

JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2022



**Happy New Year from The
Children's Hospital Charity**

Thank you for your support in 2021

As we start a new year we want to say a big thank you to you all for your support throughout 2021. 2021 was the year of the Bears of Sheffield sculpture trail, which helped to raise a whopping over £750,000 towards our new Cancer and Leukaemia Ward.

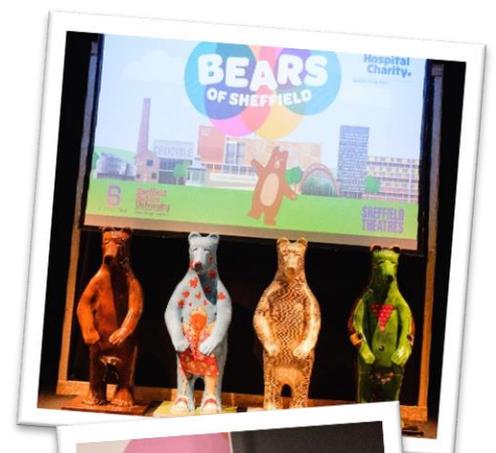
Our snowflakes display at Christmas has so far raised more than £332,000 in pledged sponsorship, making it a record-breaking year!

Hundreds of you ran marathons, jumped out of planes, completed epic challenges, wore Christmas jumpers, baked cakes in your office, wore your pyjamas for the day and so much more.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make a difference over the past year, we are so grateful for your support and can't wait to see what we can achieve together in 2022!

Happy New Year!

The Charity Team x



Ellena's story

Now that our new Cancer and Leukaemia Ward is open, we are moving on to the next stage of our appeal to build a better future for Sheffield Children's. This year our focus will be on raising the money needed to build a Helipad on the roof of our hospital. To do this we need to raise £6million in total, thanks to your support we are half way there.

Every penny raised towards our Helipad appeal will support families like Ellena's. Ellena was just four-months old when she suddenly stopped breathing on a family holiday at Centre Parcs, Sherwood Forest.

Ellena suffers from a rare congenital condition of the oesophagus and trachea which affects only one in 5,000 children. Her condition was diagnosed at birth and following extensive surgery at Sheffield Children's Hospital, her parents received training for the likely possibility that Ellena may stop breathing on occasion. Sadly, such an occasion arose which led to Ellena's parents' turning their training into a reality.

Matt Kik, Ellena's father said, "Ellena began coughing, choking and spluttering. I thought I knew what to do, so I took her onto the dining table and tried to restart her breathing again but she didn't. She just turned blue and I watched the life go out of her eyes. I just thought, 'Oh Goodness she's gone'"

Thankfully, a rescue breath finally brought Ellena back to life and paramedics arrived on the scene soon after. Satisfied that Ellena was stable enough for transport, they recommended she was transferred by Air Ambulance to Sheffield Children's Hospital. While Ellena travelled with her Mum in the helicopter, her Dad drove through rush-hour traffic to Sheffield. Arriving only 10 minutes behind the helicopter due to severe delays with landing.



"They just hovered over Weston Park in Sheffield and had to wait for everyone below to move a safe distance. It was a really sunny day and the park was packed. I've no idea how long it was but it felt like forever!"

Ellena was too small for the stretcher typically used to transport patients, so her Mum had to carry her, through the watching crowds into the Emergency Department at Sheffield Children's Hospital. Thankfully, due to her parents' intervention and the care she received, Ellena's episode passed with no lasting effects.

Having a Helipad on the roof at Sheffield Children's would save vital time when every second counts for getting a child like Ellena the emergency care they need.

To find out how you can help please visit www.tchc.org.uk.



**Your
support
could help us
build a
Helipad on
our roof**

EVENTS 2022

Attached to this e-mail is our events calendar for 2022! From running and walking to skydiving and trekking in Peru, we have an event for everyone this year. If your business would be interested in any of our events please don't hesitate to let us know.

London to Paris Cycle Ride

June 2022

Take on this epic challenge and cycle from London to Paris this June. Join us on 20th January for a virtual information evening all about this incredible adventure. E-mail events@tchc.org.uk to find out more and book your place.



Save the date – Pyjama Day is back!



Friday 4th March 2022

Wear your pyjamas for a whole day on Friday 4th March and raise money for our hospital. We are calling on businesses, schools, individuals, community groups and of course, our hospital staff to sport your pj-tastic outfits.



Thank you for all your support over Christmas!

We were blown away by the number of gifts, selection boxes and treats for staff that we received over Christmas. Thank you so much to everyone who donated – you are amazing!



We hope you have enjoyed this month's newsletter. If there's anything you need for your fundraising contact Tchad tchad@tchc.org.uk or Sophie sophie@tchc.org.uk.

Thank you for your support!

