



# The RWT Charity Newsletter

## Welcome to the Summer 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 help of our tireless supporters.

This special edition will be focusing on how your support makes a world of difference to the lives of babies, children, young people and their families. Coming into hospital can be a very distressing time and thanks to your support we are able to provide positive experiences for our young patients and their families.

### Children's ward and outpatients department summer activity programme

Charitable funds have been used this summer to pay for an activity programme for patients and their siblings at New Cross Hospital. The four week programme started earlier this month with various fun and educational themes including; safety, nutrition and getting active.



From arts and craft activities to special visits, patients and their families will be offered fun activities to help them relax and provide a distraction from being in hospital.

Young patients and their families will also get the chance to meet colleagues from the emergency services, including the fire dogs from West Midlands Fire and Rescue. Each week will be finished off with a garden party.

Look out on Twitter (@TheRWTCharity) for pictures of all the fun our young patients will be having.

For further information about the charity or how to support our work,  
please call 01902 447293 or email [rwh-tr.charity@nhs.net](mailto:rwh-tr.charity@nhs.net)

# Annual Charity and Volunteer Awards 2019

Nominations are now open for members of the public and staff to nominate a Trust volunteer or team who have gone the extra mile.

Are you impressed by the work our volunteers put in to help around our Trust? Then type in the link at the bottom of this article and nominate the individual or team of volunteers to win an award to show that we appreciate their generosity.

This annual event hosted by the charity and the volunteer service, recognises our volunteers who make outstanding contributions to patient care. It is also an opportunity to celebrate the tremendous impact of the charity's committed supporters. We would not

be able to do what we do without their support.

The four awards to be presented are:

- Rising Star
- Team Award
- Outstanding Volunteer Achievement
- Long Service Award

Closing date for nominations is 4pm on Friday, October 25th 2019.

If you would like to nominate please follow our link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/P8KZTK2>



## Unity Lottery

Fancy winning up to £25,000 and supporting the Trust charity? Why not play the Unity Lottery?

It's a weekly lottery - for every £1 that one of our players pays into the lottery draw each week, 50p will go directly to The RWT Charity. There is a top prize of £25,000 each week, along with smaller prizes of £1,000, £25.



Your support can really help us to make things easier for our patients and their families.

For further information or to join up, please go to <http://www.unitylottery.co.uk/charity/display/RWNTC>

## Couple's gift to hospital aids grieving parents

Emma and Ashley Hubble, alongside their five-year-old daughter Alicia and Tracey McGurrell from the 4Louis charity, presented a cuddle cot to neonatal specialist nurse, Nikki Farrington.

The couple started their campaign Hollie's Army in memory of their daughter Hollie Ann Hubble.

Cuddle cots are specialised pieces of equipment that are designed to fit inside a Moses basket and keep babies cool to extend the time families can spend with them.

Emma said they arranged a number of fundraising activities including raffles, tombolas and a cake sale.

Football team Halas Hawks Veterans FC also contributed by having their football kit altered to include Hollie's Army on their shorts and jackets. They held a boxing match and raised £200 towards the family's funds. A sponsored trek up Snowdon was also completed with a ball being held on February 2nd, in honour of Hollie's first birthday as the grand finale.

Overall a grand total of £21,800 was raised, including an impressive £780 from the raffle drawn at the ball.



## Homemade hampers donated to ease future parents' stay

A former patient who wanted to provide essential items for parents on the neonatal ward has donated several hampers.

Rebecca Bates and 16 month old daughter Emma presented the handmade hampers, as well as a Moses basket, to neonatal specialist nurse, Nikki Farrington.



Following the loss of their daughter Daisy Georgina Bates, born in April 2019, Rebecca and her husband Dan set up Perfect Premie where they put together hampers to donate.

The couple decided to donate their first set of hampers to The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust in Daisy's memory.

With the help of the community, Rebecca hopes to expand Perfect Premie to further enhance the support for bereaved parents within hospitals.

## Thank you for cake sale donations

Thank you to Angela Fellows for her continued support. Angela supported us again more recently with a cake sale that raised £325 in aid of the neonatal department.

Angela started her fundraising following the loss of her son Lee and said: "Having lost a child myself, I want to raise as much money as I can to help other grieving families".

Thank you to everyone who supported Angela by donating or purchasing cakes.



# Introducing...

## Rachel Robinson, our new community and events fundraiser!

### *What is your job role?*

I have joined as the new community and events fundraiser, working within the charity and fundraising team, and also closely with communications.

I will be assisting to coordinate community fundraising for the RWT charity and offer support to staff and members of the community who wish to hold their own fundraising activities.

### *What is your favourite thing about your job so far?*

I have already met several amazing people who have chosen to raise funds for

the Trust or make inspiring donations. No two days are the same and I feel that I have already learned so much.

Everyone I have met at the hospital so far have been extremely welcoming. I look forward to continuing to work with everyone.

### *When you're not at work, how do you like to spend your time?*

I am a self-confessed crazy cat lady – just ask our cat Phoebe and she will back me up. I attempt to be a bit of a do-it-yourselfer where possible, and can be seen trawling YouTube for "How To" videos. I find it very rewarding to look back once the job is done and to have also learned a new skill.



## Are your contact details up to date?

Your support helps us to make a real difference to the lives of our patients, their families and the staff that care for them. If you haven't heard from us in while it might be because you haven't updated your GDPR preferences or your details have changed.

We would love to stay in touch with you so if you would like to continue to hear from us, please contact the fundraising coordinator on [leanne.bood@nhs.net](mailto:leanne.bood@nhs.net) or calling the charity team on (01902) 694473.

Details of our full privacy statement can be found at: <http://www.royalwolverhampton.nhs.uk/about-us/our-charity/>

## Help us to help more patients and their families through Gift Aid

Gift Aid allows UK charities to claim back the basic rate tax already paid on donations by the donor. This means we can claim back from the government 25p for every £1 donated, boosting the value of the donation at no additional cost to the donor!

During the next year, if each donor said yes to Gift Aid, we could raise an extra £125,000 – so you can see why this is so important.

If you have made a donation in the last four years and did not Gift Aid at the time but would like to, please contact Zoe Lees, Charitable Funds Officer, on ext. 5375 or [zoe.lees@nhs.net](mailto:zoe.lees@nhs.net)

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