

Winter Newsletter 2024



Jessie May
Children's Hospice at Home

A new year at Jessie May, Children's Hospice at Home

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated to our 'Sponsor a Nurse Winter Appeal', this support enables us to keep on supporting Jessie May children and their families. If you haven't yet donated, then it is not too late as the appeal is set to run all through the winter.

With the hustle of Christmas now behind us again for another year, we all now look to a new year and the opportunities that it brings. At Jessie May, Children's Hospice at Home, we continue to support our children and families and with a new Family Engagement Officer joining the team, we look forward to enhancing our offer and offering new opportunities to those we support.

Daniel Cheeseman, CEO



126

Children are being offered specialist Jessie May palliative nursing care.



7 Purple Group meetings

have been held this year. These groups support parents through Bereavement for as long as they need after the death of their child.

44

families are currently receiving Bereavement Support.

1575

3-hour specialist palliative care visits have been made to families in need.

£947,763

raised out of £1.4 Million needed to provide specialist palliative nursing to families for FREE each financial year.

115

phone calls have been made to support families in need

385

communications in other forms used to support families including; video, text & email

You can help us to continue to provide essential palliative nursing to Jessie May families and achieve our goal by making a donation today - either by using the donation form or visiting www.jessiemay.org.uk/donate.

Margot's Story

On the 12th of December, Margot entered the world, eight weeks premature. At just 19 days old, she was diagnosed with the extremely rare genetic condition known as Trisomy 9 Mosaicism. This condition meant she had a third copy of the 9th chromosome in some of her cells, setting her on a path that few had been down before.

It was during this time that Margot's parents, Victoria and Greg, were introduced to Jessie May. The hospital referred them, and soon after, they received a call from a warm and friendly voice that introduced them to the Jessie May team. Initially skeptical about the potential benefits, they soon realised how wrong they had been.

Over time, Jessie May seamlessly integrated into the Griffiths' home life. Lois and Ash, two of the Jessie May nurses, formed a bond with Margot that extended beyond professionalism. They became friends, offering expert care with genuine love and concern. The impact of this unique service cannot be overstated, these are the bonds our nurses form with our families.



Greg, Margot's dad says "I can't imagine life without Jessie May – they have become an integral part of Margot's life, our lives and they give us that huge love and support that is invaluable. You've only got to see in terms of how they have integrated with our family and the development and support they give Margot for the time being. It's a very unique service that they offer and I would encourage anyone to support them."



Scan the QR code to
experience that love and care
from Margot's eyes



A Warm Welcome to our new Honorary President **Philippa Brownjohn**

We are thrilled to announce that Philippa Brownjohn has agreed to become our Honorary President. Philippa founded Jessie May almost 30 years ago after the death of her daughter Jessica May. We are so proud to welcome her back and to show her how far Jessie May has come.

Phillipa's journey began with a simple yet powerful idea: to provide care and support to families navigating the challenges of caring for a child with a life limiting condition. And to provide that care at home. Over the years, that vision has grown into the thriving charity you see before you.



5 Year Strategy



Underpinning our six key areas are **3** further focus areas

Financial Model - Ensuring that we have the financial systems in place to support our growth as a charity

Nursing Model - Ensuring that we have a scalable nursing model in place to support our expansion into new geographical areas.

Impact Model - Ensuring that we have escalated the difference we make to the children and families we support and the impact that we have on health and other services, by supporting a child in their home

Highlights of 2023

Whats your challenge for 2024? Email our fundraising team today! All ideas welcome
fundraising@jessiemay.org.uk



12 Challenge's in 12 Months - Led by our ambassador Lloyd Kembrey, his team have completed an incredible series of physical challenges. Raising an epic £27,626! From marathons to bungee jumps to ice skating races. We are very proud of all the team - it goes to show what you can do if you set your mind to it - and all the mad ways you can fundraise!



The Noah's Ark family day! The amazing team over at the Noah's Ark Zoo opened their doors early for some Jessie May families to get a private tour around the Zoo. One example of the fab family fun days we organise.



Rob Walker's Absent Friends Tour - TV presenter/Superman Rob Walker raised a whopping £21,446 running/cycling over 1000 miles for Jessie May.



WST Tournaments - British Open - Our ongoing partnership with the world snooker tour continues to be a great success. With two new snooker player ambassadors joining our ranks this year - Welcome to Jamie Jones & Kyren Wilson!



Tree of Light event - Another beautiful service in St Peters church remembering all of the Jessie May children that we have cared for over the years.



True Colours - celebrating 20 years of support by the True Colours Foundation for Jessie May. Over the last two decades they have also surpassed gifting us a million pounds! Which is amazing.



Sponsor a Jessie May nurse today!



The Sponsor a Nurse Campaign.

Raised £37,197 and counting! We have had a massive success raising the funds to sponsor a nurse for a year - with at least an additional 10 families guaranteed support for the year - But let's go for the gold!

If you want to learn more about the appeal or donate please scan the QR below.

Heartfelt thanks to everyone that has donated so far!

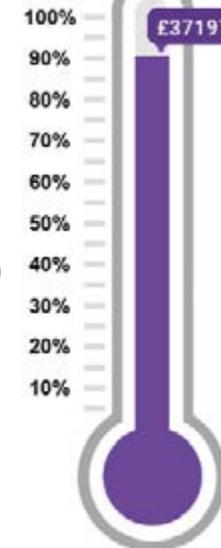
Together we can help to bring respite, care and support to families in need. All from the comfort of their own homes



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We are so close!!

Goal: £41000



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Sponsored Skydiving

Dare to make a difference!

Now you can tick something off your bucket list and support us at the same time!

Imagine an experience that puts all your senses into overdrive. One that has your heart racing, the adrenaline pumping and that leaves you so ecstatic you want to scream out loud!

Now you can experience all of that - with our partners at **Go Skydive**.

Learn more online - www.goskydive.com/charity/jessie-may-trust/

“It’s deeper than just a charity, it’s a family” -
Steve, A Jessie May dad

Scan the QR code to watch Steve’s sponsored dive!



Watch the
dive here



Your Next Challenge Starts Here!

The Extra Mile Challenge

Get moving and cover 30 miles however you can this February - walking, wheeling, running, swimming it all counts.

That’s a mile a day and a little extra one to ensure that Jessie May nurses can be there for children with a life limiting condition and their families, at every point in their journey. One that will make a huge difference!

To learn more about how to get involved scan the QR code
What are you waiting for?



Leave a gift in your will

Did you know that 54% of UK adults don't have a will? And over 5 million adults don't know how to write one ... and 30% of existing wills are believed to be out of date!

If you can relate, don't worry, we can get you started straight away from the comfort of your own home courtesy of our partnership with Farewill, the award winning will writer. Your will can be written in under 30 minutes and Farewill's expert checking will make sure your wishes are clear. You can call Farewill on **020 8050 2686**, please note you must tell the Customer Support team you are a Jessie May supporter.



Please contact us on **0117 9582174** or email kath.jones@jessiemay.org.uk for any more information.

It's with your help that we provide care and support for children with life-limiting conditions - in the comfort of their own homes. Leave a legacy today that will change lives tomorrow.



CASH PRIZES TO BE WON!

Join the lottery that gives you a chance to win great cash prizes every week PLUS an easy way to support Jessie May!

Jessie May is proud to be working with Local Hospice Lottery – a weekly lottery set up to provide financial support to adult and children's hospices across Great Britain.

Playing the Local Hospice Lottery in support of Jessie May gives you a chance to win £2,000 every single week – along with 200 other cash prizes.

WEEKLY PRIZES: £2,000  £1,000* Rollover £100 8 x £25 190 x £10 201 weekly prizes totalling £5,200	Rollover can reach as high as £25,000 £10,000 SUPER DRAWS Every March, September PLUS Annual Christmas Super Draw with up to 8 extra chances per game number to win £10,000 
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PLUS...there's a rollover that can reach as high as £25,000*! Players are also automatically entered into Super Draws, which take place every March, September and December and have an additional guaranteed top prize of an incredible £10,000!

The more people that join – the more we receive!



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Claire's Story

My name is Claire and I have been part of Jessie May's nursing team for 10 amazing years. Nursing is quite simply part of who I am, and my time at Jessie May has felt incredible.

My colleagues and I want to ensure that children can be supported safely at home including at the end of their life, that they are able to die at home with dignity surrounded by those who love them.

Home is a place where children are loved, where they thrive and where they feel most comfortable with their own family, friends, pets and toys.

Over the last decade, I've seen more and more children referred to Jessie May than ever before. Their medical needs have become ever more complex and as a result, the clinical care we provide as Jessie May nurses is becoming more specialist, especially at end-of-life. Today our team of nurses delivering care in the home stands at 16, to fund just 1 of them costs from £41,000 each year. We need your help.

At Jessie May I'm not just a nurse. I'm honoured to play a role in helping our families create memories which they can cherish for a lifetime. This truly is the magic of my role.

When I tell people what job I do, they always make a face and say I can't do that. I always have to explain that there are sad moments, yes. But I love my job. I personally think it's the best job anybody could have. I hope I've been able to share with you how your support makes a real difference to Jessie May children and their families.



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