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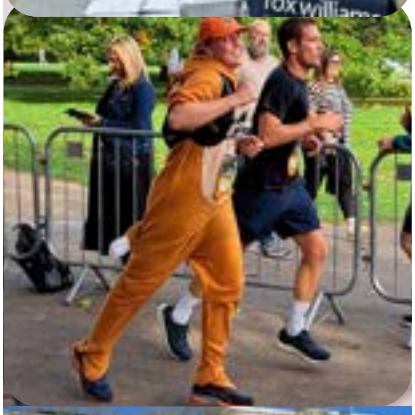


The Sick Children's Trust

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Our Partnership











As our charity partnership comes to an end, we would like to extend our deepest thanks for the incredible support Fox Williams have shown The Sick Children's Trust over the past two years.

Since the start of our partnership in May 2023, the dedication and support shown by the Fox Williams team has been greatly appreciated. Thanks to your fundraising efforts, you have provided a total of 1,310 nights of accommodation for families with a seriously ill child in hospital. These nights represent far more than a place to stay; they mean comfort, stability, and the chance for families to be together during the most difficult of times.

Throughout our partnership, your team has gone above and beyond to support us in so many creative ways. Highlights from the first year include a cycle to Cambridge, the Royal Parks Half Marathon and the Great City Race.

In the second year, standout events were:

- An epic Hadrian's Wall walk, finishing at our very own Crawford House in Newcastle
- The brilliantly festive 'Fox Williams's Got Talent' Christmas concert, which brought festive cheer while raising vital funds
- A static bike challenge, where you impressively cycled 1,312.82 km- far surpassing the original goal of covering the 970 km from Land's End to John O'Groats
- The London Landmarks Half Marathon

In addition to your fundraising achievements, we were especially moved by your hands-on support through 12 volunteering days at Stevenson House, where members of your team prepared home-cooked meals for the families staying with us. As you can imagine, parents often spend long hours by their child's bedside and don't have the time or energy to cook for themselves. These warm meals provided comfort, relief, and the chance for families to recharge, allowing them to focus entirely on being there for their child.

Each event, donation, and act of support has helped us keep families together when they need it most. On behalf of everyone at The Sick Children's Trust, and most importantly, the families you've helped- thank you. Your impact has been incredible, and we are so grateful for your dedication and support.

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Albert's story

On Valentine's Day 2023, my baby son Albert was rushed to Queen's Hospital in Romford suffering from acute lung failure triggered by bronchiolitis. After being intubated, Albert was transferred to the Royal London Hospital where he spent the next four days on a ventilator.

It was a terrifying situation. The doctors at Queen's said they needed to stabilise him as quickly as possible, so intubated him to take the pressure off his struggling lungs. We knew it was an emergency and it became very scary, especially when we were told he needed to be transferred to the Royal London for intensive care.

When your child is on life support, you don't want to leave their side. Thankfully, we were able to stay at Stevenson House, a 'Home from Home' run by The Sick Children's Trust. It removed so much stress. We couldn't afford a hotel, so without Stevenson House our only option would have been travelling back and forth on the Tube.

I'd be with Albert from early in the morning until way past midnight every day, trying to support his care. At the end of each day I was so grateful to have somewhere so close where I could rest my head, have a shower and a bite to eat before getting straight back to the hospital to be with him.

After four days of intensive treatment, Albert had recovered enough to return to Queen's Hospital before being discharged home.



> **"Staying at Stevenson House and being just a few minutes from his bedside was the biggest relief; it removed so much stress from the situation."**

We have been back to A&E a few times, but it was never as severe as the Valentine's Day episode.

He now has a preventative inhaler and has regular check-ups at our local asthma clinic, who are so pleased with how he is doing. They hope it's something he'll grow out of, but he's doing really well at the moment which is fantastic.

- Rebecca Powell, Albert's mum