



The Royal Wolverhampton
NHS Trust

The RWT Charity Newsletter

Making a real difference to the lives of our patients, their families and staff.

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter

Winter 2023



Staff, patients and guests gathered together at New Cross Hospital for a Christmas extravaganza – featuring market stalls, music and special guests.

The event, organised by The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Charity, saw the area outside the Emergency Department and all the Christmas trees around the site lit up.

Local businesses sold a selection of goodies and the Trust's Choir, The RWT Singers, serenaded the crowd with carols and seasonal songs.

And some of the Trust's oldest and youngest patients received a visit from Santa Claus alongside special friends George and Mistletoe – two reindeer straight from the North Pole.



The visit, made possible thanks to the Phoenix Children's Foundation Charity, lifted everyone's spirits.

Patient Derek Rushton, 88, who was recovering from a stroke, was one of the first to meet the festive duo. He said: "It has been really enjoyable."

Santa's little helpers then made their way up to the garden on the children's ward.

Seven-year-old Riley Weaver-Harrison is battling leukaemia. Riley's mum, Sara Weaver-Harrison said: "It's brilliant to have Santa and his reindeer here. It's definitely brought a smile to his face."

Riley added: "That was excellent!"

And when it came to the light switch-on, Karl Henry, former Wolves captain, hit the big red button with the help of two young fundraisers – 13-year-old Alfie Hinks and Logan Munday, six.



He said: "It's an absolute privilege to be asked to turn on the Christmas tree lights – especially with such fantastic young fundraisers by my side. I was born here at the hospital and received lots of treatment here over the years for asthma. I'm delighted to be able to support the charity team."

Amanda Winwood, Charity Development Manager, said: "Thank you to everyone who came and supported us during the Christmas Fair – it was definitely a day to remember."

A huge thank you to all

Being in hospital is difficult at any time, but being away from family and friends at Christmas is very difficult for many. You, our donors play a vital part in creating a more positive hospital experience for our patients. For our youngest patients, you are helping us to encourage play, rehabilitation and recovery, but most importantly, ensuring our patients can have fun at The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust.



Adam @Printful donated 15,000 toy cars to support distraction therapy across our inpatient and community services.



Staff took part in the annual Christmas jumper day raising an amazing £160.



Alfie's Smile – 13 year old Alfie Hinks donated toys for those who would be spending Christmas in hospital away from their families.



Collins Aerospace Wolverhampton pulled together to deliver 130 goody bags for our elderly care patients who would be spending Christmas Day in one of our hospitals. The goody bags were filled with treats including toiletries, socks, art therapy book and hand cream.



Amelia-Mae Smith purchased gifts for our youngest oncology patients to bring them some cheer during the Christmas period. Funds were raised from a charity disco to support her shopping spree.

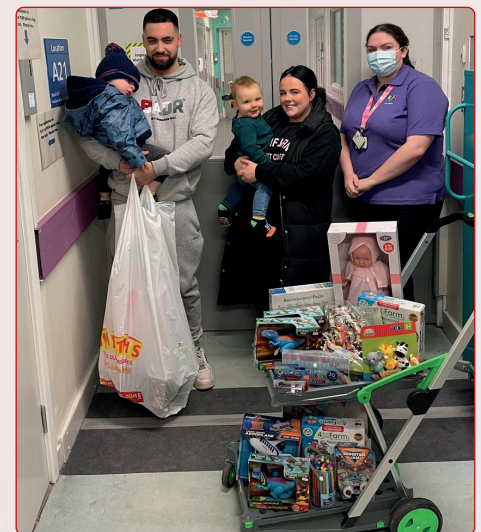


Dudley Building Society, Perton branch, wanted to make a difference to our youngest patients

and purchased a Nintendo Switch and games to help pass the time whilst receiving treatment.



Hit The Dhol group ran it's annual toy drive and donated toys and instruments for our children's department and also our community clinic at the GEM centre. The children enjoyed dressing up as Santa's helpers on delivery day.



Johnny Hale and Courtney Chadwick wanted to say thank you for the care their son received as a patient on A21 and purchased toys for others to ensure they had something to do and help pass the time.

our donors this Christmas



Stacey donated arts and crafts in memory of Lady Tiffany to our children's ward and comfort packs to neonatal for families who are here with their babies.



Logan Munday went on a shopping spree to Smyths toys, Wolverhampton, and purchased £600 worth of toys with the money he raised from his sponsored climb up Snowdon with his dad.



Grateful for a donation from Cash for Kids Mission Christmas to support our children who are in hospital over the Christmas period and our vulnerable families supported by our community teams.



Patient gifts were distributed to more than 954 patients who spent Christmas Day as an inpatient and also those visited by our District Nurses in their homes. First Christmas baubles were also purchased for our new arrivals born on Christmas Day and those receiving treatment in our Neonatal Unit.



NAR Fencing based in West Bromwich reached out and wanted to offer its support to our children's department. After hearing how needed Nintendo Switch lites were and games the company purchased three consoles, cases and games so that children can pass the time whilst feeling poorly.



Natalie Porter donated crafts for our youngest and oldest patients to help pass the time.



Owners of Northern Lights Coffee Shop and Northern Lights The Scotlands, Manesh Joshi and Adam Ireson surprised us with an amazing toy donation including an Arcade 1up Pacman system for our adolescents and many more toys to spread a little joy to those away from home for Christmas. They also handed over games for our play area.



Pop Heroes community donated more than 150 Funko Pops to be shared amongst our patients. Our play leader Molly was overwhelmed with the donation and couldn't wait to distribute and see the children's faces.



Sensei Emmy Knight of Shadow Karate squad based in Coseley, its students wanted to run a Mission Christmas campaign. This resulted in 93 gifts donated to patients on the children’s ward at the hospital.



Such excitement when we received our first RockinR gaming cart, all thanks to two amazing young fundraisers who wanted to make a difference to others in hospital and purchased the system for £2,500. Alfie Hinks aged 13 was the first to try it out and said it was amazing and would have made a difference when he was in receiving his treatment. Logan, aged six got to try it out when he visited to make his toy donation, he loved Sonic Racers and didn’t want to leave.



Songbirds in Harmony Choir held their annual carol concert supported by Bridgetown Concert Band and presented RWT Charity with a cheque for £4,125 for our cardiac unit. We had been their chosen charity for 2022 and the choir was supporting one of its members who had received outstanding care from Dr Petkar and his team. We were overwhelmed by funds raised.



St Teresa’s Catholic Primary school in Wolverhampton wanted to write cards for patients and staff in hospital over the Christmas period. Some beautiful artwork was delivered to us and shared

across the wards. The school choir also visited the hospital on 12th December and serenaded staff, patients and visitors with Christmas songs and carols spreading some festive cheer.



Tesco Heath Hayes, Cannock, staff and customers donated toys and gifts for those less fortunate and spending Christmas away from family.



Wolverhampton Wanderers FC under 23 and women’s team members visited our children’s ward and Neonatal Unit to show patients they were thinking of them. Toys and merchandise were given out to patients on A21 and A23 and parents on the neonatal unit were given gift vouchers to purchase refreshments from Greggs to help with their stay. The visit brightened the day for our patients.

We would not be able to continue assisting the Trust without the kind generosity of our supporters.

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