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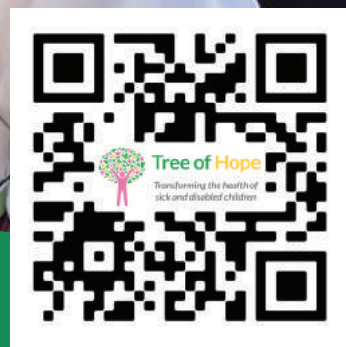
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Hello Tree of Hope Family

Welcome to the June edition of our newsletter.

Reflecting on my first few months at Tree of Hope, I have been deeply moved by a powerful theme that runs through this incredible community: resilience. From families navigating the complexities of the healthcare landscape to volunteers, fundraisers, and supporters going over and above to make a difference, the unwavering determination within our community to transform lives is truly inspiring. Most importantly, the resilience demonstrated daily by our children and young people teaches us invaluable lessons in strength and perseverance. This is what drives our work and gives us hope.

Looking ahead, we are committed to harnessing this resilience, enhancing our support systems, and expanding our reach to ensure no child or family faces these challenges alone. We are excited to unveil our new strategic plan this Autumn, which will outline our ambitious goals for the next three years and detail our initiatives to improve support and extend our impact across the UK.

Thank you to everyone for your warm welcome into the Tree of Hope community and for your openness and ideas. Your commitment and passion for our work is vital in ensuring that every child and young person has the opportunity to live a healthier, happier life.

I look forward to sharing more about our strategic vision in the coming months and exploring opportunities for us to collaborate further. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to reach out if you would like to discuss how we can work together to make a significant impact.



With very best wishes,






Becky

Becky Andrew, CEO

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It's been a real year of progression and development here at Tree of Hope! Having welcomed our new CEO, Becky, in February and then launching our brand-new website in April, we've been very busy improving our services to families, aiming to make their experience with Tree of Hope as easy as possible. Do take a look at page 8 of this newsletter to find out about some of the new features on our website, or head to our homepage and have a little look at our brand-new look and feel, via the QR code here:

Of course, if you have any suggestions, comments or problems with the website, we'd love to hear from you at: marketing@treeofhope.org.uk

We've loved seeing the imagination that our families bring to their fundraising efforts, with a huge variety of fundraising events coming up in the near future: we have marathons, triathlons, abseiling challenges, garden parties and

sporting matches, all within the next few months alone!

We're always here to inspire and offer support with your fundraising events and challenges, so please do reach out, either for a fundraising action plan, marketing resources or for social media and PR support to help promote your events!

We hope you enjoy the upcoming summer and find plenty of opportunities to expand your campaign pots in the beautiful sunshine that we're long overdue!

Steph, Editor



Website



Contact us on WhatsApp

We love to hear what our families have all been up to, whether that be with their fundraising efforts, children's therapy sessions, family holidays, or getting a brand-new piece of equipment.

We love sharing good news with our supporters on our social media channels, and so we've made it easier for you to send us your photos, as we now have a WhatsApp number for you send us your photos and videos!

Please do send us some of your favourite photos for us to feature, and if you have any fundraisers that you'd like to promote online, please also send us your posters/promotional material. Our number is **07926 980332**

Mini Wonders Children's Physiotherapy

Mini Wonders is a specialist paediatric neurological physiotherapy centre helping children and young adults maximise their independence across the UK. We have a satellite clinics in Inverness, Scotland and have our main clinic in Chelmsford, Essex alongside community visits.

We believe in giving each and every child and young person the opportunities and chances that they deserve. We have a wealth of experience and have been helping families in Scotland and the East of England for over 10 years.

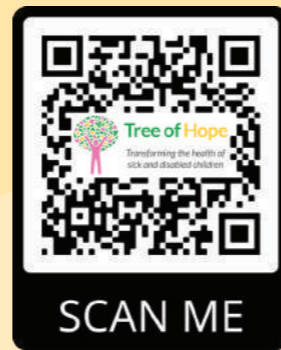


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Esmé Ashton's Story

Total Raised
£12,924.02
 of
£20,000



The saying that 'every child is unique' couldn't be any more true, particularly when it comes to the challenges faced by an extremely rare genetic condition, just like Esmé. Affecting only 850 children worldwide, Esmé, at an early age has navigated the symptoms and treatments prescribed to her with resilience, braveness and determination, things that she most certainly isn't short of. Read on to find out about Esmé's journey so far.

Despite the many curveballs thrown her way by an extremely rare genetic condition, three-year old Esmé Ashton's love of life knows no bounds. Living at home in Dorset with mum, Carly and older brother, Arthur, Esmé loves people, cuddles and peekaboo, not to mention her favourite snacks of fish and curry!

The first sign something was amiss was when Esmé began having seizures at around six months old. Despite being reassured that it was nothing serious, Carly trusted her instincts and took her to A&E, where epilepsy was diagnosed. Powerful medications were prescribed, but they came with severe side effects. These included Esmé's body swelling, losing her smile and she also became less responsive.

After a very challenging couple of years, Esmé was eventually diagnosed with a rare genetic condition, affecting only 850 children worldwide: SCN8A mutation, of which there is no specific treatment or targeted

therapies. Carly shared "I'm not going to lie, complex epilepsy is horrific. It's not just about the seizures either. The things I have had to witness since she got sick at six months old have changed me as a person in more ways than one".

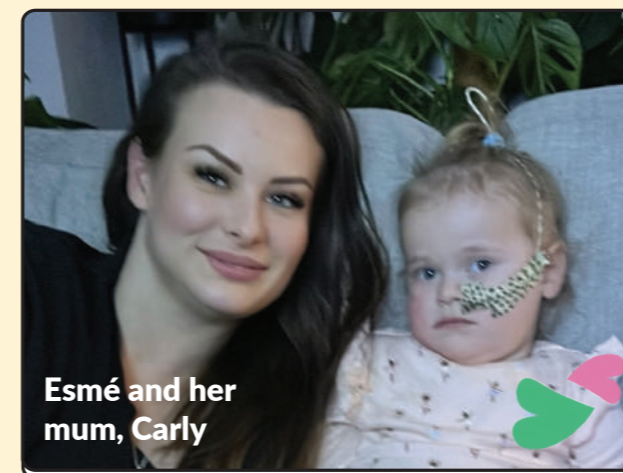
The family first tried some traditional medications, but these all came with severe side effects. However, when



Esmé started on a ketogenic diet, they saw a significant reduction in the length of her seizures.

Despite this improvement, Esmé was still experiencing 10+ seizures a day, so Carly fought for her to be put on the only cannabis-based medication available for children on the NHS. Carly recalled "When she got it, it brought a spark back into her little warrior's eyes and allowed her to reduce the other medications that had left her unable to sit up, smile or even notice the world around her, but, as a basic, early-generation medication, the benefits were temporary, and Esmé's epilepsy fought back." Determined not to be beaten, Carly began attempting to access more advanced cannabis medication, not available on the NHS, despite being legal and approved by NICE.

Carly began working with MedCan Family Foundation, a patient organisation who are drivers in allowing families to benefit from a new generation of cannabis-derived medications. With their support and after a lot of



Esmé and her mum, Carly

persistence and hard work, Carly was able to obtain a private prescription for Esmé, and the benefits have been incredible. Carly explained "Pre-cannabis, Esmé was sedated on anti-epileptic drugs (AEDs) to the point she didn't make much eye contact, couldn't laugh, or show emotion. She was on over seven high dose meds four times a day at one point, but she is now on only two regular AEDs at a small dose, and one is only at night." It is clear that Esmé has made great improvements and now presents usual traits of a cheeky 3-year-old. Carly told us "nowadays, she is a little madam! She will shout at me if she's bored, hungry, or not feeding her quick enough!"

Determined that Esmé would continue on this drug, Carly's fundraising journey began with a target of



Esmé

£20,000 to cover her prescriptions (coming in at a whopping £800 per month), as well as specialist physiotherapy and various items of equipment that will help her live life to the full.

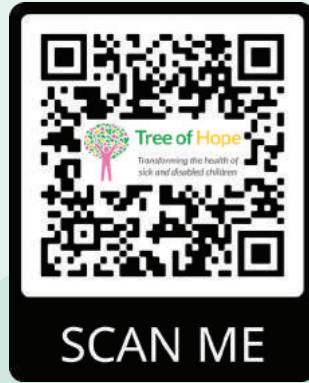
Beginning their fundraising in October 2023, Esmé's fundraising has gone from strength to strength, raising an amazing £12,000 in just a few months. Carly had the following advice to other parents who also find themselves in the position of needing to fundraise for their child. She told us, "I have been absolutely bowled over by the kindness of strangers, it really restores your faith in humanity. Please believe that anything is possible. People will amaze you with their generosity".

Tree of Hope provides families with registered charity status, meaning they can reach their target figure more quickly, via more efficient and effective routes, and is ultimately tax efficient.

Carly explained "The benefits of fundraising with Tree of Hope have been huge. If there is any advice I need, they've been really helpful. When I've run out of ideas, they provide lots of inspiration and a much-needed kick up the bum." **She went on to say** "It's like having a couple of friends in high places on your fundraising team! I also really appreciate the fact that Esmé's funds are kept securely with Tree of Hope and are completely separate from my own finances."

To keep up with Esmé's latest endeavours please follow "Beautiful Esme's Epilepsy Journey" on Facebook.

www.treeofhope.org.uk/esme-ashton/



Total Raised
£8,052.00
 of
£25,000

Keep Matilda Walking



Matilda and her family

Training area on the Ashdown Forest, complete with a cheese and wine feast!

Friends of the family have rallied round to support the family in other ways too including a Bounce carnival beats evening, which happened on 16th May. The family were shocked when this sold out within two hours! Another family friend also organised a 'plankathon' and a raffle which raised £500. On top of all of this, the family also recently received a contribution from the Tunbridge Wells Round Table.

At Tree of Hope, we are here to provide support to families at various points of their fundraising journeys and provide a long-term option of fundraising wherever needed. Matilda from East Sussex has cerebral palsy and her family have been fundraising with us since Matilda was just three years old. Now a teenager Matilda is on a path to have an operation to help her live pain free and as independently as possible. Read on to find out more!



Matilda and her dog, Thor

need of PERCS surgery, a minimally invasive approach for muscle and tendon lengthening. This type of surgery is not offered in the UK and so the family are fundraising £25,000 to go to Miami for surgery with Dr Matthew Dobbs, a surgeon who has been working with Matilda since her first USA trip. To ensure the operation is as effective as possible, Matilda will also require intensive physiotherapy for at least a year afterwards, as she dreams to stay as independent as possible and lead a pain free life.

Mum, Lindsey explained "the alternatives offered to PERCS here are quite extreme and could result in the loss of any mobility she's got. Our aims are to keep her as mobile as possible and more importantly stop the pain that she experiences on a daily basis." Lindsey went on to say "Matilda has come such a long way since she was three, for her not to have any mobility after all she has been through would be devastating".

Matilda is currently experiencing extreme tightness in her legs and is also in constant pain. She finds it difficult to keep up with her friends and has become a lot more reliant on her wheelchair. Lindsey commented "This has a huge impact on her social life as when the carer is pushing her wheelchair, they can also listen in to her conversations – no teenager wants that!".

Matilda starts her GCSEs in September, so time is of the essence to get Matilda to the US by the summer. To achieve their goal the family have a wide range of fundraising plans coming up, including a sponsored abseil down the i360 in Brighton by Dad, Dave and 30 supporters, which is an overall distance of about 138 metres. Dave commented, "if you think 138 metres sounds daunting, please bear in mind I'm terrified of heights!!" Also in the planning stages are a children's mini abseil and a guided tour of Kingstanding Police

Matilda herself sums up best what it will mean to her, saying: "Being a teenager with cerebral palsy is never easy. I can't do anything without being in severe pain. But every day I push through it, because I refuse to let it stop me from making my life everything I want it to be. So, thank you for helping me pursue my dreams. This is a major surgery and hopefully my last."

On asking Lindsey about the support the family have received from Tree of Hope over the years with their fundraising, Lindsey said it had been invaluable. Lindsey told us "This has been our second time around for fundraising after raising money for Matilda's SDR several years ago, and I found it extremely difficult having to approach people again. Tree of Hope really helps you put your ideas into reality and gives you more drive. I genuinely don't think we would have come this far without them."



Matilda during her last hospital stay

Described by her Mum Lindsey as "a very bright, outgoing, extremely determined young lady", 14-year-old Matilda Kelly loves spending time with her dog Thor (aka "Fatso") and dancing; but her biggest love by far is riding the biggest and fastest roller coasters she can find! Lindsey told us how Matilda is a bit of a dare devil. She commented, "You definitely don't want to be sat next to her on one of these, she will be screaming in your ear constantly!"

spasticity in her legs allowing her to walk into primary school on her first day without her frame, try ballet lessons and even helped improve her speech.

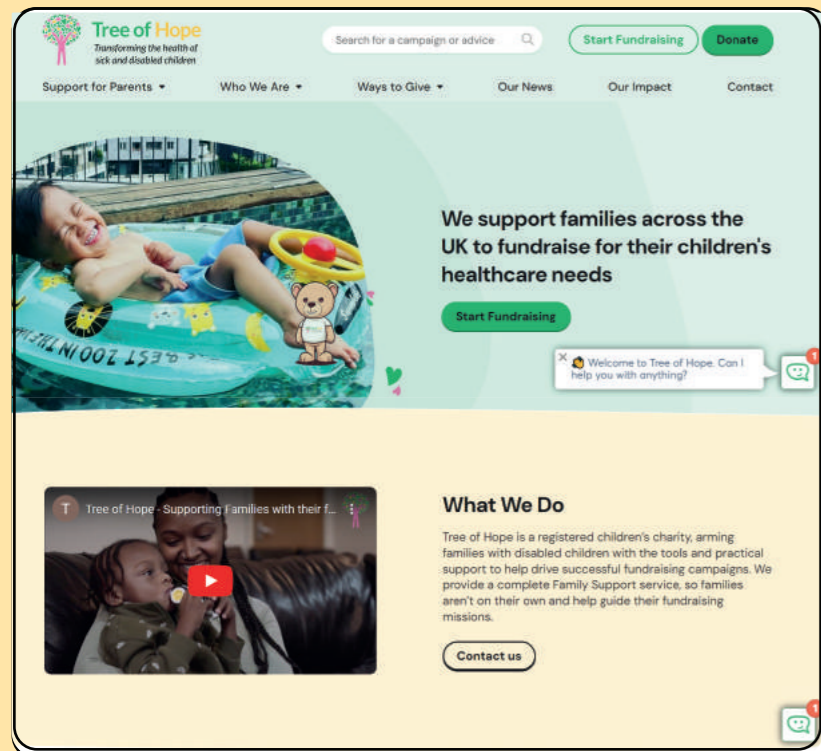
Matilda has had several surgeries over the years but now that she is nearly fully grown she is in urgent

Matilda's family initially started fundraising with Tree of Hope back in 2012 for Matilda to go to the USA for Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy (SDR) surgery and post-operative physiotherapy. SDR is the only procedure which permanently reduces spasticity in the legs for children with cerebral palsy. The results were astonishing; Matilda saw a 100% improvement in the



www.treeofhope.org.uk/keep-matilda-walking-usa/

To find out more and follow Matilda's journey and story, follow her Facebook page here:
www.facebook.com/WalkingMatilda



Visit Our New Website

Our long awaited, brand-new website launched in April, and we've been working hard to improve the usability to ensure that our current families, prospective families, corporates, and supporters can get everything that they need at the click of a button.

Feature 1

Donating to a campaign directly via the website

You can now donate to a child's campaign via the Tree of Hope website as well as JustGiving. This means that donors have the option to donate monthly and with reduced fees. This feature is available on all children's campaign pages.

Feature 2

Booking in time with Family Support

Prospective parents are now able to book in a call back at a time that suits them, via our Calendly platform. They simply need to head to our contact form, fill in their details and they will be asked to book a time to suit their needs. The family support team will then get in touch at the agreed time to discuss how we can help.

Feature 3

Submitting your expenses

You can submit your expenses, Daily Living Allowance and Mileage claims via the website forms. Simply input your claim, click submit and forward your proof of purchase to our accounts department.

£85 per person



CHARITY GOLF DAY

Woldingham Golf Club

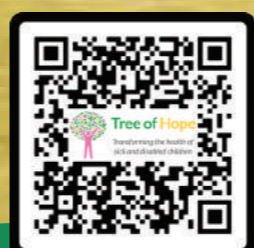


WEDNESDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Stableford Competition - Teams of 3 and 4

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Prizes for Winning Team, Individual Winner, Nearest The Pin and Longest Drive Competitions!



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Please contact Karen.Warner@treeofhope.org.uk for more info or to book!



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Oliver's SDR Journey: 10 Years On



Oliver on his 15th birthday

Deciding on medical procedures for your child can be daunting, especially when it comes to major surgeries, like Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy (SDR), a procedure used to treat spasticity in children with cerebral palsy. While it's not a cure for Cerebral Palsy, SDR can significantly enhance a child's quality of life by increasing their ability to move more freely and independently and reducing the amount of pain they feel.

Ten-years ago, Oliver Dickey underwent SDR surgery with the hopes that the spasticity and tightness in his legs would be reduced, to aid his independence as he grew. We recently caught up with the now 16-year-old, football crazy Oliver, along with his mum, Charlene to see how things are going 10 years post-surgery, and to hear their advice for other families considering SDR.

Back in 2014, when Oliver was just six-years-old, he and his family raised an astonishing £90,000 to go to St Louis Childrens Hospital in the US for SDR, as he was turned down for surgery at Oswestry (the only UK hospital that offered SDR at that time) Oliver was the first child to travel from Northern Ireland to St Louis to undergo this surgery, and prior to the operation, he was completely wheelchair bound and in constant pain from the tightness in his muscles.

However, with fantastic support from all over Northern Ireland and a bit of help from celebrities including Joan Collins and Lord Alan Sugar, the funds were raised in just a few months, and Oliver underwent the surgery in July 2014. Charlene remembers "Everything went smoothly until day 3 which was July 4th. Everything was shut, Oliver was very sore and I had a real "what have I done?" moment, but Dr Park (Oliver's surgeon) was incredibly reassuring and this soon passed".

The family stayed in America for four weeks of post-op

physiotherapy. Charlene described it as an amazing experience saying "All the staff there really know how to deal with the children's wee wobbles and tantrums. Everyone from the porters to those bringing the food round made us feel totally at home."

However the real work for Oliver started after the surgery. "It is essential to do the intensive physio that is required after the operation, to gain the maximum benefit from the operation" Charlene said. As well as his weekly physio sessions, all of his school holidays were dedicated to intensive physio, and he attended several intensive courses including at Walk This Way and Swimlab. 10 years on, Oliver still has weekly strength and conditioning sessions with PT Chris Gregg, alongside his NHS physio sessions.

Charlene was always realistic about the surgery's outcomes explaining "We always knew that SDR wasn't going to be a magic wand and that Oliver would always need an aid to walk, but the difference it made has been life changing. Charlene explained: "Before SDR and percs (tendon lengthening), Oliver couldn't get his feet on the ground. His feet would turn inward from the ankle when he tried to bear weight. The combination of the surgeries enabled him to get his feet flat to stand and step." Charlene went on to say that "it's not just about the walking though, it's also about the pain – people just don't realise the amount of pain the children are in."

Now a teenager, Oliver is gearing up for his GCSEs this summer and has a special interest in sports studies, hoping to help use his experiences to help other children with physical challenges. Charlene explained that adolescence has brought some challenges as his centre of gravity changed after the surgery, leading to several falls, and he will also be having foot



Oliver on holiday

reconstruction surgery this summer, but Charlene remains positive. She told us "Our aim was always to get 10 good years out of the surgery and we have certainly had that. Everything came so much easier, even his voice, now the spasticity has gone. There are always going to be challenges but the pros will always outweigh the cons."

When chatting about fundraising, Charlene had these words of advice for other parents, saying "Don't let the fundraising or the price put you off. You have to be your child's voice and do it for them. It is essential to also fundraise for the post-operative physio but don't be disheartened, every single penny adds up." Charlene went on to say how much Tree of Hope helped them with their fundraising: "Thanks so much Tree of Hope for all your support, it was such a relief to not have to deal with the money and have everything kept separate."

Charlene went on to share an encouraging message for other families – "Make sure you speak to other parents whose child is similar to yours, I would be lost without the connections I've made. If you are turned down once, don't take that as gospel and don't let fundraising or the price put you off. Dr Park gave us hope when no-one else did and I can't fully express our gratitude to that man".

Tree of Hope is thrilled to see how much of a difference the SDR has made to Oliver and his family and wish him all the best with the upcoming GCSEs!

For more information about how Tree of Hope can help children with Cerebral Palsy please visit our website below:



Oliver and his brother



Oliver & his siblings

www.treeofhope.org.uk/support-for-parents/conditions/cerebral-palsy

Our Fundraising Stars!



Wards' Fundraising Days!

Corporate Supporters

Sevenoaks Chamber of Commerce supported us during 2023/2024. As Chamber members we have valued their support and the hard work they put into each networking event. We have met and continue to meet great business contacts in the area, many of which have been fruitful.

In April the Chamber presented us with a donation of £1110, which with the donations already given to us, makes an amazing total of **£1,410**

Thank you so much to everyone who donated during the year, but especially thank you to Dawn Blee – CEO of Sevenoaks Chamber for her support and for choosing to support us.



- **British Gas** gifted us a donation of **£2,000**, via their teams working in our community, a gift that is greatly appreciated.

Wards Estate Agents

We are already halfway through our adoption with Wards Estate Agents, and they have been super busy! Both regions have completed their first fundraising day of the year, which featured rowing lobsters, cycle challenges, car washes, beat the goalie, and many tombolas and prize draws!

Tom Ross-Bason's area has so far raised **£6,513** and Sam Dalton's area has raised **£2,479** and we know they have more planned. What's more, this doesn't include Gemma and Dan's Brighton Marathon fundraising efforts, which you can read more about on the next page!

Wow, great work Team Wards! Thank you for your hard work, enthusiasm, and heart for Tree of Hope, we think you are awesome!

Our Community Supporters

- **Sherborne Residential Housing in Tunbridge Wells** – Thank you so much to the residents for their fundraising and donation of **£400!**
- **Freemasons of Portsmouth Lodge**, donated **£250** to support our work. We thank them and the Masonic Lodges for their continued support for our work across the UK.
- The **Tunbridge Wells Roundtable** gifted three of our local families a grant, totalling **£3,544** towards their fundraising campaign, which was awarded on 21st April at their awards ceremony. Thank you!



We are always looking for new charity partnerships, big and small, so if your team would like to support a small but mighty charity like Tree of Hope, please get in touch!

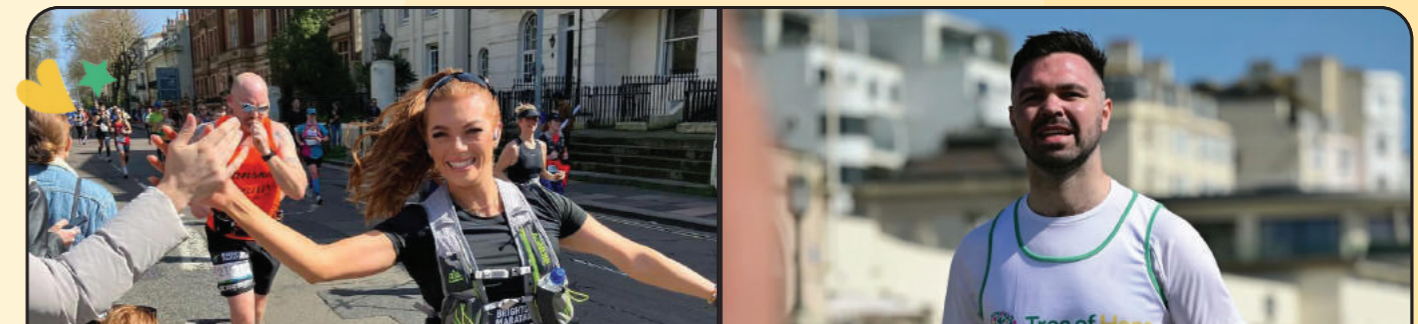
Spring Charity Golf Day at Nizels Golf Club

What a glorious day we had for our Golf Day at **Nizels** on Thursday 9th May. The sun was shining, and it was a perfect spring day! This year we were joined by 8 teams, some of regular supporters and some new which is always great to see.

Huge thanks to our sponsors for this event. **Pure Nails**, who continue to support our Golf Day, thank you to MD Nathan Palmer and their team, who, as always, are a joy to work with. Thanks to **Merit Group** who were hole sponsors and also brought along a team to play. Thank you to **Mike Newton** and to our prize sponsors **CIO Investment Club**

Congratulation to our winners too – our winning team **Merit Group**, our individual winner **Mike Newton** and our competition winners, nearest the pin **Steve Roberts** and longest drive **Peter Seamer!**

We hope to see them playing to retain their titles in September at Woldingham Golf Club.



Brighton Marathon – Thank You To Our Runners!

On 7th April, two of our supporters from Wards Estate Agents took on the challenge of the Brighton Marathon to raise money for us. Gemma and Dan were amazing, training through the toughest of weathers during the winter months. Gemma raised **£1,470** and came in with an amazing time of 4 hours 57 mins and Dan raised **£3,340** and came in with an equally amazing time of 5 hours and 17 minutes!

If you would like to follow in Gemma and Dan's footsteps we have some places up for grabs for 2025, so please get in touch with Karen.Warner@treeofhope.org.uk

Dragon Boat Racing

We are looking for teams to take part in the many dragon boat races that take part across the UK! If you're looking to enter a team this year, Tree of Hope would love your support! You can find out more about locations, and entries by emailing enquiries@dragonboatevents.com or by visiting their website www.dragonboatevents.com/event-calendar. Of course, do make sure you let us know too by emailing challengeevents@treeofhope.org.uk





Hayley and her son, Harry

Harry's Pals

When dealing with a new diagnosis or ongoing challenges brought about by your child's condition, it can take a huge emotional toll on yourself, your family dynamics, and the people around you. Tree of Hope are here to be a listening ear, but sometimes it's also important to seek professional advice from those who can help to navigate the struggles and burdens that you may be feeling.

The Tree of Hope Family support team recently met with Hayley Charlesworth from Harry's Pals, a charity which offers emotional support to families who have a child who is severely ill or disabled. From experience, Hayley witnessed the lack of emotional support available to families given the earth-shattering news that their child is severely ill or disabled, and decided to take matters into her own hands, launching Harry's Pals as a nationwide charity in 2022.

How does it work?

Harry's Pals is a nationwide charity and works to connect you and your family with a suitable counsellor or psychologist in your area. Referrals for emotional support and counselling through Harry's Pals are made through hospices, hospitals or other charities (like us), and can be made for a diagnosis within the past 5 years. Families who would like support should visit the Harry's Pals website, and, providing they meet the criteria for support, they should complete an online application form. Hayley or a member of the team will then be in touch to discuss what type of support would be best suited to the family's needs and a referral will be made to a counsellor or therapist.

Following your discussion with Hayley at Harry's Pals, you will be referred to your hand-picked therapist for a suggested term of 6 sessions. Part of the unique service offered by Harry's Pals is the closely picked selection of counsellors/therapists; it's important for therapists to understand the emotional needs of parents with a severely ill or disabled child, so Hayley ensures that counsellors are chosen based on their

lived experiences and background in dealing with the complexities that this brings, so that each parent can feel listened to and understood.

Throughout the process, Harry's Pals stay in touch with the parents to ensure that they are getting the right support for them, and to help with any problems faced throughout the process.

How long is the referral process?

It's important to Harry's Pals that families are swiftly given the support they need, so the referral process takes around 2 weeks.

How do I find out more?

You can visit Harry's Pals website by scanning the QR code or visiting <https://harrispals.co.uk/>

If you would like to discuss the possibility of being referred to Harry's Pals for counselling services, please contact families@treeofhope.org.uk so that we can begin the initial discussions and referral process.



Support Tree of Hope

Tree of Hope offers hope to seriously ill and disabled children living in the UK and their families by helping them to raise funds for vital operations that the NHS can't provide, therapies and treatments needed for rehabilitation and improvement, and specialist equipment and/or adaptations to a family home.

We need your support to make a difference!

You can help to improve the lives of children with complex disabilities and illnesses by making a regular donation or a one-off gift to Tree of Hope.

Your gift will enable Tree of Hope to:

- continue providing the legitimacy of belonging to a well-respected charity to hundreds of families, enabling them to access funds for their child that would not be possible otherwise
- offer online giving platforms for fundraising, making the fundraising journey far more simple for the family than it could be otherwise
- provide advice and guidance on the best ways of fundraising, and giving support throughout a family's fundraising campaign, including dealing with invoices and suppliers, and sharing news of other families in similar positions, reducing the stress for families in very difficult situations



How to donate

There are many ways to donate to Tree of Hope or a child's campaign. Take a look at some options here or visit our website here to find your preferred method: www.treeofhope.org.uk/ways-to-donate/donate-to-us/



- You can donate by cheque which needs to be made payable to 'Tree of Hope'. Cheques can be posted to our address: Tree of Hope, 61-63 Camden Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 2QE. (If cheques are intended for a particular child rather than the charity as a whole, please ensure the child's name and campaign name are written on the back of the cheque)
- You can donate by paying directly into our bank account, details below:
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Sort Code: 23-05-80
Payment Reference: TOHGDonation
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BECOME A FRIEND OF TREE OF HOPE!

To become a Friend of Tree of Hope, simply complete the form below, tear it off, and return it to our office and we'll do the rest.

I/We wish to become a Friend(s) of Tree of Hope

Subscription Rates (please tick as appropriate)	
Monthly Donation of £10	<input type="checkbox"/>
Annual Donation of £100	<input type="checkbox"/>
Title	
First name (s)	
Surname	
Address	
Phone	
Email	
I/we would like to stay in touch as part of the Tree of Hope Friend initiative. If you would rather not hear from us, write 'opt out' here:	
Please specify your donation method:	
I have completed my standing order with my bank & referenced: TOH friend	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have set up via Tree of Hope website: www.treeofhope.org.uk/donations	<input type="checkbox"/>
I wish to send a cheque	<input type="checkbox"/>
BACS/IBAN Transfer: Name of Account: Tree of Hope, Bank: Metro Bank, Sort Code: 23-05-80, Account Number: 21862665	

We will only use your personal details in the ways you have consented to. We will not pass your details on to any other organisation. Please see our Privacy Policy for more detail, at <https://www.treeofhope.org.uk/terms-of-use/privacy-policy/>



Become a friend of Tree of Hope and help us on our mission to help as many sick and disabled children across the UK as possible.

For £10 a month or £100 a year you will receive:

- ▶ Monthly updates about families and how your funds help
- ▶ Annual Thank You letter from the Chairman & Impact Report
- ▶ Invitations to networking events
- ▶ Tree of Hope bear
- ▶ Tree of Hope trolley tag
- ▶ Tree of Hope rollerball pen

There are several ways to become a Tree of Hope Friend; bank transfer, cheque, standing order, or sign up online here: www.treeofhope.org.uk/friends-of-tree-of-hope/

To pay by cheque, please return this completed slip to 'Tree of Hope Friends', 61-63 Camden Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 2QE or email Karen.Warner@treeofhope.org.uk.

Once your donation has been made, we will be in touch and put your welcome pack in the post and send you a gift aid declaration form if your donation has been made offline.



How we help...



Tree of Hope helps children and young people with a disability or illness by supporting their families to raise the funds that they need to pay for specialist care that is not available through the health care system.

Our staff team support Tree of Hope families by:

- Assisting with the creation of a Tree of Hope online fundraising campaign via Just Giving
- Making fundraising tools and advice available to parents
- Ensuring staff are available on the telephone
- Enabling each campaign to claim gift aid because it is part of registered charity Tree of Hope
- Putting families in touch with other families in similar situations for moral support
- Giving greater exposure to campaigns nationally through being associated with a well recognised charity brand
- Support with managing funds and paying invoices

Who we help

- Children under the age of 18, with access to funds up to their 25th birthday
- Children anywhere within the UK
- A child suffering from a disability, illness or autism

Some medical conditions we have helped families with

- Cerebral Palsy
- Retts Syndrome
- Downs syndrome
- Global Developmental Delay
- Hypermobility
- Congenital Hypotonia
- Epilepsy
- Visual Impairments

- Meningitis complications
- Autism
- Dravet Syndrome
- SMA
- Dystonia

What you can fundraise for

- Equipment including but not limited to trikes, hydrotherapy pools, specialist pushchairs & sensory equipment
- Therapy, including; physiotherapy, horse riding & swimming lessons
- Operations and treatment inside and outside of the UK
- House Adaptations including sensory gardens and bathroom adaptations

Please remember to include all your fundraising needs at the start of your campaign. Speak to our Family Support Team on 01892 535525 for advice.

www.treeofhope.org.uk

Contact us:

@ info@treeofhope.org.uk

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