



BRAND NEW BIKE... JUST FOR JACK!

Everyone loves to see a child's face light up when they are given a gift and we're no different here at the Lennox. Jack is just seven years old and has a rare cancer called Rhabdomyosarcoma, which is a tumour in his tummy.

When Jack's family were referred to us at the end of last year, their request was for a family break away at one of our holiday homes which we gladly arranged for April this year. Jack was diagnosed in April 2009 and had to go through intense chemotherapy. Now his treatment has finished and he's

having his Hickman's Line removed just in time to go swimming on his holiday at our beautiful Shorefields log cabin in the New Forest. The whole family, including nan and granddad, will travel down to the south coast and thanks to the wonderful response we've had from people wanting to support Jack, we've been able to pay all their travel costs and even give them a little extra spending money!

In addition, Lisa Sherrin, who is a fundraising supervisor at the Lennox, spoke to Jack's mum Trudy, on the phone just before Christmas. She mentioned that Jack had always wanted a BMX bike and had asked for one for Christmas. Once again, the fundraising kicked off and the dedicated fundraisers here at the charity ensured that by Christmas Jack had received a stunning BMX bike, complete with a helmet, light reflectors, knee and elbow pads and many other accessories!

Thank you to everybody who has supported Jack's appeal and helped us put a handsome smile on his face!

Angela was born last summer with an overgrowth disorder called Beckwith Syndrome. This causes many complicated side effects including an enlarged tongue and overgrowth of one half of the body. Unfortunately, as you can see in her photo, Angela has suffered with both of those plus a tumour on her liver and an umbilical hernia. Her tiny body has had to deal with more than most people do in a lifetime and she's still fighting.

With additional outgoings like petrol and car parking for Angela's constant hospital visits, or even food and drink during treatment, Angela's family have found themselves struggling financially so when mum, Cresmarie, heard about the Lennox, she called for a chat. Now we're fundraising to support the family fully so that they can concentrate all their time on Angela without having to worry about the financial side-effects.



We help many children like Jack and Angela, and while most go on to make a full recovery, sadly there are always others who are terminally ill. We believe that every child is special and everything we do here is with the aim of making a positive difference to the life of the child, parents and siblings.

EMERGENCY APPEAL

For nearly 18 years, we've been supporting children suffering from cancer or leukaemia but during 2009, the recession hit hard and now we're having to fundraise desperately to keep the charity afloat.

Recent changes in the economic climate have affected everybody. Sadly, many companies have closed down leaving individuals out of work and fundraising for most charities at an all time low.

In the last year, Lennox has suffered a 30% reduction in its income and with no government funding, we rely solely on the generosity of individuals and companies to keep the charity afloat. Our care services are crucial to the families we support so now we urgently need help to ensure we're able to continue providing this vital assistance at a time when it is most needed.

Please visit our website for more information on how you can help. Whether you're able to organise a fundraising event or donate some money, every little helps. You can even donate online or by calling us on 01708 734366.

A sad message...

In our last newsletter we told you about six year old Wilf from Newcastle who was being treated for a high grade Medullablastoma, a tumour of the brain. Wilf's family requested a grant to purchase a video camera to take footage of his family and school friends to show Wilf during his hospital stays. Their request was granted but sadly on Tuesday 2nd March 2010 Wilf's fight for life came to an end. Our thoughts are with Wilf's family at this difficult time and we'd like to thank the supporters who enabled us to assist Wilf's family at such an important time.

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The King and I



Once again, we pulled out all the stops to ensure that the charity's annual musical production would be a success, and boy was it! The Queen's Theatre was full to the brim most nights and with a cast of 65, including 35 children, it was guaranteed to wow. Richard Harrison, who played The King, was simply perfect for the part and Catherine Grief showed real emotion as Anna Leonowens. We really couldn't have chosen a better cast! As always, Friday's gala night performance shone and the champagne reception in the foyer after-

wards was a lovely touch. Even the cast came out in costume to meet audience members, which included MP for Hornchurch, Andrew Rosindell. Every year, these musicals help promote the Lennox Children's Cancer Fund massively and we can't thank the cast, crew, production team and everyone who work tirelessly behind the scenes enough for helping to make this show a success. In addition the good feedback and encouragement we received from audience members, sponsors and donors was overwhelming and we cannot wait for the next production to start! For more information on upcoming shows, please visit our website: www.lennoxccf.org.uk.



Lexis On Board

The Lennox is proud to have been nominated by Lexis PR (London) as their chosen charity of 2010 and 2011. There were three charities chosen to go in for the vote and when staff chose in February, the Lennox won with 43% of the vote. Over the next two years, we'll be working closely to organise fundraising events such as a glamorous ball, sponsored fun runs, raffles and even a Lexis company skydive day!

Raising at the Races

On Saturday 20th February, Romford Dog Track gave permission for four of our charity staff to collect money at their stadium with buckets. They even printed a page for the charity in their race programme and over £300 was collected through donations from generous spectators! The Lennox would like to thank Romford Dog Stadium for all their help.



Gone wild for a child!

Following the success of our Lennox Skydive Day at the Old Buckingham Airfield in Norfolk two years ago, we decided it was time to invite a new batch of daredevils to test their nerves and jump from a plane at 12,000 feet!



Although we expected a rainy March day, the rain held off and everyone had a fantastic day even though we're told hailstones were falling above the clouds! What a fantastic experience!

We'd like to say a special thank you to Dee Singh, Graham Ives, Dean Huth and everyone at Mercedes in Romford, who have helped us to raise over £900 so far!

Just before Easter, Jimmy Low from Time FM kindly dropped off bags full of Easter eggs for us to give to some of the children. So on Good Friday, Lennox fundraiser, Maureen delivered them personally to the Tropical Lagoon Children's Ward at Queen's Hospital in Romford, the specialist oncology ward at Basildon Hospital and Little Haven's Children's Hospice in Thundersley.

**WE HAVE PLACES FOR THE
ROMFORD YMCA ABSEIL
IN SEPTEMBER 2010**

To register your interest now, email your full name, address and contact number to events@lennoxccf.org.uk.

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR...

APRIL

22nd - Fashion show at Edinburgh Woollen Mill, Clacton, Essex
25th - Virgin London Marathon, Central London

MAY

3rd - 8th - **Watch Out! Blue Week's About!** For a team building activity or just a charity fundraiser, why not involve your workplace? Choose a date and ask all your staff to donate £1 to wear blue to work for a whole day!



13th - Pamper Evening by Clarin's at Debenhams, Romford, Essex
28th - Disco at Mill House Social Club, Dagenham, Essex
29th - Charity Night with disco at The Sun Pub, Romford, Essex
29th - Salsa Evening at The Guild Hall, Ilford, Essex

JUNE

13th - Pacific Interiors Company Bike Ride, Berkshire
18th - Woodfarm Centre Open Day, Harleston, Norfolk

JULY

9th - Dinner and Dance at Folkestone Rugby Club, Kent
24th - Charity Night at Weoley Castle Working Men's Club, B'ham

PLUS...

BE A DAREDEVIL.... SKYDIVE!

Saturday 18th September 2010, Beccles Airfield, Suffolk.

Are you a bit of an adrenaline junkie? This could be perfect for you. All we ask is that you raise £400 in sponsors and your skydive will be totally free! Additional skydives go ahead throughout the year so visit the website for more info on dates and locations.



LENNOX FUNDRAISING BALL

Friday 1st October 2010, The Manor Hotel, Rainham, Essex

You are invited to the Lennox Children's Cancer Fund's annual ball. The glamorous evening will include a champagne reception on arrival, followed by a delicious three-course dinner and live entertainment. Tickets are £35 each.

Call Claire on 01708 734366 for more info on the events above

For a full and up to date list of upcoming events, visit our website: www.lennoxccf.org.uk