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Smile



newsletter

Zoë's Place Baby Hospice, Liverpool

Meet Evie Kate

I am Evie Kate's mum, Abbi. Evie Kate was born on the 14th April 2013 a happy healthy baby. At 8 months old Evie contracted Bronchiolitis RSV and was rushed to intensive care at Alder Hey. Evie was induced into a coma, suffered a cardiac arrest and was put onto an Oscillator. I was told Evie had a burst lung. For two weeks I sat at her bedside and hoped she would come round but the doctors told me that would not happen and asked for me to turn off the ventilator and let Evie go, but I refused. Three days later Evie opened her eyes and brought herself out the coma, everybody was amazed! Six weeks into intensive care doctors tried to take Evie off the ventilator but when they did we noticed that Evie struggled and couldn't breathe for herself, this baffled the doctors. In the next two days Evie's limbs had stopped moving. The doctors at Alder Hey did scans, muscle biopsys, nerve inductions and a full body scan. The scan showed that Evie's main breathing muscle was completely frozen. It was then that I was told Evie would never breathe for herself again.

In February 2014 Evie Kate was diagnosed with SMARD TYPE 1 (spinal muscular atrophy respiratory distress). They told us that she would never smile,

talk, walk or have any type of quality of life. I knew straight away that I wanted to keep Evie with me by having a tracheostomy fitted and a portable ventilator and I wanted training so I could take Evie home where she belonged. The doctors agreed and on May 30th Evie had her Tracheostomy fitted. In March 2015 Evie was discharged and we haven't looked back!!!

Evie has respite at Zoë's Place and to be honest this is a godsend for me! The staff are fantastic with Evie and her needs. For me it is great because when I am run down or have a family emergency, Zoë's Place staff have taken Evie in for me and put my mind at rest so I can focus on what I had to do at that time. Nobody could have told me what life would be like with a complex needs child but as long as my Evie is smiling (which she always is) I know I have done the right thing by her and it's the likes of staff at Zoë's Place who just make life a lot easier for a mum like myself.



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Dear Friends



Welcome to our Spring/Summer edition of the Smile newsletter. We hope you enjoy reading our latest Hospice news and articles highlighting the amazing support we have received by our many wonderful supporters. Each year, the financial requirements of the Hospice increase and we currently need to raise approximately £1,400,000 per annum. We are extremely thankful to everyone who has already shown support of Zoë's Place Baby Hospice and hope

that you are able to continue your support as we move forward, endeavouring to improve our facilities and help even more families. You can keep up to date with our developments by visiting our website www.zoes-place.org.uk/liverpool; follow us on twitter: [@zoes_place](https://twitter.com/zoes_place), facebook: www.facebook.com/zpbh2 or instagram: [@Zoeslpool](https://www.instagram.com/Zoeslpool)

Carol x

HOSPICE news

The last few months have been a busy time in the hospice, despite it being the most hectic time of the year we are amazed by the kindness and generosity of our donors.

Volunteer for us

In this edition of our Newsletter, we want to give a shout out to our fantastic volunteers, Allan & Irene Fyles. Both Allan & Irene give so much of their time and energy to support our work, by doing Car Boot Sales, and bucket collections at Belle Vale Shopping Centre for us every month. Both of these take a lot of effort, and raise a significant amount for our hospice. We are so thankful for Allan and Irene.



If you would be interested in volunteering for us, get in touch with Rachel by emailing rachel.maher@zoes-place.org.uk or call us on 0151 228 0353. (You must be over 18, and willing to take part in Fundraising activities).

Fundraising principles

- We do not engage in chugging (stopping people in the street for a donation or set up direct debit)
- We do not knock on doors asking for donations
- We do not share donor details
- We treat all our supporters with respect and gratitude
- All our fundraising activities will be conducted in an honest, open, transparent, ethical and business-like manner.

Boxing Dinner

Our 9th annual charity boxing dinner sponsored by A W Byrne Contracting Ltd was held on Friday 18th March. Over 500 people attended the event and enjoyed a great evening of boxing. Our thanks go to Peter Phelan and the amateur boxers from Wirral Police Boxing Club and Northwest Select for providing the exceptional boxing bouts. Huge thanks to our wonderful sponsors A W Byrne Contracting who have pledged their support for another year.



Watch this space!

New look Zoë's Place website coming soon with an opportunity to set up a direct debit gift on line.



We had a steady stream of toys, selection boxes and Chocolate Oranges! Thank you so much for all those who donated. The Children and siblings loved them.



The McIntyre family recently held a fundraising evening for our hospice, as they organised a leaving party for their son Charlie, who having reached his 6th birthday is now leaving Zoë's Place. Charlie has been receiving care at Zoë's Place for many years and will be missed so much by everyone here. The farewell party was a huge success and raised nearly £5,000 for Zoë's Place!



We had a pamper afternoon for our parents courtesy of LUSH spa. This was a wonderful opportunity for our parents and carers to meet each other and enjoy a bit of pampering!



The highlight of the year was our family Christmas Party. Yet again it was organised and funded by Herbert and Queenies Christmas. This year was the biggest and best yet!! We are so grateful to Herbert for his support and generosity to us.



In February we had a visit to the hospice from LFC Player Mamadou Sakho. Mamadou was so generous and donated lots of gifts from our 'Wish list'. He spent time talking to the families and playing with the children.

Thank you so much for your continued support which allows us to continue to care for the babies and young children and their families

THANK YOU!

Community

Belle Vale

Belle Vale Shopping Centre have consistently offered active support to our hospice by providing opportunities to make collections or hold displays and fundraising events in the Centre. It was with great pleasure we received a cheque for £1,687.28 from Centre Manager, Paul Wilson, as a result of fundraising activity in 2015.



Hope Uni Tourism Students

Thanks to the tourism Students at Liverpool Hope University who put a lot of effort in to raising a fantastic £305.66 for our hospice by holding a Live Deal or No Deal Fundraising Night.



Prescot Rotary

We recently received an amazing £3000 from the Prescot Rotary after another successful year holding their Bonfire Event. A huge thank you to all involved.

Calderstones School

Jamie Sparkes, Dad to Poppy (one of our babies) and teacher, recently got the whole school involved in supporting our hospice through the #AllCaldiesWantsForChristmas Campaign. Everyone put in so much effort which resulted in a raising a fantastic £1086.66. Thank you to all students and staff.



Stacey Wasley & Cheryl Jackson

A massive thank you to Stacey and Cheryl for taking part in the Liverpool Cathedral Indoor Abseil and raising a fantastic £1,228 for our hospice.

Trusts & Grants

Boshier Hinton Foundation

We were delighted to receive funding of £1,259 from the foundation towards the cost of wheelchair scales for use in our hospice. This is an invaluable piece of equipment to help monitor a child's weight in an easy and efficient way.

Hydrotherapy Pool

Thanks to the wonderful support of the Hemby Trust, True Colours Trust and Freemasons Grand Charity we have been able to raise the £16,000 needed to refurbish and update the plant room of our hydrotherapy pool.

Merseyside Police

Staff kindly donated £1235 after raising funds during their Officers Mess Ball. They raised the funds through a raffle and auction.



Corporates

Arriva North West

We were delighted to be the recipient charity of Arriva's annual charity golf day once again this year and receive a cheque for £22,064. Arriva North West have been supporting our hospice for over 8 years and during that time raised a staggering £158,000 to support our families and children.



GMB North West & Irish Region

We would like to say a huge thank you to all members of GMB who last year donated a grand total of £3,065 to our hospice. The money was raised as a result of members organising bucket collections, 5k runs and a myriad of other fundraising activities. GMB are long term supporters of our Hospice and we are so grateful for their continued support.



Jermaines

Bill Booth and his customers have been supporting our Hospice for many years. During that time Bill has organised endless fundraising events, placed collection tins in his shops and donated sales of his book "In Reach of St Polycarps" in order to raise much needed funds.

Carillion

Both Services & Construction departments have been busy fundraising and collectively have raised over £800 in their Wear Yellow day. They are continuing to help us and are taking part in Children's Hospice Week in May.

EBS Group

They have been amazing this year donating over £15,000. Their employees have been fundraising and taking part in so many activities including Colleen Gore who took part in the Liverpool Santa Dash



Ewe Move

Giovanni Tummino from Ewe Move has brought in £550 so far from money raised in lieu of commission to the first 10 people who bought houses using his company. He has offered to continue to donate to us if anyone mentions our name when using Ewe Move in the Woolton/Childwall area.



Ryder Architecture

After continually fundraising for several years, this last year's efforts raised a fantastic £1165.49 through our abseil, 20 days initiative and Christmas Jumper Day.

Fundraising Calendar 2016

The Big Spring Clean

Sunday 20th March - Sunday 19th June 2016

It is time for the big yearly clear out! Recycle your old clothes in one of our bins & support your local hospice. Every year we raise a fantastic £35,000 through generous people donating their old shoes, clothes & textiles. Our bins are located at:



- Zoë's Place Baby Hospice, Yew Tree Lane, West Derby, Liverpool, L12 9HH
- McDonalds Car Park, Irlam Road, Off County Road, Liverpool, L32 1TS
- Lifestyle Fitness, Long Lane, Garston, L19 6PE
- Daisy & Jake Day Nursery, 185 Spital Road, Spital, Wirral, CH62 6AF

Children's Hospice Week

Monday 23rd - Sunday 29th May 2016

We want as many people as possible to get involved during this week, raising awareness and support for your local children's hospice. This year the campaign will be using the 'Time to...' as a call to action for fundraising.

- Time to bake - could you hold a cake sale at work or school?
- Time to dare - sign up to a challenge event, abseil, skydive
- Time to wear - dress up day

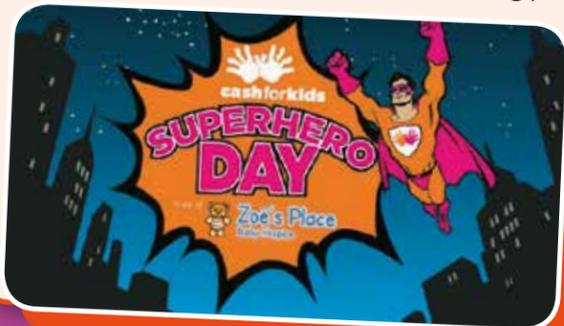
Let us know your plans and tweet us your photos.

Superhero Day

Friday 6th May 2016

We are delighted to announce that Radio City Cash for Kids Superhero Day will be raising funds for our Hospice this year. Be a superhero on the 6th May and make a difference to local children. Sign up your school, college, university, business or place of work then dust off your superhero outfit and join in! Are you locking up your boss? Holding a super quiz or an onesie day? Running a superhero dress up day at your nursery or school? Maybe doing a challenge and getting sponsored by your family and friends? You can register at

www.radiocity.co.uk or email admin@zoes-place.org.uk for a fundraising pack.



Children's Hospice Week
23-29 May 2016 Time to put families first

Liverpool Cathedral Abseil

Saturday 30th July 2016

Do something crazy for charity! Sign up to take part in our 150ft Freefall abseil down the Liverpool Anglican Cathedral on Saturday 30th July 2016. A once in a life time kind of opportunity, you don't want to miss out! There is a £35 registration fee and then pledge to raise at least £100 for our hospice. Contact Rachel on 0151 228 0353 or email rachel.maher@zoes-place.org.uk



Ladies Lunch

Friday 30th September 2016

A great chance to get the girls together for a fun afternoon of food and entertainment at The Bluecoat Chambers, as well as the chance to raise money for your local baby hospice. Save the date and get in touch for more details by emailing rachel.maher@zoes-place.org.uk



Bike Costa Rica

Saturday 5th - Tuesday 15th November 2016

This year we have so far signed up 60 participants to cycle 250 miles around the fantastic country of Costa Rica. We would love as many people as possible to get behind the team and support them. You can donate £5 towards the challenge by Texting ZOES10 £5 to 70070.



Grin & Bear It

Saturday 24th September 2016

This year we want all our supporters to get involved with Grin and Bear It! This is an obstacle course through Croxteth Park in Liverpool where you will get muddy and have lots of fun along the way. It is designed for all fitness levels so no training is necessary only a sense of adventure. The event is £20 registration fee and sponsorship is encouraged. This is something completely new for us and it is going to be a cracker. To get involved with our first ever Grin and Bear it call 0151 228 0353 or email samantha.lee@zoes-place.org.uk. In addition, we are currently looking for a main sponsor for this event so if your organisation would like a sponsorship pack then please let us know.



Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 16th December 2016

A huge thank you to everyone who took part last year and raised a spectacular £2,750 by donning their favourite Christmas Jumpers in schools, community groups and work places all over Merseyside. This year we want to go bigger and better. Put this date in your diaries and keep checking for more details nearer the time.



Thank you!



Your donations have enabled us to provide ART THERAPY...

Art Therapy is a huge part of what we do here at Zoes Place. Our Art therapist works with the babies to help them to develop new skills. It is especially important for those who find it difficult to communicate as it enables them to express themselves creatively in a fun activity. Your donations have enabled us to keep on providing this every week and put smiles on the babies faces.



You may also donate on our website: www.zoes-place.org.uk/liverpool or over the telephone by calling the Hospice on **0151 228 0353**

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