

Thank you...



A huge thank you to all our supporters, big and small, who have helped us reach our first two targets and given us a great start to our new Caring 4 Kids Campaign.

The 2007 Rockbourne Fair had a record year which enabled the Fair committee to make a hugely generous donation of £10,000 to our Little Lives Campaign. Our sincere thanks to Jennie Sherborne and the Fair Committee who have again selected the Appeal to benefit from this year's event, details of which will be on our website soon.

Being stationed in the Middle East didn't stop Richie Hines and colleagues from 1 Troop, 23 Engineers Regiment raising £2,000 by 'Rowing The Euphrates'. Thanks very much guys, your support from so far away is amazing. (1)

The south Western Hotel in Tisbury organised a summer ball for the Pembroke Unit and raised £3835.89. Jeremy Smith and some of the other regulars who organised the Ball presented their cheque to Dr Tamara Everington. (2)

We were delighted to be chosen by Mr and Mrs McLeod as a beneficiary of the 2007 Rockbourne Ride, which raised £2,300 for the Appeal. (3)

A team of Stars Appeal runners took part in the Salisbury Half Marathon and raised just under £3,000 for various departments within the hospital. Special thanks to Ludo Macaulay for organising this great event. We have guaranteed places for this year's British 10k and Great South Run. To join our ever growing team of runners, call Hannah on 01722 429005.

The third annual Tidworth 10k smashed our target and raised a phenomenal £32,000! Not only did Douglas Lewis run in a great time, he also raised an incredible £5,000 for the Little Lives Campaign. Douglas' daughter was cared for on NICU some years ago and he wanted to say thanks for the care they received. We want to say thanks to Douglas, and all those that raised sponsorship, for their incredible efforts.

Salisbury Summer Darts League supported the Keyhole Cancer campaign when they donated £1,500. Thanks guys and best wishes for the coming season!

Amesbury Abbey Nursing Home raised £1,800 from their Living Nativity event starring Therese the camel and other four legged friends. Esther and Lorraine from Amesbury Abbey came along to meet Nicky and Bonnie from the Neonatal unit and present them with their cheque. (4)

The Wessex Stoma support group raised £400 from a table sale they held at Salisbury Cattle Market. They are holding another one this year on 28th June at the same place so make sure you pop along for some great bargains.

Peter Perren raised £2,000 when he ran an incredible 7 marathons in 7 months!!! What an achievement. Peter was joined on some of the marathons by his dad who can be seen in the picture with Peter and Consultant Charles Ranaboldo. (5)

Members of Alderholt Cricket Club raised an awesome £5,000 when they took on the 3 Peaks Challenge. Presenting the cheque to Consultant Helen Chave were some of the brave challengers. (6)



MAYOR'S APPEAL UPDATE

Cllr Kevin Cardy's Appeal "Helping Children in our Hospital" is going from strength to strength! The Mayor's committee have many exciting events lined up including teddy bear parachuting at Salisbury Cathedral and a murder mystery dinner in Salisbury Guildhall. The Mayor himself is bravely taking on a sponsored parachute jump. Full details can be found on our events list or at www.starsappeal.org. Funds raised by the Mayor's Appeal will help purchase state-of-the-art monitors for the children's ward which will be transferred to the new Centre on its completion.

Many thanks to all our corporate supporters who include....



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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STARS APPEAL NEWS

Fundraising News from Salisbury District Hospital



President: The Earl of Pembroke
Patrons: Nick Holmes, Stephen Mangan, Julian Rhind-Tutt, Lord Marland of Odstock, Johnnie Walker MBE

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.



The new keyhole cancer facilities.

WE'VE DONE IT! First two projects complete

Thanks to your fantastic support, we are delighted to announce the completion of the Little Lives and Keyhole Cancer campaigns.

Premature and critically ill babies, and patients undergoing surgery for cancer, are already benefiting from the state-of-the-art equipment and the new keyhole surgery suite that you made possible. We would like to say a sincere thank you to everyone who has supported us during the Appeal's first year. It's been phenomenal. Turn to page 2.

HELP US CREATE A NEW CHILDREN'S CENTRE

Now we've completed our first two major campaigns, we face our biggest challenge to date - raising £1 million to help fund a highly advanced new children's centre here at Salisbury District Hospital.

Caring 4 Kids

Over 6,000 children a year from across Wiltshire, Dorset and Hampshire will benefit from facilities funded by the new Caring 4 Kids campaign. These will include parents' accommodation, a multi-sensory therapy room, indoor and outdoor play areas and special rooms for children with cancer and those requiring high dependency care.



Turn to page 3 for more information and to meet some of the children who will benefit.

CHILDREN'S FUN DAY, CLAY SHOOT AND WALK FOR WARDS AT WILTON HOUSE

To celebrate the launch of our Caring 4 Kids campaign, Lord Pembroke has kindly allowed us the use of his grounds to hold a special children's fun day on Sunday June 8th. All children will be allowed free entry (adults - £3 donation) and there will be a range of stalls and activities that the whole family can enjoy, including tractor rides and a giant duck race.



Lord Pembroke is also hosting the inaugural Wilton House Clay Shoot (May 23rd) and we will again be holding our annual Walk for Wards (June 22nd) at Wilton. Please see the enclosed flyer for more details about the Walk or call Dave at the office for a Shoot brochure.

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

RECORD YEAR FOR RAFFLE

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for our Christmas raffle. Your support helped raise £13,000 and enabled us to complete our first two projects. Winners have been contacted and a full list is on our website www.starsappeal.org.



Drawing the lucky winners.



Take a look at what you've achieved



What a year it's been! We now have a dedicated state-of-the-art keyhole surgery suite and a range of specialist equipment within our Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. All of this has been made possible by our generous supporters.

President of the Stars Appeal, Lord Pembroke, officially opens the new Theatre Suite.

New Theatre Suite Among the Most Advanced in Europe

Since early January, the theatre suite has enabled surgeons to perform the latest and most complex keyhole procedures for patients undergoing cancer and general surgery. At the heart of the new theatre is one of the most advanced camera systems in Europe, which delivers extremely high quality images enabling surgeons to perform the latest and most complex keyhole procedures. Consultant Surgeon Charles Ranaboldo, who led the project, said, "We would like to send our heartfelt thanks to all the supporters of the Stars Appeal on behalf of all of our patients to whom this equipment has, and will continue to, make a significant difference."



Charles Ranaboldo demonstrates the new technology.



Harry, one of the many babies who has already benefited from the new equipment

Babies Getting the Best Start

Stars Appeal News visited the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit to get Senior Nurse Nicky Ringrose's take on how equipment funded by the Little Lives campaign has helped her work.

"The equipment has provided huge benefits for the babies and their families and will continue to do so for many hundreds in the future. It will help improve care, save lives and ultimately help more families return home to a normal life sooner. Thank you for making this possible."

You can get in-depth reports from the "What We've Achieved" section of the website or by calling Hannah at the office.

Wally Wheelbarrow sets HUGE Target

Fans of Wally Wheelbarrow will not be surprised to hear that his owner, Michael Beck, and the rest of the street collecting team are hoping to raise £70,000 towards the new Caring 4 Kids campaign.

Michael said "This new centre will make such a difference to generations of children to come. Me and the rest of the team see this as our chance to be part of this important project".



Berwick St John Country Fayre

We are delighted to have been selected to benefit from this year's Berwick St John Country Fayre on 13th & 14th September. Check out our events list for more details of this great weekend celebrating country life.

Surgeon's marathon efforts

David Cox, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, is supporting the Caring 4 Kids campaign by running the London Marathon.

David says, "I'm aiming to raise £5,000 to get the fundraising for the new children's centre off to a great start. Please sponsor me by logging onto www.justgiving.com/drdaavidcox." David's colleagues, Sian Alberry and Anna Kotarba, are also running the Marathon for the Appeal. Good luck to you all.

Visit www.justgiving.com/salisburyhc to see what other people are doing to raise funds and maybe to get some inspiration.

Our next target

Caring 4 Kids campaign

By 2010, Salisbury District Hospital will be the home of a brand new Children's Centre. At the moment, our children's services are housed in outdated wartime buildings. This new development will see these services moved into a purpose designed, child focused environment in the heart of the hospital. The new Centre will help over 6,000 children from across Wiltshire, Hampshire and Dorset each year.

The Caring 4 Kids campaign will fund the extras needed to create a state-of-the-art centre that offers the most advanced children's facilities and medical expertise under one roof. These will include dedicated en-suite rooms for children with serious conditions; special facilities for teenagers; a high dependency suite; indoor and outdoor play spaces; a multi-sensory room, where disabled children can receive therapy and treatment; and dedicated accommodation allowing parents space, privacy, peace and to be close to their unwell child.

As the plans are still being drawn up, we want to hear from you. What would you like to see in the Children's Centre? If you have visited our existing children's facilities recently, please tell us what you think works well and what could be improved.

Children with everything from broken bones to more serious illnesses like cancer, cystic fibrosis and meningitis rely on Salisbury District Hospital for care and treatment. Below are just two of the thousands of children the Centre will help.



Andrew

Andrew, 12, was diagnosed as having life-threatening cystic fibrosis as a baby. Andrew has to stay in hospital for about two weeks every couple of months as well as attending regular appointments with his consultant.

Both Andrew's nine-year-old sister Shelley and three-year-old brother Darren also have cystic fibrosis meaning that the family spend a lot of time at the hospital. Andrew's Mum says "A new and modern children's centre will make things easier for the whole family. To know that my children are being cared for in the best possible environment, with all the extra things that will make their stay that much more comfortable, will make a real difference".



Lauren

Hello! My name is Lauren and I'm three years old. I have cerebral palsy, right sided hemiplegia and epilepsy and have been coming to Salisbury District Hospital Children's Unit for Physiotherapy since I was about six months old.

Physiotherapy is lots of fun. I come every week to see Anne, our physiotherapist, who has helped me to do lots of different things like hold my head up, sit up, roll over, prop on both my hands, move around on the floor - everything!

Mummy says she doesn't know what we'd have done without physiotherapy. At the moment I'm working really hard learning to stand. I know Anne will keep helping me until I do it.

Lauren's Mum says, "To be able to bring Lauren to a new dedicated children's centre that is focused on the children would make Lauren's time attending clinics and appointments more like fun and less like hospital. It would be absolutely brilliant for her. She deserves lots of fun as she has to work so hard to achieve the things that so many children take for granted."

Many thanks to Andrew, his mum Katrina, Lauren and Lauren's mum Ann for agreeing to share their stories with us.

We need your help to make this new children's centre a reality and help thousands of children like Andrew and Lauren. Contact Dave or Hannah on 01722 429005 for more information and a fundraising pack.