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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 2022

This summer we will be hosting our first fashion show in aid of the children's services at The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust.

Due to our exciting partnership with Fashion SOS, we will have rails of ladies' high street clothing, in sizes six to 30, available to purchase at up to 75 per cent off normal retail price!

The event will be held on Thursday, June 9th 2022 at Fordhouses Cricket Club, Wobaston Road, Fordhouses, Wolverhampton, WV9 5HH. It will run between 7pm and 10pm, with the catwalk starting at 7.30pm.

Some of the brands on sale include Topshop, Wallis, Next, Evans and Warehouse.

Rachel Robinson, Digital Engagement Fundraising Officer, said: "We hope this new event will help to raise vital funds for the children's services here at the Trust. The money will be of benefit to our younger patients and their families and help to provide extras which the NHS cannot fund.

"Whether you want to pop along to have a browse of the rails or will be trying your luck winning a prize on the raffle, we'd really appreciate your support."

Due to the pandemic the fashion show was postponed from 2020. Tickets that were purchased for the original date will still be honoured. Early Bird tickets are now on

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NHS Trust Charity  
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**9th June 2022**  
Doors open at 7.00pm  
Fordhouses Cricket Club  
Wobaston Road, Fordhouses  
Wolverhampton WV9 5HH

**Save the date**

SOS Charity Fashion Shows

sale for £5 each. Tickets can also be bought on the door for £7 each.

All the funds raised from the ticket and raffle ticket sales will help the charity to fund additional resources, equipment and projects which will benefit patients and their families on the children's ward.

To purchase tickets please contact the fundraising team on 01902 694473 or email [rwh-tr.fundraisingteam@nhs.net](mailto:rwh-tr.fundraisingteam@nhs.net). Alternatively, snap some up online at <https://www.wegotickets.com/event/538743/>. Please note there is a 50p booking fee for online sales via We Got Tickets who will donate a percentage of this back to the charity.

**We are appealing for volunteers to model on the evening. Please contact us via email on [rwh-tr.fundraisingteam@nhs.net](mailto:rwh-tr.fundraisingteam@nhs.net) with your interest.**

# Sensational support from the singing Songbirds



We were delighted to hear that Staffordshire choir, Songbirds in Harmony, has chosen us as their charity to support this year.

Heather Johnson, Charity Coordinator, said: "As a non-profit organisation, we select and support a charity each year. We raise funds for the selected charity through our musical performances and aim to do at least three concerts per year. I am delighted to confirm The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Charity has been nominated for 2022."

Choir member, Trish, nominated the charity due to the amazing care she has received from the Trust.

She said: "My sole reason in nominating this charity, specifically the cardiac centre, is that for numerous years I've used their services.

"I've used the word pleasure as a light-hearted attempt of explaining how brilliant the staff and services are. Over the last 20 years I've had more than a dozen heart procedures at this wonderful and caring department. Each time I've visited for consultations, scans, tests and subsequent procedures I've been treated with respect and dignity. Everyone involved each time cared; and showed it. This was

a huge help and was reassuring as it doesn't get any easier walking into the hospital, however many times you do it.

"As recently as the week before Christmas 2021 I had a double heart procedure at New Cross Hospital. What a challenge the NHS have, especially as they've taken a battering with the dreaded virus. I'm truly touched with how everyone working there battles on day after day. I'm also acutely aware of how fortunate I was able to walk out of their care, back to my family and was able to share Christmas with them.

"I would love to express a huge debt of gratitude to Dr Sanjiv Petkar for his undivided attention and commitment to my care. I know he works far more than the 'average working day'; I'm forever grateful. Also, Senior Nurse Andy Lapper who goes above and beyond his duty of care. Thank you to both is not enough.

"I'm overwhelmed and super excited to be able to help contribute through the wonderful choir I'm proud to be part of, and we look forward to raising as much money as we can for this deserving department and its staff."

## The choir's concerts dates for this year are:

- **Sunday, May 15th 2022 - 2pm Songbirds Afternoon Tea Concert, Norton Canes Centre**
- **Saturday, September 17th 2022 - 7.30pm Through the Decades, The Aquarius, Hednesford**
- **Friday, December 9th 2022 - 7.30pm Christmas Concert, Lea Hall Social Club, Sandy Lane, Rugeley.**

You can find out more about the Songbirds in Harmony by visiting its Facebook page:



# How are funds used?



Our charity manages more than 70 charitable trust funds that enhance the work of staff.

Check out our new film that shows how your kind donations help support our work.

Scan the QR code to watch the video:



Over the last year, the charity has continued to go above and beyond for patients, their families and staff. Here are some of the projects we have completed this year. Details of our other achievements will be included within our annual report and accounts.

## Support for parents and families on the transitional care unit

Parents of babies on the transitional care unit of the NNU have received a welcome boost. The charity spent £3,486 on five recliner chairs to ensure that parents that were visiting their babies were as comfortable as possible.



## Improve care and experiences for stroke patients

Charitable funds were used to fund five delegate spaces at the Stroke Association's three-day conference.

The programme included more than 90 expert speakers and researchers who shared the latest research and service improvements and focused on different aspects of stroke.

# Stroke

Association

## E-Link rehabilitation equipment



Thanks to the generosity of an ongoing supporter, the charity was able to fund the E-Link rehabilitation equipment at West Park Hospital. The system cost £5775.90 and is a games-based treatment tool to treat many impairments that can result from a stroke.

It features grip attachments to help improve grip strengths and games that support information processing and spatial awareness. Both inpatients and outpatients will benefit from this donation, and it will make such a difference to the rehabilitation of our patients.



# Refurbishment of the Macmillan Information Centre at New Cross Hospital

The Macmillan Information Centre at New Cross Hospital provides practical and emotional support for patients and their families as they navigate their cancer journey. Until recently, the centre had an open plan layout, located on the main hospital corridor. Noise from the corridor often made difficult and personal conversations even more challenging.

We have funded a £9,930 refurbishment of the centre to ensure that the area is as comfortable as possible for visitors and that they have the privacy they need when seeking support and advice.

Funds have also been used to provide soundproofing and better quality, comfortable furniture and lighting which has meant that when patients and relatives meet with the team a warm and welcoming environment awaits them.

Leanne Bood, Charity Development Manager, said: "Thank you to all of our supporters that have made this refurbishment possible. The charity welcomes projects



of this nature as we want to ensure that all patients and their families are as comfortable as possible within a healing environment. This project will certainly make a difference".

## New fundraising strategy

**We are proud to announce that the RWT Charity Fundraising Strategy has been approved by Trust Board. The strategy sets out our work plan of the activities we will facilitate over the next 12 months.**

**Our ambition is to increase the awareness of the charity, develop our 'offer' to corporate supporters and continue with our plans to host our own events. Please look out on social media and our website for further updates.**

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- 2** Click to join online by Direct Debit or Debit Card, or alternatively download our postal form
- 3** Fill out your details and click submit, or post your form to our Freepost address

You'll receive your lottery numbers in the post, and Unity Lottery will let you know when you will start playing.

If you win, they'll contact you, so there's no need to claim your prize!



## Unity Lottery

You could support us by playing the Unity Lottery, where every week you have the chance to win the £25,000 jackpot plus many other fantastic cash prizes.

For every £1 entry at least 50p comes directly to us to use, to help us make a real difference to our patients, their families, and our staff.

The draw takes place every Friday!

See more by scanning the QR code:



**For further information about the charity or how to support it, please contact our team on 01902 694473 or email [rwh-tr.fundraisingteam@nhs.net](mailto:rwh-tr.fundraisingteam@nhs.net)**