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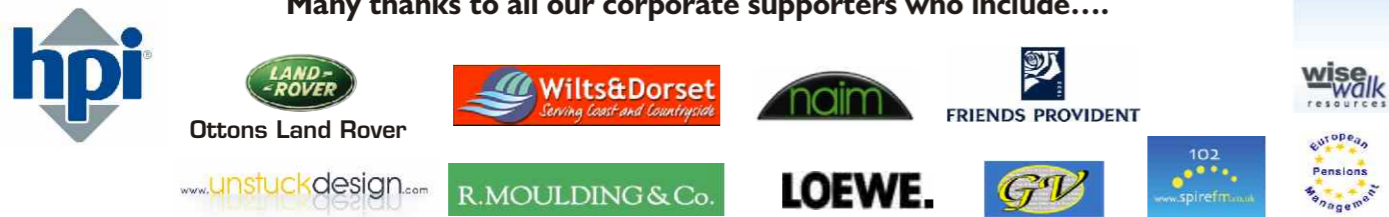
We want to say a massive thank you to everyone who has supported the Appeal. There are too many to name individually but below are just some of the things people have been doing to help.



Thank you to... The Wessex Stoma Support Group, Hayball Motorcycles, Downton & Whiteparish Darts League, Inner Wheel Club of Wilton, Bemerton Lodge Day Centre, East Grimstead Fete and Flower Show, Wisewalk Resources, the 'Mini Songsters', Alderholt Cricket Club, Jon Edkins & David Womack, the Chord Company, Sarum Vintage Tractor & Engine Club, Sue Shaw, Amesbury Visual Artists, the Dean Family, Paul Tanner & team plus many, many others.

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 this page.

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STARS APPEAL NEWS

Fundraising News from Salisbury District Hospital



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The Stars Appeal raises money to create the best possible experience for the 300,000 people who rely on Salisbury District Hospital. It funds extra care and equipment over and above that provided by the NHS. The Appeal raises funds for all wards and departments as well as major projects.

HELP US REACH THE HALFWAY MARK BY THE NEW YEAR

We set ourselves a huge challenge after the completion of the Little Lives and Keyhole Cancer campaigns - to raise £1 million to help fund a highly advanced new children's centre here at Salisbury District Hospital.



We are thrilled that thanks to your support, the Caring 4 Kids campaign has got off to a fantastic start. If the Christmas raffle does as well as last year, we hope that by the New Year we will reach the half-way mark. Turn the page to read Dr Rowena Staples' article about the fantastic equipment and facilities that the Caring 4 Kids campaign aims to fund.

Caring 4 Kids campaign

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: WIN THE ULTIMATE HOME ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM WORTH £8,600

We need your help to reach the half-way mark of the Caring 4 Kids campaign. Included in this newsletter are two books of raffle tickets. Please help us by buying the tickets or selling them to your friends! As well as our amazing first prize, a home entertainment system worth over £8,000 kindly donated by Naim Audio and Loewe, other prizes include a convertible BMW for a weekend and a year's family membership to Wilton House. Tickets are just £1 each.



If you would like to buy tickets, simply fill out and return the stubs along with a cheque for the appropriate amount (payable to the Stars Appeal) in the enclosed envelope. If you would like more tickets, or can help us by selling them, please contact Hannah at the Stars Appeal office on 01722 429005 or email info@starsappeal.org

PS. If raffles aren't your thing - please don't feel obliged to buy the tickets.

Happy Christmas from all at the Stars Appeal and thanks for your support!

PATIENTS ACROSS THE HOSPITAL BENEFIT FROM THE STARS APPEAL

The Stars Appeal raises money for all wards and departments at Salisbury District Hospital.



Many people including Kim Whittall (pictured here) have contributed to the Pembroke Unit fund enabling the purchase of a range of additional cancer treatment equipment.



'The Graduate Group' raised £456.20 for the Respiratory Fund helping patients with breathing difficulties.



Through charitable donations, the Rheumatology Department has purchased two state-of-the-art microscopes and an ultrasound scanner. Dr Richard Smith is pictured using some of this equipment.

Very special thanks to our media partners Salisbury Journal for their continued support. Visit www.salisburyjournal.co.uk for all the latest Appeal news.

Children's Doctor Rowena Staples explains how the Caring 4 Kids campaign will make a big difference to children in her care.



My colleagues and I are all very excited about moving into a bright, modern, new children's centre, which will replace our outdated buildings. We will be based much closer to other key areas – important considerations when you think of transferring a poorly, tired child around the hospital.



Dr Rowena Staples

Although the NHS will pay for the basics in the new Centre, there are additional things that we wish to provide for the children and their families that are above and beyond what the NHS is able to offer. These are the things that we hope your support will make a reality. Firstly, we want to make the

surroundings more fun and interactive for the children. Many children and their parents are nervous about coming to hospital. Designing a bright, colourful, child-focussed environment with lots of distractions will help to create a more relaxing setting.

For parents, the admission of a child to hospital is a distressing time. Caring 4 Kids will provide improved parents' facilities. There will be somewhere to prepare a drink or some food away from the busy ward environment, somewhere to shower and a dedicated flat where parents can get a proper rest, yet still be close by, should their child need them in the night.

The many children with disabilities such as cerebral palsy that attend regular therapy appointments will benefit from a multi-sensory room and updated therapy facilities, providing a calming



environment away from the ward that can be used for relaxation as well as therapy and treatment.

We wish to provide indoor and outdoor play and recreation areas, accessible to all children, no matter what their age, condition or disability. Play produces comfort and reassurance at the time of unfamiliar and potentially frightening experiences. Crucially, in hospital, play contributes to the non-pharmacological approach of managing symptoms such

as pain, as well as preparing children for procedures and providing a distraction.

Sadly, some of our children spend considerable time in hospital. For example, children undergoing treatment for cancer. Caring 4 Kids will fund special "home from home" rooms with ensuite facilities, equipped with the latest entertainment systems and technology that will allow children to communicate easily with friends and



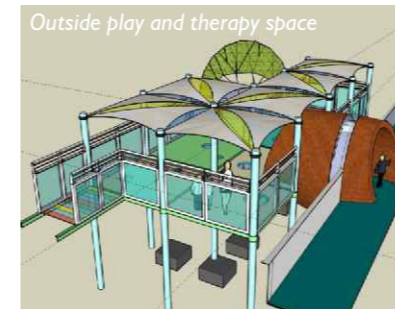
Multi-sensory room

family and to keep up-to-date with their education.

These facilities will make a real difference to the thousands of local children that visit the Hospital each year. They will help my colleagues and I to deliver the highest standards of care in the best possible environment. Thank you so much for supporting our Caring 4 Kids campaign. Please keep going and help us hit our one million pound target.

Rowena

Dr. Rowena Staples
Consultant Paediatrician



Outside play and therapy space

2008 has been a great year for the Stars Appeal

Here is a very brief round up of some of the major highlights ...

Over 5,000 people enjoyed the sun and beautiful grounds at Wilton House at the Children's Fun Day in June. Entertainment from E-Minor, Ticklish Allsorts and the Little Red Bus to name just a few kept the crowds amused between the duck races.



Children's Fun Day

The third annual Walk for Wards was also a great success with over 600 people walking to support lots of different wards and departments at the Hospital. Over £35,000 was raised.



Tidworth 10k

This year's Tidworth 10k & 3k Fun Run saw 1,000 people run the fantastic new routes, starting and finishing at Tedworth House.



Walk for Wards

The races were started by Olympic rower

Josh West. A big thank you to Headquarters 1 Mechanised Brigade and Signal Squadron (215) for organising the event.



Wilton House Charity Clay Shoot

Shots from across southern England flocked to Wilton House in May for the inaugural Wilton House Charity Clay Shoot hosted by Lord Pembroke. Shooting was followed by a champagne reception, lunch and auction hosted by appeal patron Johnnie Walker. This fantastic day raised £40,000 for the Caring 4 Kids campaign.

Michael Beck and street collecting team recently celebrated five years of raising funds for the hospital with 'Wally Wheelbarrow'.

Over this period a phenomenal £63,000 has been raised for many important projects around the hospital.

The latest challenge set by the team is to raise £70,000 for the Caring 4 Kids campaign.

It was great to have been chosen by Cllr Kevin Cardy as his Salisbury Mayor's Appeal charity for 2007/8. The year was a huge success and raised over £56,000 to provide specialist monitoring equipment for Sarum Children's Ward.



Mayor's Appeal



Street collecting team



Dolly and Jimmy from BBC's Jimmy's Farm sporting their Caring 4 Kids wrist bands at this year's Rockbourne Fair

Big News for 2009

Spire FM has chosen the Stars Appeal Caring 4 Kids campaign as their charity of the year 2009.



The fundraising focus is the famous 'Big Auction', which will be held live on air on Sunday 29 March. Please help us beat the all-time record of £15,000! Happy bidding.

PS if you can donate an auction lot, please complete the response form enclosed or call Jo on 01722 429005



Margaret Turner 2009 Limited Edition Amethyst Pendant

Salisbury jeweller Margaret Turner is creating an exclusive silver and amethyst heart pendant (pictured above) to sell in aid of the Caring 4 Kids campaign. The edition is strictly limited to 100 pieces.

Each pendant costs £100 and is hallmarked with the 2009 mark (so only available from January) To buy your very own limited edition Caring 4 Kids pendant please phone Margaret Turner on 01722 333633, but don't leave it too late. Watch out for more exclusives from Margaret during 2009.

Rockbourne Fair hands over reins to Stars Appeal

After 20 years of the Rockbourne Fair, the organising committee have chosen to hand over the reins to the Stars Appeal.

We would like to thank the committee for choosing us to take over the event. We look forward to the challenge! Keep your eye on www.starsappeal.org for details.