

Supporting
Booth Hall & Pendlebury
Children's Hospitals



Child's Play for Cricket Star!

England and Lancashire cricket star Andy Flintoff has officially opened a new Play Centre at Booth Hall Children's Hospital.

The hospital has used over £30,000 of charitable donations to renovate a disused ward area into a bright, modern and fun environment that can be used by many of the children and young people who are treated here each year.

The main area includes computer terminals which incorporate internet access so that patients can keep in touch with friends via e-mail. There will also be a 'chill out' area for teenagers as well as a creative play area for younger patients.

Andy came along to officially open the Centre and chat to some of the children who had been invited to a party to celebrate.



Andy Flintoff with patients and staff at the New Play Centre.

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to the Specialised Play Equipment Appeal, which was launched at the beginning of 2004. To date, over £36,000 has been raised, which has been used to provide a range of equipment for all the hospitals within the Trust – Booth Hall, Pendlebury, Saint Mary's Hospital for Women and Children, the Manchester Royal Infirmary, the Manchester Royal Eye Hospital and the University Dental Hospital.

Donations are still being received by the Charities Office; the money will be used to continue to support the work of over 40 Play Specialists who work with the children and young people we look after.

Big Balloon Race

We know that the children and young people who come to our hospitals can travel long distances for their treatment – not just throughout the North West but also from across the British Isles and even internationally. This year we're launching our first Balloon Race to see how far a balloon can travel away from the hospital!

This is a great opportunity for each supporter to have their own balloon, representing their generous support of Pendlebury and Booth Hall Children's Hospitals.

Taking part couldn't be easier – just follow the instructions on page 7 of this newsletter and let the sky be your limit!

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Please note the
Charities Office
telephone number has
changed to:
0161 922 2217

Great Shot!

The Rivington Riflemen Gun Club held a trade sponsored open shoot and raised over £700 for the hospitals.



Pictured is Joshua Jones, one of the club's youngest members presenting the cheque to Joyce Denison from the hospital's charity.

History of Hospital

The Charities Office at Pendlebury has copies of "Royal Manchester Children's Hospital – Pendlebury 1829–1999" for sale at £9.95. Written by Pam Barnes, the book details the history of the first dispensary for sick children in the country, from its origins in Back King Street in 1829 to the specialist services it provides at the turn of the 21st century.

Every Little Helps!

When Tesco opened up their new Express store in Pendlebury they made a £500 donation to the hospital's charity. Pictured is hospital General Manager Geraldine Johnston performing the opening ceremony.

Education Staff Have Their Finger On The Pulse!

Children attending the Outpatients Department at Booth Hall will now be able to have some of their tests done using the latest technology, thanks to the support of Nord Anglia Education who donated £1,000 towards purchasing a Dynamap monitor. This portable equipment is capable of not only checking a child's blood pressure but also their heart rate, their temperature and the amount of oxygen that is in the blood.



Staff from Nord Anglia present the equipment to Julie Pearson, Assistant Practitioner in the Outpatients Department.

New Look, New Service

Additional funding has allowed Booth Hall to improve the care it offers to children and young people with severe and complex mental health problems.

The refurbished Galaxy House – previously known simply as Ward 15 – offers both an assessment and treatment facility to children. Treatment is offered to the young patients for a wide range of difficulties such as eating disorders, depression, anxiety disorders and behavioural problems following brain injury.

Government funding has allowed the hospital to recruit extra staff, in addition to new carpets being laid throughout the corridors and all areas have been repainted. The main living areas have been reviewed with one room designed specifically to offer a quiet and calm environment.



Staff at the newly refurbished Galaxy House

BASF, one of the world's leading chemical companies is supporting Galaxy House as their Charity of the Year through staff fundraising and also by offering voluntary support as part of their own organisation's team building project.

Charitable donations are helping to provide an outdoor play area. Over £10,000 raised through the 2004 Wallace & Gromit Wrong Trousers Day will be used to landscape an area by erecting a fence to hide a wall, level the ground, purchase new play equipment and re-turf the grassed area. There is scope to allocate a part of the overall area as a gardening corner, which could be of great therapeutic value.

Additional donations are being sought to create a small, rubberised play area and purchase suitable equipment – for more information please contact Pat Whiteside on 0161 220 5258.



Intensive Support

In September 2003 13 year old Vanessa Milek was climbing a tree in the local park looking for conkers. She slipped and fell, suffering serious head injuries, a broken wrist and damage to her spleen, pancreas and right kidney. Vanessa was rushed to the Intensive Care Unit at Pendlebury where she stayed for three critical weeks before being transferred to the neurology ward for a further two months until she was well enough to come home.



Vanessa has made a remarkable recovery – she's back at school with her friends and never complains when speech or memory problems cause frustrating moments. Vanessa's family and friends in Accrington have been busy raising money as their way of saying "thank you" to the hospital for saving her life. They've handed over £500 to the Intensive Care Unit and will continue to fundraise as Vanessa recovers.

Vanessa's story was highlighted during our recent corporate appeal. Many thanks to everyone who contributed – over £1,800 was raised thanks to the support of companies across the region.

All Day Breakfast by Galaxy 102

Breakfast show presenters Nicky, Lynsey and Irish Alan led a fundraising campaign by extending their usual morning four hour slot and staying on air for 28 hours non-stop! During that time listeners were encouraged to call a special telephone number to register for a range of wonderful prizes, including flights to Las Vegas. It cost just £1 to call, and many people also sent donations as well. In total £20,000 was raised which will help buy new ventilators for the Intensive Care Unit.



The breakfast show presenters record an interview with hospital General Manager Geraldine Johnston

It's for You!

BT retail section, which includes the customer contact centres, nominated Pendlebury Children's Hospital as the beneficiary for a £10,000 donation as a result of their good performance. The money will be used to help purchase a new ventilator for the Intensive Care Unit

Ian's Gift

Ian Thomas Moore was born in August 2003, but sadly due to complications with his liver, heart and lungs he died just a few weeks later. His family and friends wanted to raise money for the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit at Pendlebury, and through a number of sponsored events have raised an amazing £10,000, which will be use to help support the purchase of new ventilators for the hospital.

Mum's Medal!

Well done to Jill Butterworth, pictured here with her daughter Mia, who raised £800 for the Heart Care fund at Pendlebury Children's Hospital by completing the Great Manchester Run.



Charitable Support Delivers Intensive Care for Children

Pendlebury Children's Hospital has always enjoyed a reputation for leading the way to ensure that poorly children from across the North West are transferred to their Paediatric Intensive Care Unit as quickly as possible.

Charitable donations have ensured that the hospital will be able to purchase two stretchers which will be able to fit into a number of emergency ambulances. The stretchers will be kept at the hospital, which means that they will travel with the doctor and nurse who care for the ill or injured child during their journey back to the hospital. The new stretchers will have far more space underneath, which will allow room for all the vital life-saving equipment that is often needed during the journey.

The Fylde Fundraising Group have raised £6,000 towards the cost of the stretchers, with an equal amount having been raised from many other smaller donations that have been given to the hospital to help provide essential equipment.



Arthur and Vera Halstead from the Fylde Fundraising Group with Peter-Marc Fortune and Katie McCall from the hospital's Intensive Care Unit



Recently the North West Aerospace Alliance donated £4,000 to the fund as a result of their fundraising events.

Property Developers Build Hospital Support

Many thanks to Norfox, the fundraising organisation made up of property developers from across the North West, who held a charitable lunch at the Lowry Hotel and raised £10,000 for the Children's Hospitals.

Alfie

The ALFIE Fund was set up to provide lap tops with internet access for young people who were being treated in the isolation units on Ward 27 at the Manchester Royal Infirmary. Being able to keep in touch with family and friends via e-mail is essential in helping them feel supported to cope with their treatment for leukaemia, as well as giving them the opportunity to keep up with their studies.

Charity Cabaret

Staff at the Manchester based social housing group Contour organized a cabaret evening, because their office administrator Janet Garston's son Brett is being treated for leukaemia at Pendlebury. Ticket sales and a raffle raised £3,000 which will go towards developing new teenage facilities at the hospital, as well as supporting research into genetic disorders at the Willink Unit.

Dr Chequer's Disappearing Act!

Working at the hospitals since September 2001, two Theodora Clown Doctors have helped build special relationships with thousands of young patients and offered a break from the daily routine of hospital life.

Sadly Barrington Powell, whose alter ego Dr Chequers is well known amongst staff for his constant chatter and laughter, has decided to hang up his oversize boots and put away his red nose. Dr LooLoo, the remaining Clown Doctor, will have a new partner very soon!



Dr Chequers and his magic tricks!

Wallness Children's Charity

Following their recent Appeal the charity handed over their latest gift – a new mini bus for the Children's Hospitals. Pictured is hospital Chairman Peter Mount receiving the keys from Bryan Robson.

Canyon Trek was a Grand Adventure!

Hanging off 400 ft cliffs and wading through spider-infested rivers were just some of the challenges faced by Vicky Hamnett and Suzanne Stolberg when they took part in the week long challenge event in Arizona's Grand Canyon, which helped raise £5,000 for the Children's Hospitals.

The money will be used to purchase a special stretcher for the Acute Referral Unit at Pendlebury Children's Hospital.



If you would like to take part in future Grand Canyon Challenges please call the Appeals Office on 0161 276 4522

Calendar Girls

Eighteen girls at Gardiner Security in Rochdale have shown what they're really made of and produced their "Calendar Girls 2005" to help raise money for the Children's Leukaemia and Cancer Fund at Pendlebury Children's Hospital.

The idea started when one of the girls joked whilst having her photo taken for a staff ID card, but inspired by the film "Calendar Girls" the idea caught the imagination of other staff. The charity is close to their hearts as one of the women's daughters has a school friend who died from leukaemia and it is to her memory that the calendar is dedicated.

At £4.99 a copy everyone is hoping that the calendar will raise thousands of pounds to help young people affected by leukaemia.



The women from Gardiner Security at the launch of their calendar.

Breath of Life from Builder's Donation

Pictured are Jason Millett and Mark Hanson from construction company Bovis Lend Lease, whose donation of £8,000 has helped purchase a wide range of resuscitation training equipment for the Children's Hospitals. They are seen here with hospital staff and some of the equipment that has been bought.



Children Sitting Comfortably

Members of staff from Ladbrokes saddled up to ride the Steeplechase at Blackpool Pleasure Beach and raised a fabulous £2,500, which was then matched by their employers to help purchase two occupational therapy chairs for children treated for postural difficulties at Pendlebury Children's Hospital.



Trust Wide Fundraising

Mr and Mrs Worsley and their four year old daughter Molly visited Mr Lloyd recently at the Manchester Royal Eye Hospital to hand over their cheque for £1,130. Molly's family raised the money by organising a family 3-legged walk through the Cheshire countryside.



Very Impressed Patients!

Many thanks to all the celebrities who have visited our hospitals recently and helped bring a smile to so many young faces!



Players from Manchester United Football Club visited Booth Hall and Pendlebury Children's Hospitals to sign autographs and give out presents



Manchester City Football Club fans were equally delighted when their favourite players visited both the hospitals



Break A Leg!

The Manchester Royal Infirmary has again been chosen by the BBC to help out with some of the location shots they need for filming television programmes. Fans of the programme "Cutting It" will be delighted to know that some scenes for the new series, due to be aired in April 2005, have been filmed in the Day Surgery Unit. This has been done at a weekend when the Unit wasn't being used by patients, and the BBC makes a generous donation to the Unit's charitable funds.

In addition, the Fracture Clinic staff were happy to help out on a quiet morning by providing actor James Midgley, who plays hairdresser Shane in the series, with plaster casts that are needed as part of his storyline. How did the colourful character end up breaking his arm and leg? Our lips are sealed – you'll have to watch to find out!



Fans of Coronation Street were thrilled to get a visit from some of the cast as well as other famous faces such as Max Beesley and Mark Owen



Ian's Big Adventure!

Well done to Ian Mayer who has cycled 1,161 miles across Spain with his friend Will Roberts and raised over £4,000 for the Manchester Royal Eye Hospital.



Greyhound Goes for Gold!

Many thanks to the Greyhound Pub in Boothstown who have had yet another successful year of fundraising for the hospitals. Pictured are some of the hard working and dedicated staff with Joyce Denison from the charity, handing over their latest cheque for £1,000.



Grandma's Gift

Proud Grandma Kate Hughes held a fundraising Gala Dinner to raise £12,000 after her grandson Callum was treated at Booth Hall Children's Hospital. The money included over £400 raised by her nephews who washed neighbours' cars as well as her friend Tim Jenkins who took part in the Wilmslow Half Marathon and raised £700. The money will be used to develop training in treating other babies at the hospital with feet and lower limb problems.



Jack's Contribution

A mother whose baby boy defied the odds to survive has raised £13,500 for Saint Mary's Hospital for Women & Children in Manchester and Pendlebury Children's Hospital where he was treated.

Heather Barnes wanted to give something back after her son Jack received life-saving care. After being born with severe heart and bowel problems he was rushed to the Neonatal Unit at Saint Mary's Hospital before being referred to Pendlebury for further surgery.



Heather (left) with some of the games and toys that have been bought for the hospital from their fundraising donation.

A fundraising evening was held at Poplar Working Men's Club in Accrington, with raffle prizes and an auction of various signed football shirts helping to reach the amazing amount, and Heather is determined to continue to raise money for the hospital as Jack goes from strength to strength.

Fundraising nurses shake their tins!

25 student nurses from Booth Hall and Pendlebury Children's Hospitals took to the streets of Manchester and Salford in a bid to raise charitable donations. Dressed in a variety of costumes – from Superwoman to Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz, they walked to Pendlebury from Booth Hall, passing Salford University where they study, on a 10 mile sponsored hike.

Everyone really enjoyed themselves and they raised over £900 through bucket collections and sponsorship.



Pictured are the students at the beginning of their walk

Shopping Spree!

Well done to Susan Latham who won first prize in our Grand Raffle draw, which was £1,000 of shopping vouchers. The raffle raised over £6,000 for the Children's Hospitals so many thanks to everyone who bought tickets.



Samantha draws the winning ticket – and Susan picks up her prize!

Big Balloon Race

Taking flight this year is the Manchester Children's Hospitals Charity Balloon Race on 26th May 2005. We're hoping to launch thousands of balloons, each one supported by generous friends like you.

The Race is a great way to show your support for Pendlebury and Booth Hall Children's Hospitals. This is a popular fundraiser for other children's charities and we know that it will be a great success for us!

It's so easy to join in! Enclosed with this newsletter you will find a card with your information pack, complete with balloon and instructions on how to complete the tag.

There's a £100 prize for the person whose balloon travels the furthest, so don't delay!

Extra packs are available from the Appeals Office on 0161 276 4522 or the Charities Office on 0161 922 2217.

All balloons and tags need to be returned to the Charities Office by 19th May 2005 in order to take part.

Many thanks to Littler & Associates who have kindly sponsored all the materials for this Balloon Race.

Building Futures

Since the work began on site in July 2004 progress has been significant, and already the footprints for the new buildings are becoming clear. Within the first six months we have:

- Constructed and moved the Diabetes Centre into new temporary accommodation
- Demolished the old Diabetes Centre
- Erected the steel frame for the Mental Health Unit
- Prepared the foundations for the new multi-storey car park
- Carried out a great deal of infrastructure preparatory work such as connections for the main sewers and road junction alterations.

In the 12 months ahead we will:

- Erect tower cranes for the main hospitals building
- Complete the main structure for the rehabilitation building
- Replace boilers and other major equipment in the energy centre
- Complete the construction of the Outpatients building for Mental Health
- Make considerable progress building upwards for the multi-storey car park

Did you know...?



Building work is well underway at the central Manchester hospitals site.

When completed in 2009 the new Children's Hospital will be the largest in the British Isles with 393 beds.



Chair Donation

After Caitlin Buchley was treated for a dislocated hip at Booth Hall Children's Hospital she was in a plaster cast from her chest to her toes and was unable to sit up naturally. The hospital loaned her a specially adapted chair, allowing her to play and eat more comfortably. Her grandfather Peter Farrer, with the support of family and friends, made a replica chair and donated it to the hospital.



Caitlin and her family with the chair

Mike Underdown Flight

Many thanks to Britannia Airways pilot Mike Underdown, who has supported Pendlebury Children's Hospital for 17 years by organising special flights to help raise money for us. In 2004 he flew 234 people to Dubrovnik on a day trip, and raised an amazing £6,300.

Rays of Sunshine for Referral Unit

Artist Joanne Baxter has donated her time and talent to create a range of murals to help create a more relaxing environment for the children who are treated at Pendlebury's Acute Referral Unit. Pictured are staff from the Unit with one of Joanne's designs.

In the last year...

...The Bone Marrow Trust

Fund has provided over £90,000 of funding for a newly designed and equipped laboratory for research into Bone Marrow Transplantation, setting up a counselling service and further equipment purchase.

...The Research

Equipment Fund has provided £18,000 of equipment for keyhole surgery and supported a two year research project into children's throat surgery.

...The Joe Jaffe Hospital Support Charity has

provided around £50,000 of equipment for children with kidney problems, including four haemofiltration systems, a portable ultrasound machine and four blood pressure monitors.

Please return this form to:
The Charities Office
Royal Manchester Children's Hospital
Hospital Road
Pendlebury
Manchester M27 4HA

Registered Charity Number: 1056629

In the last year, charitable donations have helped buy:

Digital Photography System for Oral Surgery	£5,479	Positioning equipment for Physiotherapy	£2,000
EEG Head Boxes for Neurophysiology	£25,000	Resuscitation training equipment	£4,000
Vacuum Splint Mattresses for A&E	£1,500	Laryngoscopes for ARU	£600
New mattresses for parental beds	£2,000	Dynamap for Outpatients Dept	£1,000
Paediatric broncofibrescope for surgery	£6,450	Baby transfer pod for ICU	£17,000
Laser Doppler Imager for Burns Unit	£35,000	Specialised occupational therapy equipment	£5,000
Stretcher for ICU	£6,000		



Please return this section if you require further information:

- Legacy donations Corporate Information Pack
 Specialised Play Appeal Celebrate the Life Fund

Please contact me to discuss my fundraising ideas

Please send me an extra Big Balloon Race Pack

I would like to make the following donation towards the Manchester Children's Hospitals Charity:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____ Tel No: _____

How did you receive this copy of "Thank You" ?

Please return this section to increase your past donations by 28%
In the last two years Gift Aid has helped raise nearly £20,000 for the Children's Hospitals.

First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

I want all donations I've made since 6th April 2000 and all donations in the future to be Gift Aid until I notify you otherwise.

To qualify for Gift Aid, what you pay in income tax or capital gains tax must at least equal the amount we will claim in the tax year.

Signed: _____

Any comments or queries?

Please contact the Appeals Office on 0161 276 4522 or Email: charities.office@cmmc.nhs.uk

www.cmmc.nhs.uk/hospitals/childrens/fundraising