

Homerton Hope news



**Homerton
University Hospital**
NHS Foundation Trust

A newsletter to all supporters and fundraisers of Homerton Hospital

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Thank you for all your support

With so many fantastic people to thank and so much happening in our fundraising department, I felt I should say a special thank you to our many supporters and to share some of our good news with you.



As an NHS Foundation Trust hospital, it is sometimes difficult to explain the need and value for additional, special funding support. We are here to deliver an NHS service free at the point of delivery.

However, we have so many patients, families and carers who recognise that we try to deliver care above and beyond the minimum NHS requirements – to offer that little bit extra to make the experience of being in hospital or attending a clinic as comforting as possible.

We need additional funding to continue to go that extra mile for our community – and we have many donors and volunteer supporters who are willing to help us to raise funds for special refurbishment projects, additional equipment needs, and to make life as a patient or carer at Homerton Hospital as good an experience as possible.

Over the last few years we have done a lot with the money that you have donated to our hospital and it's important to emphasise that all the money we receive from fund raising events and donations

goes to benefitting patients in our hospital and community. The funds help to pay for extra equipment, research and innovations, and make our patients' experience even better. Your donations really DO make a difference.

From collection boxes at events, marathons and many other events, we are grateful for all your efforts.

Patient and general donations (many online via Justgiving and Virgin moneygiving) have increased hugely this year – thank you to everyone who has supported us.

We cannot thank you enough for your continued generosity and support, and I hope you will join me in thinking about how we can help our charity to further raise our community profile and additional funding – at all levels – for the special projects and programmes that will make our care even better.

Sir Tim Melville-Ross
Chairman

Welcome

There have been many events happening at the hospital and throughout the Trust since our last newsletter. These include:



Creating new **bereavement bags**, a thoughtful idea from our nursing staff which enables family and friends to take home belongings of patients who have passed away. The bags are tastefully designed and more importantly, are strong enough to take the various belongings.



Other funds raised recently have provided:

- an Accuvein for the children's A&E department
- new chairs and overnight recliners for the parents of children on Starlight Ward
- refurbishment of the ITU staff roof garden - a much needed space for when staff get a moment away from the very busy ward
- artwork for our new women's outpatients department
- refurbishment of the visitor room and counselling room in ITU. These areas are vital for the relatives and friends of patients on our wards.

All these items and works are making an impact in improving the patient experience.

Tonya Chalker
Homerton Hope Fundraiser

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Royal Parks Half Marathon

We were lucky to get 10 places in the charity draw for the Royal Parks Half Marathon in October last year (1). All 10 places were snapped up and we have raised £5,820 after costs. Our target had been £3,500. This will benefit patients in our hospital including the Neonatal Unit. Some of the team pictured included baby Ava who completed the last half mile and even got a medal.

If you want to know more about how you can support Homerton then email us at:

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or

Donate by text -
Text HOMH01 £5 to 70070

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www.homerton.nhs.uk/homertonhope



Cuddle cot for the maternity unit

Thanks to the Campbell clan, led by Gary and Maria, as they hand over a Cuddle Cot to the Homerton maternity team (2). The family raised £1,500 through cake sales and other fundraising events.

Neonatal unit

Two young volunteers helped to make a cake bake sale amazing. They managed to raise £1,400 for our neonatal unit. Well done girls (3).

Christine and Carmela (second left) from Stone Rangers WI, the Leytonstone branch of the Women's Institute generously donated over £1,100 to the neonatal unit. The cheque was received by Professor Narendra Aladangady, Consultant Neonatologist; Jacki Dopran, Neonatal Senior Nurse; Mary Grace, Nursery Nurse SCBU; and Tonya Chalker, Fundraising Lead (4).

We are starting on the parents' room refurbishment in the autumn.

Starlight children's unit and children's A&E

Starlight ward has again received toy donations from the waste prevention team at Hackney Council and Hackney Benefits Centre, and more toys and £1,500 from JLT Management Services (5). These toys have meant we can give gifts to children at Christmas and throughout the year for birthdays and also increased our play room selection. We have also provided new sofas, parent room refurbishment and large toys.

Thank you to the guys from Network Homes for their kind donation of toys to Starlight and CEA.





Thank you to JLT Management Services

for their huge donation of toys and £1,500 to the Starlight Children's Unit (6).

Thank you to Tesco again

for their donation - a keyboard for Mary Seacole Nursing Home and some items for our ITU. Elaine Price - we really appreciate your support (7).

Getting them talking!

Hackney Speech and Language Therapists Kate Day, Laura Martin, Holly Strickland and Karen Brock ran the Hackney half marathon to raise awareness about children with speech, language and communication needs (8).

Lara says: "As many as one in seven children have developmental language disorder, affecting their

ability to succeed at school, communicate and make friends. In deprived areas, more than 50% of children start school without the communication skills that they need. It's a really important issue and that's why we were running - to Get Hackney Talking!". Read more about their campaign on their website www.gethackneytalking.co.uk.

Mary Seacole Nursing Home

Thank you to **Tesco** for providing a **Christmas lunch** to patients and staff at the Mary Seacole Nursing Home.

Everyone had a great time. Not only did Tesco provide the lunch, they served and entertained too (9).

Thank you to all the staff and customers at Asda Leyton Mills

who chose us as their charity. We received £500. Thank you for your support (11).

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Children's A&E

We have now got our Accuvein for the Children's A&E. Huge thanks to Ilana Recht who was relentless in getting people to make donations (10).

Tesco also award Mary Seacole £4,000 from its Bags of Help initiative

Tesco teamed up with Groundworks to launch their community scheme, which sees grants being awarded to fund local community projects.

The money is being spent on the Mary Seacole garden project. We really appreciate your support (12).

Wheelchair walk for a cause

In October 2017, The Mary Seacole Nursing Home took part in a 'Wheelchair walk for a cause' to raise funds for resident activities and our planned garden makeover. Our goal was to walk 10 residents in their wheelchairs along the canal and up to Victoria Park and then have a celebratory picnic.

The walk raised £3,250. Along with the Tesco Groundworks donation of £4,000 we are nearly at our target of £8,000. Thank you to everyone who has supported us.

ART projects

Thank you to all those who came along to our charity art auction on Thursday 2 November 2017 and supported the hospital.

We sold £1,750 worth of art on the night expertly auctioned by the team from Christie's and a further £450 after the event totalling £2,200.

All proceeds went into the hospital's unique and innovative art programme which began almost 30 years ago. We offer long stay patients in the RNRU with acquired and traumatic brain injuries the chance to explore interactive art workshops as part of their rehabilitation and recovery.

The funds are being used to enable the Trust to develop and expand an art workshop service for the ECU (Elderly Care Unit) specially formulated for people with dementia. We are now also setting up sessions for our stroke patients on the Graham Stroke Unit.



Sexual health

We have again received grants from the MAC Aids Fund and the Monument Trust to continue the work of the Peer Navigator role and social care coordinator along with the MSM peer mentoring role. We also received funding from London Catalyst to continue the provision of Tesco vouchers for HIV patients. This has been on-going for the past few years. These vouchers are given to patients who are felt need help with buying provisions.

A big thank you to all our supporters including

- Blessed Mothers at Brotherhood of the Cross and Star
- Waitrose Community Matters
- John Lewis Community Matters
- Marks and Spencer Mare Street
- Hackney Council
- Leyton Orient
- Arsenal Football Club
- Toy and book donations
- Bates Office supplies

Future plans

Our plans for this year are to fundraise to revamp the family rooms on the Neonatal Unit, update the roof garden at The Hackney Ark Children's Community Centre and make some improvements to The Mary Seacole Nursing Home.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us. We really appreciate it.

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