



BE PROUD OF YOURSELF!

With thanks to the generosity of our supporters a wide range of medical equipment and resources, funded by Yorkhill Children's Foundation, have benefited thousands of sick children and babies at Yorkhill Hospital and other related sites throughout NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde this year. A few examples include:

PediStirrups

This year, Yorkhill Children's Foundation funded the PediStirrup (Paediatric Leg Support) system, an innovative piece of equipment which is designed to hold the child safely in the lithotomy position during surgery. This is an uncomfortable position that children often have to be placed in for various surgical procedures lasting anywhere between 15 minutes and 5 hours. The system is flexible and safe, allowing surgeons to perform operations quickly and efficiently, with a reduced risk of complications and trauma for the child.



"Thank you for purchasing this equipment. It has made a huge difference in the way we nurse neonates and older children, allowing us to position the smallest of babies in the lithotomy position."

Kathleen Thomson, Senior Charge Nurse
General and Endoscopy Theatres



Fun stuff for the kids!

Yorkhill Children's Foundation continue to fund the much loved Clown Doctors, MediCinema and Music Therapist programmes that bring an enjoyable environment to the wards and fun ways for sick children to pass their time in hospital. We also fund some of the activities equipment used by the play specialists to engage with the children, including arts and crafts materials and toys. In addition to this, we have funded Play Stations which have proved invaluable for keeping sick children occupied and distracted from the stress of their treatment.

TV's / DVD's for Orthotics Department

Yorkhill Children's Foundation funded brand new TV's and DVD systems in each of the four clinic rooms within the Orthotics Department. The Orthotics Department fit a variety of orthoses such as surgical footwear or fabric supports requiring them to take measurements for casts. The nature of the treatment provided demands that children are required to stay in a stationary position for hours at a time. These procedures can be distressing and painful for some children and further down the line, once they become used to their treatment, they can become bored and agitated. The use of TV/DVD makes time in hospital a much more pleasant experience for children as they are distracted by their favourite cartoon character or film.

These are just a few of the many examples of much needed medical equipment, and enhancements Yorkhill Children's Foundation has provided to the hospital. As a valued supporter, you should be extremely proud of what you have helped us to achieve.

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Expiry Date

Issue No. (Maestro Cards only)

Issue Date

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(Last three digits on back of credit cards only)

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Please remember to complete your full name and address, and tell us if you're a UK taxpayer, so that we can reclaim the tax on your gift. Gift Aid is a government scheme that adds 28p to every £1 you give – at no extra cost to you. This additional contribution will make a significant difference to the lives of children at Yorkhill Hospital. Thank you.

I am a UK tax payer. Please treat all donations I make or have made to Yorkhill Children's Foundation for the past six years (but no earlier than 1 January 2003) as Gift Aid donations

From time to time we would like to contact you with information about Yorkhill Children's Foundation, keeping you up to date with our activities, news and how your money is spent. We promise not to release your details to any third parties. If you do not wish to receive any further communications from Yorkhill Children's Foundation, please tick here



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A Picture of Health and Happiness

Today four year-old Melissa Mather is the picture of health and vitality and nobody would guess the little girl was born with a huge hole in her heart. Despite being born apparently healthy, parents Lois and Scott soon began to worry when they noticed their baby daughter, nicknamed Milly, wasn't eating or putting on weight. Tests revealed she had a hole in her heart the size of a 20p piece. Given that a baby's heart is about the size of a baby's clenched fist, this was a massive hole for her to have.

Thankfully, surgeons came to Milly's aid, and she endured an eight-hour operation at Yorkhill Hospital when she was just 16 weeks old. As a thank you, her grateful parents Scott and Lois have taken every chance to raise cash for Yorkhill Children's Foundation.

Their total so far is a fantastic £10,000 which will contribute to the purchase of a foetal cardiac scanner for the cardiology ward, helping babies with similar conditions to Milly. Beauty therapist Lois, from Cramond in Edinburgh, said: "We are so grateful for everything the doctors and nurses did for Milly and it is nice to be able to give something back."

Dad Scott said the idea of raising cash for Yorkhill Children's Foundation came to him while he was keeping a bedside vigil for his baby daughter in the hospital's intensive care unit. He said: "Intensive care is quite a scary place when you first arrive, especially when you see your baby with all these tubes and machines surrounding her. The nurses there were just extraordinary. Taking care of babies in that situation is tough enough but they took care of us too, and I decided it would be nice to do something in return."

Over the past three years, the Mather family's fundraising has seen them run 10ks, marathon relays and organise everything from raffles and fundraising dinners to events in Scott's parents back garden. But as well as raising such an incredible amount of money for Yorkhill Children's Foundation, the family say they hope other worried parents read Melissa's story, and have hope for their own child who may be facing something similar.

Courtesy of Samantha Booth, Daily Record



Courtesy of Malcolm Cochran Photography

Yorkhill is where the heart is

Children such as Melissa Mather come from all over the country to be treated at Yorkhill Hospital's cardiac department. Currently, the department has four ultrasound rooms, each of which is fitted with a dedicated ultrasound machine. Two of the machines within the cardiology department were purchased in 1998 and are now urgently needing replaced at a cost of £230,000.

With contributions from NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (£50,000), and the Cardiac Investigation Fun (£40,000), it is with great thanks to our supporters that Yorkhill Children's Foundation is delighted to be able to fund the remaining cost of this vital equipment. A special thanks to Kwik Fit Insurance Services who have contributed £20,000 towards the purchase of a new cardiac ultrasound machine.

This new equipment will ensure Yorkhill Hospital keeps its place as Scotland's national centre for paediatric cardiac care and will also benefit other disciplines such as foetal cardiac scanning, monitoring cardiac function in the treatment of childhood cancer patients, and screening of children with muscular dystrophy, which affects cardiac function.

This is just one of the many vital projects that Yorkhill Children's Foundation has been able to deliver this year with the help of our supporters. Children throughout Scotland deserve to have the best care and facilities available to them. Without your help, projects such as this would not be possible. Our thanks go out to everyone who has contributed in any way.



Here are just a few of the people, organisations and companies who have given their time and effort to make our work possible. We are grateful to every single one of our supporters and volunteers for contributing to our work...we wish we could mention you all! Remember, lots more stories about our fundraisers, volunteers and some of the brave children who have attended Yorkhill Hospital are featured on our website!



Claire climbs for Yorkhill!

Eleven year old Claire Bate reached the summit of Ben Nevis raising an amazing £3,076. Incredibly, this comes just a year after she underwent two heart operations in less than a month, and spent five weeks in Intensive Care. What a remarkable achievement!



Miles for Smiles Trip

Colin Gallacher and Ross Pollock cycled the perimeter of Scotland on their BMW Motorbikes raising £1,699. Their epic journey started at Yorkhill Hospital and they stopped at each of the main paediatric hospitals in Scotland. Huge thanks also to Colin's employers Dow Chemical Group, who matched their total!

On Yer Bikes

Inspired by his daughter Abigail, Stephen Hall and a team of friends cycled from Berwick-upon-Tweed to John O'Groats, raising over £10,000 for Ward 5A.

Tesco Express Opening

Yorkhill Children's Foundation was thrilled to be invited to the opening of the new Tesco Express in North Street, Glasgow. Staff presented us with a cheque for £500, signifying their commitment to the local community.



SQA Pass With Flying Colours

Staff at SQA's Glasgow office raised the fantastic sum of £22,000 following a year of fundraising which included quiz nights, sponsored events and shopping fairs, topped off by a glittering black tie ball.



Craigholme School

Staff and pupils of Craigholme School selected Yorkhill Children's Foundation as their charity of the year for 2009-2010, raising a staggering £12,000 through a variety of fundraising activities including a bag pack and bake sale, and taking part in the Women's 10K in Glasgow. Well done to all!

It's a long way to Inverary!... but not for Ava's Daddy!

David Lowing decided to raise funds for Yorkhill Hospital after his daughter Ava Rose contracted pneumonia last year. He and a group of friends got on their bikes and completed a 140mile round trip to Inverary and back raising a fantastic £1780!



The Caledonian Motorcycle Challenge

Kwik Fit Insurance Services team Stevie Sutherland, Martin Ward, Tony Lynch & Colin Wallace, travelled round the coast of Scotland on their motorbikes raising an incredible £20,000!

Chloe McIntyre Fun Run

Over 140 men, women and children took to the streets of Callendar, for a 5K fun run/walk in memory of Chloe McIntyre. It was a huge family day out with baking stalls, face painting, barbecue, raffle and much more. Over £10,000 has already been raised for the Chloe McIntyre Memorial Fund.



101 Operations

Most children associate the number 101 with the much loved Walt Disney movie 101 Dalmatians. Thirteen year old Amy Nelson associates it with the unbelievable 101 operations she has endured to date.

The brave girl from Edinburgh has been through many ups and downs with her condition, at times attending Yorkhill Hospital every week. Her treatment involves tests that allow her Consultant, Mr Haytham Kubba, to look at her larynx and bronchi using a small telescope. A laser is then used to remove the growths.



Amy was very ill when she first arrived at Yorkhill Hospital, which she has attended for as long as she can remember. Despite everything she has had to go through, Amy never complains.

Her mum Pamela said "It has been a long journey for Amy but thankfully she is now on the road to recovery. Mr Kubba and his team at Yorkhill have been fantastic. They have always supported Amy and shown her respect as a child who has been through so much. Mr Kubba is constantly introducing Amy to new treatments to improve her

condition. We can't thank him and his staff enough for all they have done. We will always be so thankful for the kindness and support we get every single time we attend Yorkhill".

Amy, who wants to be a make-up artist said "I would say thank you to Mr Kubba and Sylvia who come to see me on the ward and all the nurses because they are so nice to me and have helped me to get better".

HAPPY 1ST TEXT CAMPAIGN

In November 2010 we launched our first ever text marketing campaign with the aim of encouraging even more people to help sick kids at Yorkhill Hospital by texting "yorkhill" to 70003 to donate £3. Text donating is both quick and convenient and as a result, we hope it will encourage people to pick up their phones and donate.

Please help sick kids in Yorkhill Hospital.

Pick up your phone today and text "YORKHILL" to 70003!

On behalf of all the sick children in Yorkhill Hospital, we thank you for your support.

Text costs £3 plus network charge. Yorkhill Children's Foundation receives at least £2.67. Please obtain bill payer's permission. Customer care 0844 847 9800. Charity No SCO 07856

I would like to donate to Yorkhill Children's Foundation

Whether you want to make a donation or wish to send us money you have raised at an event, all you need to do is complete the form below and post it back to Yorkhill Children's Foundation, 5th Floor, QMH Tower, Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Yorkhill, Glasgow G3 8SJ. On behalf of all of the sick children at Yorkhill Hospital, thank you for your support.

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E-mail is one of the most cost effective ways of communicating with our supporters. If you are happy to receive e-mails from Yorkhill Children's Foundation, please complete your details below.

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