

Thank You ...



So many people have lent their support to the Stars Appeal since our launch in February. Below are examples of what's been happening.

The Variety Club Wessex Barkers donated a fantastic £25,000 to purchase a state-of-the-art blood gas analyser for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. The added boost came when Ed "Stewpot" Stewart, who is a patron of the Variety Club, presented the machine to staff and parents on the unit, bringing a smile to everyone's faces. (1)



Thank you to everyone for their fantastic efforts and support of the Appeal.

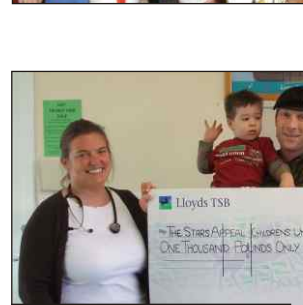
Staff from The Cloisters, Salisbury, donated all their tips from a Friday night shift. Thanks guys! (2)



Megan Wheeler, who was a patient on the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit after she was born prematurely got her nursery, Overton pre-school, involved in the Little Lives Campaign by organising a Bad Hair Day where all the children got sponsored to go to nursery with bad hair!!! (3)



Richard Hines, from 3 Armd Eng Sqn, raised funds for the Children's Unit from his partner's 'meet and greet' evening. (4)



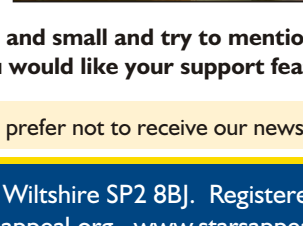
Nick Smith and friends walked from Broad Chalke to the Hospital and back in support of the Keyhole Cancer Campaign. (5) Nick's grandparents Mr & Mrs Smith also supported the campaign when they asked guests at their Golden Wedding Anniversary celebrations to donate to the Appeal rather than buy them presents, as did Mr & Mrs Wright from Firsdown.



Claire & Dave Sanders, who were part of our Bath Half-Marathon team, raised a fantastic £1842 for the Little Lives Campaign. (6) Claire & Dave's daughter, Imogen, spent 3 months on the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit after she was born prematurely. You can read more about Imogen on page 2.



John Mills and colleagues, from HQ Land Command, made the Stars Appeal the beneficiary of their rock concert, Land Aid 2. (7)



Martin Quigley rode his motorbike from Wilton to The Gambia to raise funds for the Little Lives Campaign to say thank you for the treatment his daughter Maddy received. Well done Martin, a hot and dusty journey!

Team Heritage cycled the mammoth journey from John O' Groats to Lands End (and camping along the way!) raising nearly £4000 for the Little Lives Campaign.

Take a look at www.justgiving.com/salisburyhc to see some of the things other people are doing to support us.

STARS APPEAL NEWS

Fundraising News from Salisbury District Hospital



Hospital Launches New Fundraising Appeal

As you may have seen in the local press, Salisbury District Hospital has recently launched the Stars Appeal to raise funds for state-of-the-art equipment and facilities above and beyond that which the NHS provides.

Whilst the Stars Appeal is ongoing and raises funds for all areas of the hospital, it is focusing initially on two important major campaigns: the Little Lives Campaign and Keyhole Cancer Campaign. There are more details on both projects inside.



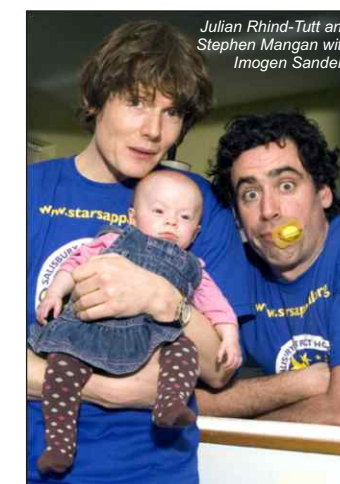
Motoring Personality Tiff Needell and wife Patsy

Guests enjoying the speeches

Channel 4's Green Wing Stars lend their support to Stars Appeal

Appeal Patrons and stars of Channel 4's Green Wing Julian Rhind-Tutt and Stephen Mangan dropped into the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit to see how the Stars Appeal Little Lives Campaign will make a difference to the hundreds of babies that are treated there.

Julian and Stephen then met staff and spent time posing for photos and signing autographs.



Julian Rhind-Tutt and Stephen Mangan with Imogen Sanders

Many thanks to the Salisbury Journal, Becky Westcott and Chris Pethwick for allowing the Appeal to use their pictures

President of the Stars Appeal Lord Pembroke hosts launch at Wilton House

Over 160 people enjoyed a glittering evening at Wilton House, to celebrate the launch of the Stars Appeal. Guests filled the magnificent Double Cube Room to hear speeches from staff involved with the Little Lives and Keyhole Cancer campaigns, Appeal President Lord Pembroke, Hospital Chairman Luke March and Patron and BBC Radio 2 DJ Johnnie Walker.

Lord Pembroke for allowing us to use his beautiful home for the evening.



Appeal Patron Johnnie Walker speaking at the launch

This event launched the Appeal in style and we are grateful to



Lord Pembroke - President of the Stars Appeal

"When I was first invited to take on the position of President for the Stars Appeal I felt extremely privileged and lucky to be involved as the two foremost appeals are extremely close to my own heart.

In May 1978 I was born six weeks premature at Salisbury District Hospital and spent vital weeks in an incubator. The other reason being that my father Henry, the 17th Earl of Pembroke, lost his battle against cancer three years ago, as did my grandfather at the same age.

It is with your continued support, by what ever means possible, that we will reach our goals and make a real difference to many thousands of lives and for this I thank you."

Lord Pembroke

Lord Pembroke, President - The Stars Appeal

We are very grateful to all our supporters big and small and try to mention as many as possible in our newsletter. Please do let us know if you would like your support featured on these pages.

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What is the Stars Appeal?



The Stars Appeal raises funds for additional state-of-the-art equipment and facilities for Salisbury District Hospital over and above that which the NHS can provide.

The Appeal raises funds for all areas of the hospital, initially focusing on two major projects; the Keyhole Cancer and Little Lives Campaigns.

Keyhole Cancer Campaign

Raising £300,000 for a specialist keyhole surgery theatre - one of the first in England.

This ultra modern facility will provide a dedicated and highly specialised operating environment in which to treat a range of cancers, including bowel and prostate cancer, as well as other conditions requiring general surgery.

"A dedicated keyhole theatre will enable us to provide the very highest standards of surgical care to local cancer patients as well as those requiring more general keyhole procedures." Mr Ian Downie, Consultant Surgeon and Director of Cancer Services.

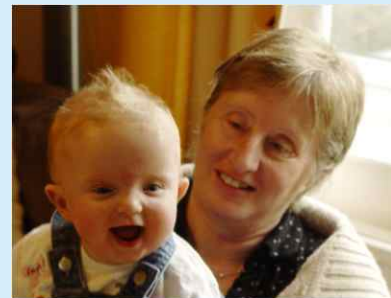


"Eleanor was born in October, 6 weeks early, and weighed just 3lbs. She spent almost a month in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and weighed nearly 5lbs when discharged. Now at 8 months old she weighs 16lbs which is well on the way to catching up with her peers! Despite her unexpected early arrival, Eleanor is now a very happy healthy baby who enjoys eating, laughing and playing with her toys. Both myself and my husband were, and continue to be, extremely thankful to the NICU staff for the care and support given to Eleanor and us as new parents of a NICU baby. We are having a naming party for Eleanor on 1st July and have asked our family and friends to donate to the Little Lives Campaign."

Helen Mayers - Eleanor's Mum



Eleanor was born weighing 3lb



Eleanor today with Granny

When Imogen Sanders was born at 26 weeks, weighing just 1lb 14oz, mum Claire admits she was distraught "She was just this tiny thing and both Dave (Claire's husband) and I were scared out of our minds that she wouldn't survive."

Thankfully, after nearly 3 months in Neonatal Intensive Care, Imogen had grown to a healthy 4lb 6oz and was able to go home.

The family have recently started a new life together in Australia but not before running the Bath Half-Marathon to say thank you for Imogen's care. "No matter what we do and where we go we will always remember how much everybody at Salisbury District Hospital did for us."



Imogen in her first few days on the Unit



... now at her new home in Oz!

Little Lives Campaign

Raising £100,000 to provide the most advanced treatment for premature and critically ill babies.

At Salisbury District Hospital, 1 in 10 babies are born too small, too sick or too soon and therefore need additional care. Our Neonatal Intensive Care Unit provides this to over 300 babies every year. These

babies, who can weigh less than a bag of sugar and fit in the palm of your hand, need everything that modern technology can offer.

"Young lives can be so fragile and need the very greatest levels of care. The state-of-the-art equipment that the Stars Appeal aims to fund will transform our work." Dr Nick Brown, Senior Paediatric Consultant.

Please contact us if you would like a leaflet detailing both of these campaigns further.

How you can get involved



There are literally hundreds of ways you can support the Stars Appeal.

Here's a few ideas...

★ Events

There are lots of exciting events coming up to support the appeal. We have enclosed an events calendar for easy reference, but remember that the list is always growing so keep an eye on www.starsappeal.org for up-to-date details.

If you have a great idea for an event you would like to organise then give the Appeal office a call on 01 722 429005 and we'll be happy to publicise it.

★ Run

We have guaranteed **FREE** places for the British 10k, the Bristol Half-Marathon, the Great South Run and the London Marathon. These are great opportunities to raise funds, whilst achieving a personal goal.

Log onto www.starsappeal.org to download an application form or call the Appeal office on 01 722 429005. 12 runners recently took part in the Bath Half-Marathon raising nearly £5000, including Darren Hart (pictured) who ran dressed as Elvis. **Thank you very much!**

★ Charity of the year

Ask your company to choose the Stars Appeal as their charity of the year.

Capita Sip Services has done this and is supporting the Little Lives Campaign. The company will be taking part in various fundraising schemes throughout the year including a team taking on the 3 Peaks Challenge.



The Capita Sip 3 Peaks team



Darren Hart crossing the finish line

★ Give in celebration

Why not ask your friends and family to donate to the Stars Appeal instead of giving you gifts for your wedding, anniversary or birthday.

We can provide you with posters and collection tins for your event. **June and Fred Smith, of Broad Chalke, did this for their 50th wedding anniversary and raised a whopping £470 for the Appeal.**