to get involved can be found here: www.hospitalcharity.org/fundraising or scan the QR Code.



Guru Nanak Ladies



The Guru Nanak Nam Ladies, a Sikh women's group, have raised an incredible £18,500 to support appeals at Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham over the years.

Their steadfast support has raised money for our Eye Appeal, Skin Cancer Appeal, Dignity in Care for Dementia patients and most recently they donated £6,500 to our Breast Cancer Appeal. Thanks to the ladies, we were able to purchase a Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy machine. This lifesaving piece of equipment helps doctors estimate the risk of tumour cells being able to spread to other parts of the body. If the sentinel node is negative for cancer, a patient may be able to avoid more extensive

lymph node surgery, reducing the potential complications associated with having many lymph nodes removed. We are tremendously grateful to the Guru Nanak Nam Ladies for their continued support as they help us change and save lives across our hospitals.

Charlotte and Nicola

We would like to thank Charlotte Harris for her donation to UHB Charity in support of her dear friend Nicola Chancellor. Nicola has congenital heart disease and, at 47, suffered heart failure and nearly died four times while in hospital. She was at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham for five months when she finally received a heart transplant last year. Her best friend Charlotte and her husband visited her many times during her treatment in hospital and decided to fundraise for the Transplant Team by asking for donations instead of receiving Christmas presents last year. They managed to raise over £1,000! Charlotte said, "This is our way of saying thank you to the Transplant Team for what they have done for our amazing friend and giving us the best Christmas present EVER – the gift of life!"



We think this is such a great idea – if you're inspired by their fundraising efforts, turn to pages 12 & 13 for more information on how you can help raise funds during Christmas.

Wing Walker Oliwia

Medical student, Oliwia Bolimowska took to the skies and completed a daring Wing Walk for University Hospitals Birmingham Charity, raising £935! Oliwia is currently working on her PHD at the University of Birmingham and works at Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham. Working on the front line, Oliwia has seen how lonely and isolating a stay in hospital can be for patients and the negative effect this has on their well-being and mental health. Since working at the hospital, Oliwia has seen first-hand the difference UHB Charity makes to staff and patients and says this really helps make what can be a very difficult and challenging time feel more positive. "The added extras provided by the Charity really boost patients' moods, which has a massive impact on their mental and physical recovery."

If you would like to take on one of our many events from wing walks to inflatable fun runs, and raise vital funds for UHB Charity – head to our events page: hospitalcharity.org/events or scan the QR Code on Page 1.



FISHER HOUSE CELEBRATION

Huge support for Fisher House UK as it celebrates 10

We are thrilled that Fisher House UK, which is entirely charity funded, has reached the incredible 10th anniversary milestone on the Queen Elizabeth Hospital site in Birmingham. Our Home away from Home offers accommodation for military personnel and their families in their time of need.

To mark the occasion, we hosted a celebration to say thank you to all the incredible supporters we've had over the years; from those who helped build it in 2013, like Fisher House Foundation, Help For Heroes and SSAFA, the Armed Forces Charity, to the community of armed forces organisations

that continue to support Fisher House, including amongst others: Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity, RAF Benevolent Fund, ABF The Soldiers' Charity and Royal British Legion. The Royal British Legion is also donating an incredible £150,000 to help keep Fisher House open. This fantastic donation of £50,000 a year for the next three years will help keep military families together when the unthinkable happens.

We'd like to highlight the incredible staff on the Major Trauma Unit, who treat military patients when they are flown

in, as well as all the wards and departments at University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust who support them with other treatments. We'd also like to thank the families themselves, the Fisher House staff team and those who have donated and raised funds. Without them all, we wouldn't be able to support our families and we are determined to be here for many more families for years to come.

A special thank you to Sue Cressman and her team at Nailcote Hall for hosting such a brilliant celebration.



Fisher House offers a safe space for military patients and their families when they need us most. If you would like to become a Friend of Fisher House, you can find out more about how you can fundraise, donate and offer time to help here - hospitalcharity.org/fisherhouseuk or scan the QR code.



CELEBRATES 10 YEARS

years of helping military personnel and their families.



“I’M STUART. THIS IS MY STORY”

Fisher House first opened its doors ten years ago and my family and I were one of the very first to stay.

In February 2013, my wife got that dreaded knock at the door. I was severely injured in an IED explosion whilst on my fourth deployment in Afghanistan. The explosion resulted in the immediate loss of my left leg and seriously damaged my right arm and leg. I was quickly flown to Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham where I took the difficult decision to also have my right leg amputated.

My world had turned upside down. My family live across the country and rushed to be by my side. With my jaw being wired shut, I was desperate to show my wife that I was ok and see that she was ok.

Thankfully, they were able to stay at Fisher House, just five minutes from the hospital, and visit whenever they wanted. I wouldn’t have gotten through my injury without my family. I can’t thank Fisher House enough for looking after them so well.

“During those difficult early days of my recovery, Fisher House gave me and my family a place to escape. It was our sanctuary, our bubble, our safe haven.”

Family is everything to me; knowing that they were safe in Fisher House and being looked after, allowed me to focus on my recovery. The highlight of my days would be my little boy coming over from Fisher House for cuddles on my hospital bed.



This is my story. But there have been thousands of military families over the last 10 years with their own stories and Fisher House has been there through it all. I know all of us want to say a huge thank you for their support when the worst happens. We need to make sure Fisher House is there for other families in the future.

My wife would come to the hospital and push me over to Fisher House in my wheelchair. The house allowed us to have space, away from the hospital, to try and wrap our heads round our new life and come to terms with my injuries. I was able to play with my little boy in a place that felt like a real home. My mates in the military were also able to visit and helped me piece together my memories surrounding the attack to try and work past it.

“It costs £40 a night for a military family to stay at Fisher House in their time of need. Will you join me in supporting Fisher House this year? Scan the QR Code on page 6 to show your support.”



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Thanks to our amazing donors, we have been able to transform some of our Children's wards for our young pa



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We treat over 120,000 children every year, which is why UHB Charity takes great pride in transforming our Children's wards into welcoming environments for our young patients during what can be the toughest time in their lives.

Thanks to our amazing donors, UHB Charity has been able to fund a fantastic playground for our young patients. Not only does it provide a safe place for them to play, it allows our staff to assess their patients' motor skills at the same time, creating a fun way for them to be treated.



Hospital visits can be a scary time for children, which is why UHB Charity funds projectors in our waiting areas that create interactive images on the floor, giving them a playful environment to distract them whilst relieving stress for their family.

As well as funding big projects to transform our Children's Departments into welcoming environments, we also fund smaller items like toys to help distract our young patients from their illness, making their time in hospital as comforting as possible.



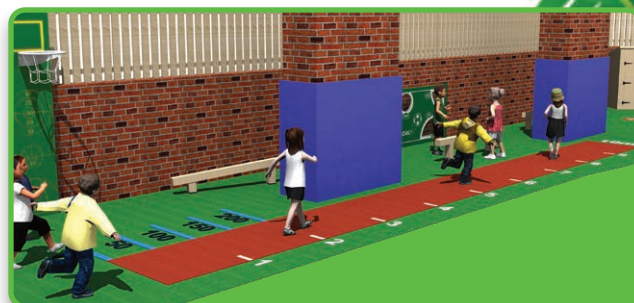
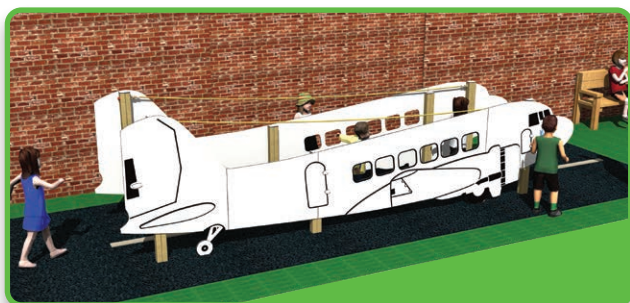
support young heroes treatment journey

Departments at Good Hope, Heartlands and Solihull Hospitals to make the experience
patients less scary

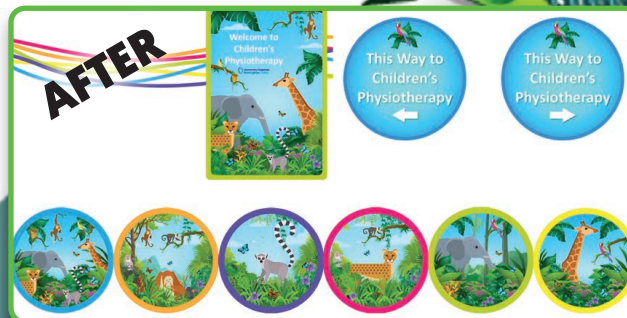
We have already accomplished some amazing work in our Children's Departments at Good Hope, Heartlands and Solihull Hospitals. However, we are ambitious to go further for our young superheroes. For some of our patients, they have to come back time and time again, so to make it less daunting and tedious, we are looking to transform more walls with bright murals and have interactive projectors for our young patients to play with while they wait in our children's outpatients department.

We are also going to reinvigorate the Children's Physiotherapy wards at Good Hope and Heartlands Hospitals, creating more appropriate spaces for staff to assess their young patients' progression, whilst making it more engaging and fun for the patients during their multiple check-ups.

Here are some of the designs for the new play area we are looking to create to help our Physiotherapy teams assess our younger patients in a stress-free environment.



Here are some of the refurbishments and wall art we aim to use in the Physiotherapy Department at Good Hope Hospital, creating a more inviting and comforting environment for our young patients than what is currently there, making it easier for staff to assess them.



Your donation will help bring a smile to a child's face going through treatment on these wards – donate today www.hospitalcharity.org/childrenandyoungpeople or scan the QR code.

Let's talk...

with Jayne Ruisi, YPU Specialist Teacher



In partnership with the James Brindley School, UHB Charity funds a specialist teacher, Jayne Ruisi, to support our young people with cancer with their education and development whilst they receive lifesaving treatment.

How does your role support young people on the Young Person's Cancer Unit at Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham?

Last year, I supported over 820 young cancer patients aged 16-24 whilst they underwent treatment. This can range from bedside teaching of GCSE's and A-Levels, helping them write

their university applications, securing apprentices, navigating student finance... the list goes on! I take a holistic and tailored approach to all my students to help guide them through their future education or careers. It is so important for them to know that their cancer diagnosis doesn't have to stop their dreams and ambitions; and I'm there to support them with whatever they need.

What is the best part of your job?

The best part of my job is seeing young people, going through the toughest experiences of their lives, achieving things they didn't think they could. They don't let cancer hold them back and it is my privilege to teach them. I love the fact that I can support these young patients during their treatment journey and hopefully make a difference. It's a fantastic job.

What have you seen your students go on to achieve when they finish treatment?

I have seen countless patients go on to fulfil lifelong ambitions. I have had students complete

their Masters degrees, gain apprenticeships with FTSE100 companies and even become doctors themselves. I am proud of each and every one of them.

Why is it so important UHB Charity is able to continue to fund your role?

It is truly life-changing for these young people. Being able to continue their education and pursue their dreams gives them something to aim for and reassures them their future is not going to be damaged by their diagnosis. The support funded by UHB Charity, allows them to stay on track and takes the pressure off them and their families at what is already a very difficult time.

If you would like to help young people with cancer receive the care they deserve, please scan the QR code to donate today:
hospitalcharity.org/teenagecancer



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Thank you!

UHB Charity receives support from Trusts and Foundations

Did you know that last year UHB Charity received over £1,000,000 in donations from Trusts and Foundations? Take a look at a few of the ones that have supported us recently...

THE EVESON TRUST

The Eveson Trust generously donated £75,000 to help fund a new MRI Scanner for Heartlands Treatment Centre. The state-of-the-art MRI scanner will help reduce waiting times as it is quicker and more accurate than traditional MRI scanners. The scanner is also wider than standard scanners, helping patients feel more comfortable and less anxious.



The Chief Executive of the Eveson Trust, Claire Bowry, said, "The Heartlands Treatment Centre will be a wonderful addition to the healthcare facilities in the area and The Eveson Trust is delighted to have been able to support the appeal."



THE ROWLANDS TRUST

UHB Charity is extremely thankful to the Rowlands Trust for donating £3,500 in support of our Paediatric Diabetes Camp Trip. Ten children with type 1 diabetes attended the fun and exciting weekend camp, taking part in activities such as raft building, zip lining and canoeing. The children said that they particularly enjoyed making new friends.



The Lead Paediatric Diabetes Liaison nurse commented on the success of the trip, saying, "The children inspired and supported each other to overcome their fears and complete all the adventure activities."



THE RED ARROWS TRUST



The Red Arrows Trust

The Red Arrows Trust kindly gave £5,000 towards Fisher House, our 18 bedroom 'home away from home' which provides free accommodation for military personnel, veterans and their families whilst a loved one is in hospital.

It costs £40 to provide a family with one night's accommodation. The Red Arrows Trust's donation of £5,000 will help to provide 125 nights' of accommodation for military families in need.

Fisher House provides comfort for families during a traumatic period of their lives. A guest said that the "kindness and support" he received from the Fisher House staff "made a difficult journey easier." Similarly, another guest said she was thankful for Fisher House as it gave her the chance to "stay next to [her husband] without having the worry of driving back home."

Follow us @UHBCharity to read more about the work we do and our supporters

UHB Charity spreading Christmas cheer across your local hospital

UHB Charity is looking forward to raising funds to bring festive magic to our patients and staff again this Christmas across our four hospital sites: Good Hope Hospital, Heartlands Hospital, Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham and Solihull Hospital.



Christmas is a special time of year where we catch up with family and friends, enjoy decorating our homes and exchanging gifts. However, for some, they have to spend the festive period in hospital, which at any time of year, isn't easy, let alone at Christmas time. Our hospitals are still extremely busy during this period and our amazing staff continue to work incredibly hard to provide the best care and support to patients and their families. That's why UHB

Charity like to spread some festive cheer by providing treats for patients and staff to share, Christmas trees for our hospitals, and gifts for children and young people with cancer.



To do this we need your help! Please help us to bring some sparkle and joy to our patients and staff this Christmas. Here are some of the ways in which you can get involved with festive fundraising and help spread some Christmas cheer at your local hospitals:

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

There's no better way to get into the festive mood than by wearing your favourite Christmas jumper, and better yet, you can fundraise for UHB Charity by taking part in Christmas Jumper Day on Friday, December 8.

Take part with your school, your workplace or local community group and dig out your favourite (or ugliest) jolly jumper, Christmas cardigan or snowman sweater.

We are asking everyone who takes part to donate £1 which will help us to support patients and staff across our hospitals this Christmas. We would love to see your festive fashion, so make sure you tag us in your photos on social media **@UHBCharity**.

You can donate here: www.hospitalcharity.org/christmas

CHRISTMAS CHOIRS

We are delighted to be welcoming choirs to our hospitals on various dates throughout December to sprinkle some Christmas magic across our four hospital sites. Come along to any of the performances and enjoy some Christmas Carols and festive tunes to get you in the spirit!

If your local school or community group choir would like to take part please email: charties@uhb.nhs.uk

CAROL CONCERTS

We will also be hosting carol concerts this year filled with merriment and mince pies! If you would like to join us in the festive celebrations you can buy tickets here: hospitalcharity.org/events or scan the QR code on Page 1.



CHARITY HUBS

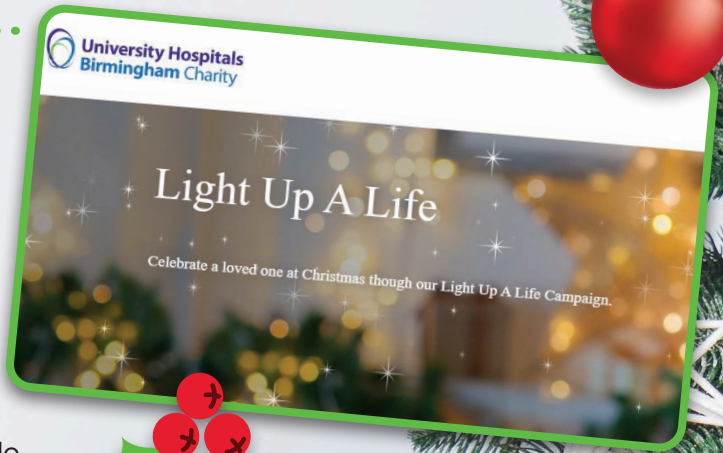
Make sure you pop into our Charity Hubs this Christmas where we will be selling decorations, Christmas cards and gifts, along with our usual range of UHB Charity merchandise. We have a Charity Hub at each of the four hospital sites – including our new hub at Good Hope Hospital which can be found inside the Treatment Centre. The hubs are open **Monday to Friday, 11.00am – 2.00pm**, so come in and say hello to our friendly volunteers.

LIGHT UP A LIFE

Christmas is a magical time for many, but it can also be a sad and difficult time for some. We have created our 'Light up a Life' dedication page where you can leave a message or make a donation in memory of a loved one this Christmas. For every dedication made, we will hang a star on the Christmas trees at our Carol Concerts to remember and celebrate their lives. If you would like to leave a dedication, you can visit: uhb.dedicationpage.org/lightupalife or scan the QR Code.



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CHRISTMAS CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP

If your company or community group is looking to give something back this Christmas, you could support your local hospital and help us fund festive treats for patients and staff. As well as joining in with our festive events and activities, you could help provide Christmas trees around our hospitals and toys for children going through treatment, like HCB Solicitors who donated £1,500 last year (pictured). By showing your support, your logo will be placed on a large tag on the Christmas trees and on some of the cards attached to festive treats that are presented to wards.



CHRISTMAS TOY TREE SPONSORSHIP

Over the festive period we have many children staying at our hospitals who are sadly too poorly to go home for Christmas. By providing a Christmas toy tree, we are bringing some festive magic to the wards, and children who have finished their radiotherapy treatment can pick a toy off the tree to keep. Your logo will be on the toy tree and on some of the festive treats given to the staff in these areas.



GOLD SPONSORSHIP

As well as logos on Christmas tree tags, we will be promoting our Christmas sponsors by putting up banners at all four hospital sites in view of our 24,000 staff and over two million patients. Your support will also be detailed on the charity website, social media channels and articles relating to the campaign. We will provide support and materials to market your involvement and spread the word far and wide about our partnership.

If your company would like to get involved please email charities@uhb.nhs.uk or call 0121 371 4852



Thank you to our corporate partners for helping us bring Christmas to our hospitals this year!



Work begins on the Edmonds Transplant Centre

Work has begun on the new 'Edmonds Transplant Centre', as it will be known, which will become a national centre of excellence for organ transplantation in Birmingham.

To mark its 150th anniversary, A Edmonds & Co Ltd is delighted to be partnering with UHB Charity to help develop the Transplant Centre for patients going through lifesaving treatment at Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham.

The Edmonds Transplant Centre will further cement Birmingham's reputation as a leader in transplantation. The Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham is the most active transplant unit in Europe with world leading surgeons and cutting edge equipment, but we want to take that further.

The ability to enhance patient experience by bringing this new centre to Birmingham will enable patients to focus on themselves and ensure they are in the best position possible to make the surgery a success and then focus on their recovery.

Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham carries out all the major organ transplants - heart, lung, liver and kidney. The Centre will allow patients to visit just one area of the hospital, bringing all the specialist care to them, including pre-transplant consultations, additional fitness classes before surgery - this has been proven to increase the likelihood of a successful transplant, patient support groups, and rehabilitation classes after surgery. It will also be home to world leading surgeons and researchers who are at the forefront of research and technology extending the success of transplantation.

David Edmonds, Managing Director of A Edmonds & Co Ltd [pictured left], said, "A Edmonds & Co Ltd has been in Birmingham since 1870 and always supports local causes. It gives us great pleasure as a Birmingham employer to be able to provide funding for the local hospital thanks to the support of our staff and customers."

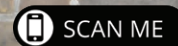
UHB Charity CEO, Mike Hammond said, "Having Edmonds Transplant Centre at Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham will make a massive difference for our patients locally and beyond.

"It is amazing that a local company like A Edmonds & Co Ltd is supporting UHB Charity to develop this

state-of-the-art centre that will be a one-stop centre for patients throughout their treatment journey from pre-operation to post-op rehabilitation and patient support. We look forward to it opening towards the end of 2024."

We are proud to help our patients from across the country and indeed all over the world that come to Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham for their transplants. If you would like to become a Friend of the Birmingham Transplant Centre, you can show your support here:

hospitalcharity.org/birminghamtransplantcentre
or scan the QR code below:



Edmonds Transplant Centre



WHAT WILL YOUR LASTING LEGACY BE?

Thank you!

Gifts in wills of any size are the spark that ignites lifesaving research, creates spaces that make hospitals feel less clinical, and funds cutting-edge equipment that gets people back on their feet.

Our growing population is living longer than ever, and the legacy you leave could light the way to a future with better physical and mental health for all the people of Birmingham, the West Midlands and beyond.

Pledging a gift in your will of just 1% of your estate is a truly wonderful way to say thank you.

Anna's late aunt, Kara, chose to support the Children's Department at Solihull Hospital with a gift in her will.

Anna said, "Aunt Kara was like a second mother to me; she was always around to help my husband and I with the children, taking them out for visits to the park and spoiling them rotten. She also knew just how much time I spent at Solihull Hospital with Arthur, my son.

"Arthur has a number of health challenges, which means we probably have ten to twelve appointments at Solihull Hospital every year for tests, injections and examinations. The staff are amazing, but the Children's Department was always a bit drab and bleak.

"When Aunt Kara passed away we found she had left a gift in her will to Solihull Hospital, specifically to support the Children's Department and we've since seen the hospital charity use her gift to make the Department much more welcoming to all the children going there each year.

"The interactive projector is Arthur's favourite and now we struggle to get him to come away from the hospital after his tests! I'm so proud that Aunt Kara's gift is making such a difference to families at Solihull."

You could change someone's future by supporting the ground-breaking research of our skilled clinical teams. You could keep families together for longer by supporting innovative new technologies and equipment.

You may have personally experienced the great care our NHS staff provide, or perhaps you're inspired to consider a gift in your will in memory of a loved one. Whatever your motivation, you can be sure that your generosity will help our NHS colleagues to deliver exceptional care to future generations of patients.

Please consider a gift in your will to University Hospitals Birmingham Charity today. Together, we can be here for all the patients and staff of University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust, now and in the future.



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WRITE A WILL FOR FREE TODAY!

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free wills, valuable advice

We have teamed-up with Bequeathed to offer you a FREE online will-writing service and ensure our loved ones' futures are protected.

If you'd rather speak to someone in person, we have partnered with three solicitors who offer UHB Charity supporters a HALF-PRICE standard or mirror will: Talbots Law, RRK Legal, HCB Solicitors.

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RRK LEGAL
WILLS & ESTATES

HCB Solicitors

To find out more about leaving a gift in your will, scan the QR code or visit: hospitalcharity.org/giftsinwills



Follow us and tag us @UHBCharity

We love shouting about our fabulous fundraisers, corporate donors and volunteers on our social media accounts.

Follow us @UHBCharity on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn and tag us in your posts!

We'd love to hear what you are doing to raise money for our charity, how our money has helped you on your treatment journey or how our funding has helped your ward or department.

Have a great story? You could feature on our website or in our newsletter – email the Communications Team at: charities@uhb.nhs.uk



Once in a lifetime trip to Iceland

We have the most amazing experience on offer for our fabulous fundraisers to take part in. Join University Hospitals Birmingham Charity on our first ever trek to captivating Iceland next year.

In November 2024, join us for three days' trekking with awe-inspiring landscapes and unforgettable experiences in this stunning country. Immerse in Iceland's wonders: geothermal springs, volcanic mountains, and the mesmerizing Northern Lights. A trip of a lifetime!

This trek is open to all, whether you're celebrating a milestone birthday, have a personal connection to University Hospitals Birmingham Charity, are an incredible member of our staff, or simply crave an invigorating challenge. Join us and make this a trip to remember.

Scan the QR code or visit:
hospitalcharity.org/shop/product/iceland

**Booking
NOW OPEN**



LOTTERY

Christmas Lottery Bumper Draw £3,000

Make this Christmas one to remember
by entering our Christmas Lottery
Bumper Draw on
December 15.

Our Summer and Christmas Bumper draws give our wonderful supporters the chance to win an extra special cash prize on top of our weekly £1,000 prize.

The money raised from our lottery helps us to fund cutting edge equipment and facilities, ground-breaking research and added extras to help our patients, their families and the superhero staff across our four hospitals.

SUMMER BUMPER DRAW WINNER

Our Summer Bumper Draw winner this year is Pauline, who has bought tickets every year for both the annual bumper draws that we have held since 2021. She told us:

"I cannot believe I have won the £3,000 Summer Bumper Draw - what a fantastic surprise! UHB Charity has been a huge support to our family and all transplant patients, which is why we feel it's important to support them. My daughter was extremely fortunate to receive a liver transplant at the QE hospital in 2019. It's the icing on the cake to receive this amazing prize and I look forward to treating the family."



If you sign up to UHB Charity's weekly lottery by November 24, you will automatically be entered into our Christmas Lottery Bumper Draw. To sign up for just £1 a week, simply fill in the form on the back of this newsletter or head to hospitalcharity.org/lottery



How to sign up?

Please fill in the form using BLOCK CAPITALS with a ballpoint pen and return to:
UHB Charity, Fisher House, Mindelsohn Way, Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham B15 2GN.

We will use your personal information provided below to process your chances.

Alternatively, you can scan the QR code to sign up via our website at: hospitalcharity.org/lottery



1. YOUR DETAILS

Title: Initials: Forename: Surname:

Address:

Postcode:

Email Address:

Telephone number: Mobile number:

Date of Birth: //

Please tick this box if you would like to hear more from UHB Charity

Please tick this box to confirm you are aged 18 years or over

Please tick this box to confirm you live in Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales)

All entrants must be age 18 years or over and live in Great Britain. Any monies received without confirmation of age or address will not be entered into the lottery and will be treated as a donation. Thank you.

2. PAYMENT OPTIONS

Payment options by Direct Debit

1 entry a week: [£1] or 2 entries a week: [£2]

Frequency of payments

Monthly Quarterly 6 Monthly Annually

Payment options by cheque

Please make cheques payable to 'UHB Charity'

Number of weeks

1 entry a week: [£1] 13 weeks [£13] 26 weeks [£26] 52 weeks [£52]

2 entries a week: [£2] 13 weeks [£26] 26 weeks [£52] 52 weeks [£104]

3. PAYMENT BY DIRECT DEBIT

Instructions to your Bank or Building Society to pay by Direct Debit. Please fill in the form using a ballpoint pen and return to: UHB Charity, Fisher House, Mindelsohn Way, Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham B15 2GN.



To: The Manager: Bank or Building Society Name:

Bank Sort Code: -- Bank or Building Society Account Number: Name(s) of Account Holder(s):

Instructions to your Bank or Building Society. Please pay the University Hospitals Birmingham Charity from the account detailed on the instruction subject to the safeguards outlined by the Direct Debit guarantee. I understand that this instruction may remain with University Hospitals Birmingham Charity and if so details will be passed electronically to my bank or building society.

Signature: Date: //