

BABY JAKE INSPIRES FOOTBALL FUNDRAISER



Jake Challis's determined fight against meningococcal septicaemia inspired his grandmother Mandy to get local support to raise funds for COSMIC this summer.

The family were so happy to have Jake home that they decided to organise a sponsored paint-balling day and a Family Fun day / football tournament at Axmouth Football Club in Seaton, Devonshire. 18 teams took part in the five a side football tournament with stalls, raffles, games, and barbecue in the afternoon, followed by a disco in the evening. Hundreds took part on the day including local companies who donated raffle prizes.

The two events combined raised £2,883.95 for COSMIC. Many thanks to the Challis family and all those who took part.



SHOW STOPPING SUPPORT FROM LION KING AUDIENCE

COSMIC received show-stopping support recently when James and Catherine Simmons arranged for the show's regular charity collection to be donated to COSMIC, raising more than £3,800!

James stars as Scar in the West End musical and invited PICU consultant Dr Mehrengise Cooper to visit the cast for a very special cheque presentation, also attended by James and Catherine's daughter, Eve, a former PICU patient.

Dr Cooper stressed just how important this contribution is to the Paediatric Critical Care Service at St Mary's. "Everyone on the PICU is delighted that the Lion King audience were so generous. Like the other funds that COSMIC raises, this is going to be a fantastic help in enabling us to continue providing life saving care for children on the Unit."

"Picture taken by Richard Simmons"

GETTING IN TOUCH

We are always keen to hear your views and ideas so do feel free to contact us at:

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Alternatively tick one of the following boxes for specific enquiries:

I would like more information about:

- The London Marathon
- Organising my own fundraising activity for COSMIC
- Making a monthly donation to COSMIC

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PICU STAFF TAKE TO THE WATER



The PICU team's summer fundraising extravaganza went with a splash this year as staff took part in a Dragon Boat regatta in Paddington Basin. Not only was an impressive sum raised for chosen charity COSMIC, but they also walked away with the best dressed team award, thanks to some impressive face painting!

COSMIC WELCOMES TWO NEW FACES THIS SUMMER

Helen Maberley has joined COSMIC as Fundraising Manager after six years charity experience, including her last role at The Variety Club Children's Charity. COSMIC also welcomes Andrea Carnegie previously a policy assistant at Milton Keynes Council. Andrea recently moved to London to join the COSMIC Team and counts it an honour to have been selected for the role.

IMY'S ROAD TO RECOVERY LEADS TO NYC MARATHON



In May this year Imogen Mawdsley and her parents Ian and Kate arrived at St Mary's PICU after being rushed from Watford's Special Care Baby Unit just hours before. Here's their story:

Imogen Mawdsley (Imy) was born on May 18th 2006 weighing 7lb and 11oz. Unfortunately it was immediately obvious that Imy was having difficulty breathing, and after a mass in her throat was detected there was a rush to find a hospital with the specialist skills to care for her.

At one day old Ian and Kate's daughter was rushed by specialist intensive care ambulance to the PICU at St Mary's Hospital.

Kate says:

"The support we received from the nurses was tremendous. Every step of the way they helped us understand what was happening to Imy and the purpose of each machine. Throughout her stay it was important for us to stay close by so our accommodation in a nearby hotel was paid for which meant we could visit her at any time of the day or night."

Imy's condition was far more serious than first thought. After six days she was discovered to have a life threatening bowel infection which had caused it to perforate. She was then transferred to Kings College Hospital and later Great Ormond Street for further treatment.

Her breathing problems are still being treated - after 2 MRI scans she was diagnosed with Cystic Hygroma. She has a number of cysts in her neck which had grown down into her chest compressing her trachea. Treatment will continue for a few years but eventually she will be completely healthy.

"St Mary's PICU team are an amazing group of people who really helped us come to terms with what was happening. For me they played a major role in saving my baby's life and both Ian and I cannot thank them enough."

Richard Werner, a friend of the Mawdsleys echoed this sentiment. After signing up for the New York Marathon as an incentive to give up smoking he decided to complete his run in aid of COSMIC. After just 4 weeks of fundraising Richard has managed to raise over £3,000!

If you'd like to make a donation visit:
www.justgiving.com/cosmic_rich

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Enthusiastic participants needed for all these events:

Sunday 25th March 2007	The Great Escape	A charity 10K run in Hyde Park.
Sunday 22nd April 2007	The Flora London Marathon	Join COSMIC in this world famous Marathon.
22nd July 2007	The COSMIC Walk	Held in Hyde Park this is favourite a on COSMIC's calendar.
Sunday 1st July 2007	The British 10K London Run	We have guaranteed places in the event.
September 2007	The Hydro Active Women's Challenge	This all female 5K run is held in London, Birmingham and Liverpool.
November 2007	The ING New York City Marathon	Charity Marathon New York Style!
December 2007	COSMIC BALL	After a rest in 2006 the COSMIC Ball will be back in 2007!



WHERE THE MONEY GOES

In recent months the hard work and commitment of our supporters, has enabled COSMIC to donate some urgently needed, life saving equipment to the Paediatric Critical Care Service.

- A High Frequency Oscillatory Ventilator. These are special ventilators needed for our sickest children. Funds towards this have been raised by our 2006 COSMIC Walkers!
- Two Cardiac Output Monitors which ensure that enough oxygen is reaching the organs of critically ill patients. This was made possible by a kind donation to COSMIC from another St Mary's charity, Save the Baby.
- With the help of the Sydney and Phyllis Goldberg Memorial Trust COSMIC has been able to buy a Baby Lung Simulator, which will help the PICU treat babies with a variety of diseases such as bronchiolitis and asthma.

A big thank you to all who have helped!



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2006 COSMIC WALK TOPS LAST YEARS TOTAL

This year's COSMIC Walk was another outstanding success. We are extremely pleased to announce that our walkers raised almost £20,000 topping last year's total.

This achievement was helped by those fundraisers who asked their employers to match their fundraising efforts as well as the many who helped us claim gift aid by returning their completed sponsorship forms.

The money raised has enabled us to purchase an urgently needed Oscillatory Ventilator for the PICU. See our where the money goes section for more details.

Special thanks to all the walkers and volunteers who took part on the day.