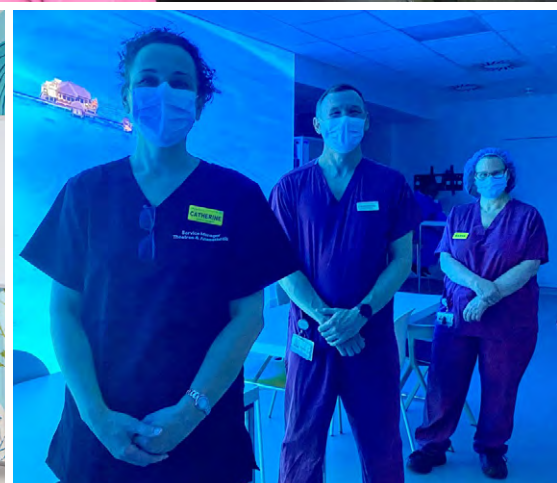


The difference you have made

Charitable giving impact
January 2022 - December 2023



UCLH Charity is the official registered charity supporting the six hospitals of UCLH NHS Foundation Trust. We raise funds to support patients, staff and research - above and beyond what the NHS can provide.

A thank you from all of us



Julia Neuberger
Chair, University College
London Hospitals
NHS Foundation Trust

As Chair of UCLH, I have been delighted to see how funds raised by the UCLH Charity Fundraising Team have so positively impacted colleagues and patients across the trust. I have met so many incredibly generous donors whose support has enabled major developments in research programmes, our services and hospital resources. Without their support, none of this would have been possible. Despite the pandemic being over, we have all

been through another very challenging time over the past two years, due to many things including the cost of living crisis and the financial pressures on the NHS. However, despite these demands, I am still overwhelmed by the generosity of all those who support the charity and help the team provide those things that are above and beyond what the NHS is able to. This makes an incredible difference to staff and patients and I would like to thank you all.



David Probert
Chief executive
University College
London Hospitals
NHS Foundation Trust

Since I joined UCLH as CEO in August 2021, I have worked very closely with the UCLH Charity Fundraising Team. From running a half marathon, to attending meetings with funders, it has been my pleasure to support the fundraising team in any way I can. I have seen, first-hand, the added value that funds raised bring to UCLH. Whether this is support for

our wonderful and hard-working colleagues across the trust, who make it the outstanding place it is. Or support for our patients and hospital buildings. Thank you to everyone who has donated, participated or supported in any way, without you none of the amazing achievements outlined in this report would have been possible.



Philip Brading
Chief executive,
UCLH Charity

We are very proud to be the official Charity of UCLH. We are here to make UCLH an even better place to be treated, and to work by funding things that the NHS could not otherwise provide.

This impact report clearly shows the difference charitable funds can make. Donations come from lots of different sources, and it's very heart warming to know that alongside the trusts, foundations and individual donors, there are supporters who have been prompted to raise money because of the care

they, or their loved ones, have received at UCLH. There are also companies who recognise that their support of a small gift or treat for a UCLH staff member can make their day. Finally, it's wonderful to see staff, who experience the benefit of our support in their daily work, running, walking or taking on challenge events to show their gratitude.

So whoever you are, and however you have supported us, I would like to say an enormous thank you. Together we really can do more.



Carol Haraldsson,
Head of charitable giving

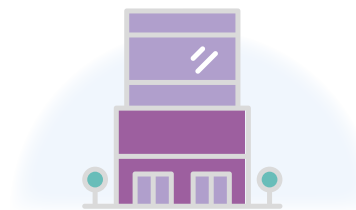
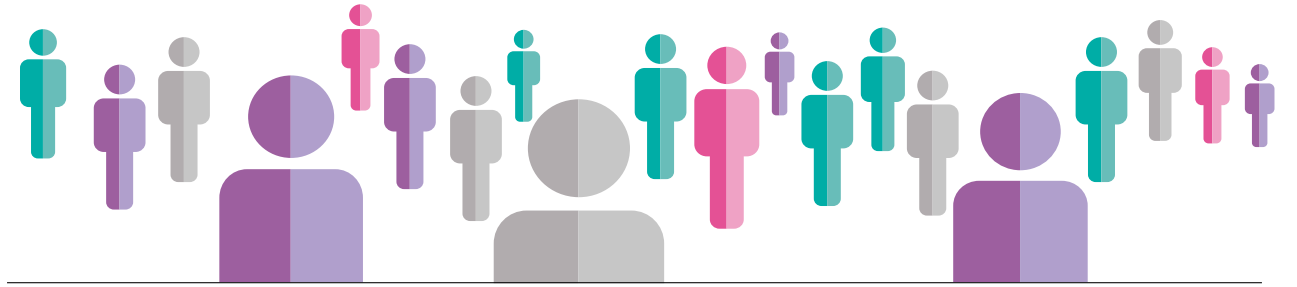
The UCLH Charity fundraising team was formed only five years ago but even so it has achieved much to support UCLH patients and staff above and beyond limited NHS budgets. The generosity of many donors - grateful patients and family members, local and national companies, trusts and foundations, philanthropists and UCLH

staff themselves, has made the projects in this report possible. Charitable donations have enabled bench to bedside research, improved hospital facilities and environments and enhanced the experience of patients and staff. Each and every donated pound has made a difference. Thank you for your support!

IMPACT: IN NUMBERS

From January 2022 to December 2023, with your help:

10,000+
staff have been supported



£3m

Funds raised for capital projects

200,000+
meals served to NHS staff during the pandemic



600+

people took part in events



£900,000

funds raised for research

£250,000+

Value of company gifts-in-kind



UCLH is a research hospital offering innovative bench to bedside research and pioneering clinical trials.

Charitable donations have facilitated the following cutting-edge research at UCLH in 2022-23



Long Covid research

Funding from Howard de Walden Estate enabled UCLH to launch the first clinical research project into long Covid in the UK. This research has led to a better understanding of the condition, improved diagnostics and new treatments.

“An estimated 2 million people across the UK are suffering from long Covid and, although we have made a lot of progress in terms of treatments, more research is needed.”

Dr Melissa Heightman, clinical lead for the UCLH service, and national specialty adviser for long Covid

Car T cell research

Car T cell immunotherapy treatment involves taking a patient’s own cells, re-engineering them, and then injecting them back into the patient to fight cancer cells. Funding from the Exilarch’s Foundation over the past five years has enabled state-of-the-art clinical facilities at UCH Grafton Way Building hospital and supported the expansion of the Car T Cell Immunotherapy program at the Sir Naim Dangoor Centre for Cellular Immunotherapy where the bench to bedside research and clinical trials have advanced the science of Immunotherapy. Special thanks to the Wolfson Foundation for their support of GWB and the Car T research taking place in our newest hospital.

Prostate cancer study

Thanks to charitable donations, UCLH has been trialling the inclusion of imaging (MRI scans) and biopsy findings into pre-surgical planning to create a personalized treatment and to further investigate patient treatment options.



Proton Beam Therapy research

A grant of from the J Davy Foundation has enabled UCLH to study whether Proton Beam Therapy (PBT) can be successfully used in treatment of liver cancer.

Through a range of gifts and donations, UCLH Charity has been able to provide above and beyond support for capital costs for UCLH’s buildings, including the newest specialist hospital, the University College Hospital Grafton Way Building.

The Proton Beam Therapy (PBT) unit in the Grafton Way hospital is housed underground with no natural light or access to nature. Through a targeted programme of fundraising, UCLH Charity provided art, furniture and uplifts that created an ambient and welcoming atmosphere for all patients (and their families) who are receiving treatment.



Members of the Dangoor Family with UCLH Chair Julia Neuberger and Professor Karl Peggs at the Sir Naim Dangoor Centre for Cellular Immunotherapy



Kusuma Stem Cell Unit

A £500,000 grant from the Kusuma Trust enabled UCLH Charity to fund a range of capital costs and uplifts to the stem cell transplant unit at the University College Hospital Grafton Way Building. This unit provides exceptional facilities for those who are being treated at UCLH for blood disorders and cancers.

Critical care ward in Grafton Way



A donation from the Howard de Walden Estate brightened the working day (and night) for the surgical team who work in the floors below ground in Grafton Way. Installation of the interactive video display brings the outdoors in and a rainbow mural on the wall of the Intensive Care Ward features the names of 1,001 staff who worked on the ICU ward during Covid.

Clinical rest areas for staff

Many generous donations have enabled us to provide hard-working staff with the respite space they need during long shifts. A donation from Derwent London enabled the creation of a new staff rest room and kitchen on the 7th floor of University College Hospital. Other charitable gifts enabled a complete refurbishment of two staff rest rooms at the Westmoreland Street Hospital and one staff room at the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery.



Grateful staff in the space refurbished by the gift from Derwent London 2023

Gardens

Exante garden - Oak Foundation grant



Patients enjoying the new gardens

The gardens across UCLH are being uplifted and looked after with the support of many generous donors including the Oak Foundation and fintech company Exante who donated their 2022 Chelsea Flower Show garden to the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery. The gardens provide time away from the busy clinical environment for staff and a chance to reconnect with nature for patients undergoing treatment.



Simona Stankovska, Global Public Relations Manager at Exante and former NHNN patient

Bring the Colour to the children's emergency department

Over £174,000 was raised by our Bring the Colour to the children's emergency department fundraising appeal to refurbish the children's emergency department at University College Hospital. New furniture, play equipment, decoration and lighting has created a warm and welcoming space to help young patients feel more at ease and will help to alleviate the anxiety and worry of a visit to the department. Special thanks to Geoff and Fiona Squire Foundation and Friends of UCH for their generous gifts which helped to make this project possible.



BRING THE COLOUR
For a brighter children's Emergency Department

WiFi for young patients and their families



Unrestricted gifts to areas of greatest need meant we could significantly improve WiFi connectivity in the paediatric cancer ward. Children undergoing cancer treatment can feel very isolated. Prolonged hospital stays can detach them from the routines, friends, and activities that define childhood. They can now connect with friends and family through video calls, share stories, and even attend school virtually thanks to improved WiFi connectivity.



Pain distraction kit

A grant from NHS Charities Together has enabled us to install pain distraction and specialist play equipment for young patients undergoing painful radiotherapy treatments.

IMPROVING PATIENT EXPERIENCE

New furniture and examination couches in the Maternal Fetal Assessment Unit

This year, charitable donations facilitated the purchase of new waiting room chairs and examination couches for the Maternal Fetal Assessment Unit. These new chairs have completely transformed the experience for patients and their families. They create a brighter and more comfortable waiting room, easing the stress for patients. Unit staff are so grateful to finally have automatic couches which means they don't have to pump up the beds manually.

Specialist play and music for children in hospital

Another generous donor donated more than £50,000 to support specialist play therapy. This donation has enabled the play team to provide play, for the very first time, to patients over weekends and holidays as well as the purchase of specialist play toys.

Universal Music Charity has provided funding for fifteen music therapy sessions for young patients with cancer who are undergoing long hospital stays. The music sessions have had a very positive impact on the patients' well-being, creating an opportunity for them to express their feelings through music at a very challenging time.



UCLH's Teenage and Young People's Cancer Unit participating in a music session

Support for grieving families

A dedicated maternity bereavement suite will be opening in early 2024 for families who have experienced, or are likely to experience, the loss of their baby at UCLH. Thanks to the generosity of many supporters, we will be furnishing the suite with care and consideration to transform the space into a comforting and nurturing haven for families who are grieving.

Improving care for ovarian cancer patients

UCLH will soon be able to offer intra-operative hyperthermic intraperitoneal chemotherapy (HIPEC) for people with advanced ovarian cancer. This is a promising new treatment that has been shown to improve survival rates in women with this aggressive form of cancer.



A generous personal donation from grateful parents and a company matching gift, enabled UCLH to extend specialist play therapy to children in hospital from five to seven days a week in 2023

IMPACT: SUPPORTING STAFF

UCLH staff choir and spa

The choir is open to all staff and volunteers working at UCLH. It started in November 2020 as a virtual choir, to provide some much needed down time for staff during the pandemic but has since flourished, with weekly face to face sessions. Each week around 30 staff, from all job roles and professions, attend.

"The UCLH choir is a really joyful and caring community, I've met so many lovely colleagues from attending weekly rehearsals for the past year. Our choir leader is fantastic and she really bonds the group together and makes everyone feel welcome."

UCLH staff member

The staff spa an all volunteer service - offers complementary therapies to staff members. Qualified therapists volunteer their time and expertise to help with a range of problems including insomnia, anxiety, fatigue, headaches, and musculoskeletal problems.

"Great! It was such an enjoyable experience of massage - just exactly what I needed - relaxing and strong at the same time. Thanks a lot to Guido."

UCLH staff member



Aromatherapist Paula

IMPACT: SUPPORTING STAFF

Treats for tired staff



The donation of gifts in-kind with a retail value of more than £2m, across more than 100 companies has boosted morale and lifted the spirits of UCLH teams throughout some of the most difficult and challenging times. We would particularly like to thank Elemis, ARGENTUM Apothecary, Jo Malone, Birchbox and Franco Manca, Hasbro, Scamp & Dude and Edition Hotels for their kindness and generosity.

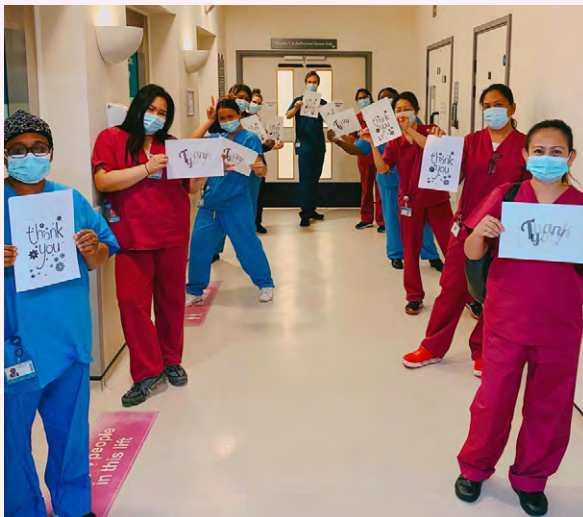
Youth volunteer team

A grant of £56,000 from NHS Charities Together enabled the UCLH Volunteering Team to extend the dedicated youth volunteering project for 16-18 year-olds.



Our journey continues...

Donations of all sizes have enabled us to deliver the projects in this report. Thank you. As pressures grow on the NHS, we need your help more than ever. As our journey supporting areas of greatest need continues, explore one of options below to see how you can help us do even more...



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