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The RWT Charity Newsletter

Welcome to the latest edition of The RWT Charity Newsletter

Your vital support helps us to provide additional resources to patients and their families to help make their visit as comfortable as possible. We would not be able to achieve the things we do without the tireless support of the local communities we serve. Here is a quick round up of some of the things our wonderful supporters have been up to over the past month!

NHS70

You may be aware the NHS celebrated an important milestone last month – its 70th birthday.

Up and down the country, on July 5th, countless numbers of well-wishers hosted their own Big 7Tea party and raised a cuppa to celebrate the NHS. Charity supporters in Wolverhampton hosted their very own tea parties to help us raise funds to enhance patient care at the Trust. Thank you to everyone who got involved in NHS 70 – donations are still coming in!

Here at the charity, we helped to host the children's garden party as well as holding a children and young person's colouring competition, which was open to all paediatric patients and their families. There were more than 120 entries and it was very difficult for the judging panel to make their decision. The winner's names were announced by the Mayor of the City of Wolverhampton during the garden party on July 5th.

Guests were entertained by The RWT Singers who popped by to share some of their latest songs. The singers also treated patients with dementia, renal patients and visitors to the Heart & Lung Centre to a performance of songs throughout the ages.

Special thanks must go to our friends Cath and Maureen from ASDA Molineux and ASDA Darlaston for providing all of the food and refreshments for the children's parties. They got involved during the day by also helping to serve patients and their families – whilst in fancy dress.

Thank you to Alveen at Tesco Willenhall Superstore for her support during NHS70. She kindly donated cupcakes and sweet treats for staff and patients at the Gem Centre and also a huge "pamper hamper" for the winner of the NHS70 word search.



The RWT Singers Summer Concert

Thank you to everyone that supported The RWT Singers by attending their summer concert. Special thanks to Father Dawid and his team at St Patrick's Church in Wednesfield for hosting the event. Proceeds from the raffle as well ticket sales, saw them raise £368 which will be used to enable them to give future performances to entertain patients and their families across the Trust.



Chop for Charity!

Fiona Whittingham, Nuclear Imaging Radiographer at New Cross, braved the scissors to raise essential funds for RWT charity in memory of her brother.

A small crowd gathered to watch the haircut which took place in the Deanesly Centre courtyard on the morning of July 27th. Fiona, who has worked for the Trust for nearly 29 years, had 60cm of hair cut off and helped to raise more than £350 in aid of the Deanesly Centre at New Cross and for Huntington's Disease Association UK.

She explained that she chose to donate the money to the two charities in particular as her brother was treated for cancer at the Deanesly Ward before passing away in 2017, and her cousin died of Huntington's disease earlier this year.



As well as people sponsoring Fiona to have her hair cut, money from the sale of her hair will also be donated to the charities.

Her hair will be bought by Banbury Postiche, a company experienced in making wigs for patients undergoing chemotherapy.

After the hair was gone, Fiona said: "I would like to give a big thank you to everyone who supported me."

Running in aid of stroke

Joanna Craig decided to run the Birmingham Black Country Half Marathon to raise money for the Stroke Unit at New Cross Hospital.

She ran three times a week for 12 weeks in the run-up to the big event.

Her training paid off and on July 7th, she ran the full distance in two hours and 23 minutes.

She said it was a challenge in the hot weather, with temperatures reaching 29°C degrees on the day.

Jo said: "I wanted to do this challenge to raise money for the Trust's charity. Working in the Communications Team I see every day first-hand the fantastic work the charity does around the Trust for patients and their families."

Jo smashed her original target of £200 and raised £386 which will support patients and their families.



Family donate £3,000 in Freddie's memory

The parents and sister of a baby boy cared for on the Neo Natal unit (NNU) at New Cross Hospital returned this month to present the team with a cheque for £3,000.

Freddie James Cree was born on May 19th 2016 at 23 weeks and 4 days weighing a tiny 590g.

Staff on the ward not only cared for Freddie around the clock but also his family by offering them the use of one of the parent flats on the unit so they could be with him at all times. Freddie bravely fought for three days before sadly passing away.

His parents Spencer and Kelly Cree were so impressed by the care and support they had received they decided to fundraise to help other babies on the unit.



In September 2016, Freddie's family and friends kindly donated £500 in his memory and they chose to support the NNU again this year. Mr Cree and friends Phil Coleman and Robert Slater rose to the challenge of climbing Snowdonia via the Crib Goch route – which

according to Llanberis Mountain Rescue is the hardest and most dangerous route to take and should not be attempted by novice climbers.

Family friend Nicci Sutton raised £1,450 from a hosting a charity quiz and raffle night at The Dudley Ex-Serviceman's club on July 20th.

Mr Cree said: "Thank you to you all who have supported us since Freddie's passing. We are grateful. There are too many people to name individually but thank you to everyone that that has helped, donated, sponsored and supported us with raising this fantastic amount, that we will help other poorly babies. Thank you once again to all the staff and nurses that cared for Freddie for the short time he was at New Cross Hospital."

Book of Celebration

The Charity works hard to help enhance patient care and experiences across the Trust but we would not be able to do any of this without the help of our committed supporters.

The Book of Celebration is an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our supporters and publically thank them to for helping us to make such a difference to the lives of our patients, their families and the staff that care for them.

If you are a past or current supporter and would like details of your donation or fundraising to be included within the book, please contact the Fundraising Coordinator on (01902) 447293 or email rwh-tr.charity@nhs.net.

GDPR

Your support helps us to make a real difference to the lives of our patients, their families and the staff that care for them.

On May 25th 2018, new laws around Data Protection were introduced. This means that organisations can only contact you with your explicit permission.

If you haven't heard from us in a while and would like to stay in touch please contact the fundraising coordinator on leanne.bood@nhs.net to update your contact preferences. If you decide to change your preferences at any time, please let us know.

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