

Charity Update - September 2020

The Norfolk & Norwich Hospitals Charity is registered with the Charity Commission (reg no 1048170). It works to enhance the care provided to patients of the Norfolk & Norwich University Hospitals NHS FT through research, education, purchase of equipment, staff support and providing 'extras' that are otherwise not available through the NHS.

Recent Charity Grants

This year the Charity has plans to spend £4.1m to support projects in the Trust. Some of the projects supported by the Charity are over £1m, whereas others are much more modest – but can have real impact. We have committed expenditure for over £3.7m and the following are a selection of grants that the Charity has awarded recently:

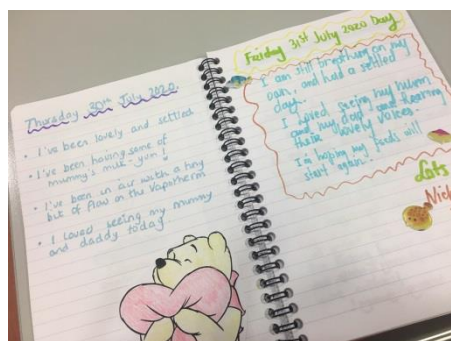
- £1,700 to purchase new furniture for the Breast Imaging counselling room;
- £1,308 to frame and install Covid-related artwork in the maternity unit;
- £1,190 to fund resuscitation instructor training for two members of the NICU team;
- £875 to fund a dissertation module for a member of the Critical Care team.
- £820 to fund a Neonatal Nutrition Training Course;
- £518 for an iPad to be used by patients in Critical Care.

Anyone with suggestions for future grants is invited to contact their Departmental Fund Adviser or the Charity Grants Team.

For information about using the Charity's funds please contact the Charity Grants Team via charitablefunds@nuh.nhs.uk or call Julie Cooper, Samuel Ridge-Ward or Ross Dennison on x3495

Gifts bring parents closer to NICU babies

Families have been able to remain in contact with the care of their babies despite the Covid-19 pandemic thanks to gifts from members of the public.



Visiting restrictions on the Neo-natal Intensive Care Unit were introduced in March as coronavirus cases spread throughout the country. This meant that there were limits on the amount of time that parents could spend on the Unit with their baby.

Using an Amazon Wish List, the Charity has co-ordinated receipt of 'gifts in kind' from members of public. In this way the NICU team received gifts including Polaroid films which have been used to capture special moments on the Unit, to keep parents informed even when they can't be there. Diaries have enabled staff to give parents an up-to-date account of their baby's time on NICU, while footprint and handprint kits have also been

gifted to give parents an extra-special reminder when they can't be on the unit.

Kate McColl, Family Care Sister on NICU said: *"We are incredibly grateful for the support people have given not just to our unit during Covid 19 but across the hospital. The Amazon Wish List is a lovely idea allowing people to buy items directly that will benefit our patients and families"*

The Amazon Wish List is coordinated by the N&N Hospitals Charity Team, and items are added when requested by the teams throughout the hospital.



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Football raffle raises thousands for charity

A recent N&N Hospitals Charity raffle of football memorabilia has raised more than £3,000 for the Acute Oncology Service. Former England, West Ham, Chelsea and Liverpool footballer Joe Cole and BT Sport presenter and Norfolk-born Jake Humphrey were amongst those backing the appeal.

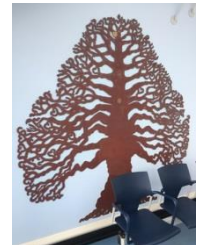
Teams from across the country, and further afield, donated a selection of amazing prizes, including a Liverpool Cap signed by Jurgen Klopp, signed shirts from Manchester United, Tottenham Hotspur, RB Leipzig, West Ham, Norwich City, Arsenal, Chelsea and a shirt signed by Liverpool's Sadio Mane.



The campaign was spearheaded by fundraiser David Giess who has worked in the football industry and whose wife, Anne, was treated for ovarian cancer at NNUH. Sadly, Anne passed away last September, but fundraising has continued in her memory.

Leaf marking £1m donation placed on hospital Celebratory Tree

It is only right that we should say "thank you" to the donors and fundraisers who do so much to support our Charity. One of the ways that we do this is through the 'Eternal Celebratory Tree' at Cromer and District Hospital. A new leaf has been added to the Tree to celebrate Douglas de Bootman's £1m legacy to the N&N Hospitals Charity. The new leaf is the first to be added to the tree since it moved to its new permanent position inside the hospital, as work takes place on constructing the new cancer care and support centre.



The copper tree, which is more than two metres tall, has been the focus of increased interest from members of the public following Deputy Divisional Operational Director for Surgery at Cromer Matt Keeling's interview with Radio Norfolk earlier this month. Members of the public are invited to purchase their own dedicated leaf to remember and celebrate someone special. Each leaf is engraved with a message, name or dates as a unique way to remember a special person or occasion.

Hospital Charity's virtual Service of Remembrance

A virtual Service of Remembrance was held for families, friends and carers of people who have died at the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals.

The event was recorded and edited by the Medical Illustration team and is available to watch via the hospital's website and Facebook page. The service was held in the hospital chapel led by NNUH Lead Chaplain Adrian Woodhouse. Ahead of the service people were invited to get in touch to let us know details of a loved one that they wish to be remembered in particular at the service.



For information about fundraising for the Charity please contact the Fundraising Team via fundraising@nuh.nhs.uk or call Louise Cook, Mercy Kaggwa or Lynn Crombie on x3107