

charity

Winter 2021/22

M A T T E R S

As we approach the end of 2021, we'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported UCLH Charity this year. With your help, we've been able to support patients and the staff who care for them by enhancing services and funding vital research during one of the greatest health emergencies of our time. Post pandemic, this work will continue and will be needed more than ever.

We would like to wish you season's greetings and a happy, healthy new year and say thank you again, for making a difference. Together we can do more.

UCLH Charity Fundraising Team

The difference you've made

Your donations have funded a number of things that make being in hospital, and working in one, that bit better, such as:



The Xploro App, bespoke gaming technology that helps to ease anxiety of children about to undergo Proton Beam Therapy, a form of radiotherapy. Using an avatar, children can familiarise themselves with the hospital space before they arrive, helping to alleviate the stress and anxiety of the unknown. AI enables patients to ask questions about their forthcoming treatment and refers them back to family, carers or the clinical team if the program is unable to answer difficult questions.



The Youth Support Co-ordinator (YSC) specialist role has been piloted with charitable funding and has been shown to vastly improve young people's experience while undergoing difficult treatments. A young patient said, "My YSC supported me during a lumbar puncture procedure as she knew I was petrified of it. She always listened and motivated me to carry on with my treatment even at times when I wanted to give up. Saying the right things at the right time has impacted my life to this day, almost three years later. The YSC moulded my life and has given me the confidence to get back out there and live my life now that I am in remission."



Sometimes it's the small things! Our funding enables provision of a patient snack trolley, meals for staff during lockdown, presents for patients in hospital during Christmas, rides for patients to and from hospital appointments, food and snacks for workers at Covid vaccine hubs, therapeutic colouring books for patients and staff, music therapy, complementary therapies for patients and staff and uplifts to patient waiting areas and staff rest rooms.

All of this has been made possible by your charitable donations. Thank you.

Our fundraising appeals



Help us support children and young people needing emergency care

Coming to hospital needing emergency care can be frightening for children and young people - but being in comfortable, age-appropriate surroundings can make the experience less stressful.

Our 'Bring the Colour' appeal is raising money to refurbish the children's emergency department at University College Hospital. New furnishings, lighting and interactive play equipment will brighten and refresh the space for the thousands of young patients who come to the department each year.

Help us Bring the Colour to children's ED this Christmas, by donating at:
<https://www.uclhcharity.org.uk/donate/colour>



Butterfly appeal

Your kind gift can help us provide a safe, private and soothing environment for families who sadly lose a baby at UCLH. The new Butterfly Suite will allow bereaved parents and their families to spend time with their baby, away from the main maternity ward, expectant or new mums and the sound of new-born babies. UCLH currently has no such dedicated facilities.

With your help, we will design a home from home environment which has a warm, calm colour scheme and décor as well as comfortable furnishings which make it feel less clinical.

Find out more, and donate here:
<https://www.uclhcharity.org.uk/donate/butterfly>

How you can support us



Donate - online at our website: www.uclhcharity.org.uk or in person at one of our 'tap to donate' machines in hospital reception areas or send us a cheque (details are available on our website). You can support many different areas of UCLH as well as our current appeals.



Fundraise for us - our community fundraising team is full of ideas and advice to support you.



Take part - whether you like to walk, run or cycle, we have places on main challenge events or can advise how you can take part and support us.



Recycle your phone - do good for the planet and for charity, check our website for details.



Visit our online shop, for Christmas cards, water bottles, teddy bears and more UCLH Charity branded merchandise.

