



In Good Company

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Brightening short lives

Business Newsletter March 2022

We're over the January blues now and heading towards those lighter evenings. We hope you're all well and have had a successful start to the year. Here at the Hospice, we are starting to return to a new normal and are excited for the year to come.

In this newsletter you can find some more details about our fantastic "It's A Knockout" event which is taking place on the 21st July, get your team booked in today to avoid missing out! You can also read about Hunni and how important the hospice is to her and her family.

We are so grateful for the continued support of local businesses and can't wait to see what you all get up to this year.

Kate and the team at Rainbows

**Want to feature in our
next newsletter?**

Let us know what fundraising
you've been up to with
photos of the fun you've had,
we'd love to hear from you.

Hunni's Story

Hunni has a very complex heart condition that sadly can't be cured but at Rainbows she is able to play, swim, make music and crafts.

"To look at her, you wouldn't think Hunni is palliative. She is very positive and will have a go at anything. She is determined and sassy like any six-year-old girl. I am so proud to be her mummy.

But life hasn't always been like that for my daughter. Hunni was born with a large hole in her heart. Eventually, I was given the devastating news that Hunni had heart failure.

Hunni had open heart surgery, which was deemed a success, but I still face the prospect she won't live a full life.

Throughout everything, I have been supported by Rainbows. I had my first proper visit when Hunni was 16 months-old and it was so relaxed.

The staff are fantastic and the support is absolutely amazing. If you want to moan,

or chat, or cry there is always that support there.

At Rainbows I get to spend time with Hunni and my other children Elias (eight) and Phoenix (four) and we have fun; and I also get important time on my own.

There are lots of arts, crafts and activities, the kids love the Hydrotherapy Pool, the Soft Play and the Music Room. They all have an amazing time, it is like a little holiday. The food is amazing, I would come just for that! Heart surgery has changed her life and so has the support from Rainbows."

Kelly – Hunni's mum



It's A Knockout!

Thursday 21 July 5.30pm

Loughborough Schools Foundation, LE12 8AJ

In teams of 8-10 with your colleagues you'll play a range of games with costumes, water and inflatables. There'll be food and drink available on site and a prize for the winning team.

Children like Hunni love to play and get messy, they are able to have these experiences through Rainbows - but we need your help to continue providing mess, mischief and memories.

We're asking every team for a deposit of £150 to sign up, then to raise at least £700, which could provide almost three months worth of arts and crafts materials for Hunni and the children we care for.



Your business can help us brighten short lives, for less than £1 a day

You might have noticed that Rainbows branding has got a slightly new look, including our Business Club!

Our Business Club is a simple way to support Rainbows with a £30 a month donation or a yearly £360 donation. It's easy and affordable so that both small and large companies can join.

One of our newest members, Artificial Lawn and Landscape Solutions said:

"Having started our business just over 3 years ago we were always going to look for a charity to support once our business was established & sustainable. We are now in that place so me & my daughter decided that Rainbows were the perfect fit for us, A renowned Leicestershire charity that offers superb support to others. This was a very easy decision and we are proud to support Rainbows going forward."



A warm welcome to our newest member, CMS Cepercor



Challenge yourself in 2022

In our last newsletter we told you we were teaming up with events company Adventurous Ewe and we can now let you know the exciting adventures you can take part in:

All challenges have dates available throughout the summer, starting in April. Get in touch with us to find the right one for you.

Snowdon Challenge

Experience the rugged landscape of Snowdonia with this one day action packed challenge of cycling, trekking and kayaking.

Lake District Challenge

The Lake District's postcard panorama of craggy hilltops, mountain tarns and glittering lakes paints the perfect landscape for your multi activity adventure! Trek, cycle and kayak this route.

Coast to Coast Cycling Challenge

Starting from the coast of West Cumbria, this challenging route covers 145 miles before reaching the welcome sight of the North Sea at Whitley Bay. Be inspired by some of the most dramatic scenery the UK has to offer.

Yorkshire 3 Peaks Challenge

Support Rainbows whilst taking part in this iconic, tough and incredible trek.



Did you know...

Did you know that we make a memory book for every child and young person that visits to capture those fun times, great achievements and creative masterpieces. They are full of photos and pictures summarising all the happy days at Rainbows.



A flexible fundraiser

Thank you to our friends at AC Valves Alliance who donated £875 from their 2021 fundraising, including monies raised from yoga sessions hosted at work - what a great idea!



We'd like to say a big thank you to...

The Victoria Centre, for supporting Rainbows with their interactive Glow Room throughout the festive period and raising over £5,500.

PadStore, who are asking customers to donate their key deposits to Rainbows and then matching it.

Legal Zoom, for continuing to support us with unclaimed client balances.

Great Bear, for continuing to support us with on-site fundraising with a recent donation of over £700.

Hedera Screens, for choosing us as their 2022 Charity of the Year!

Bathing in style

We rely on our amazing supporters, to help fund the magical things which happen at Rainbows. Last year we were lucky enough to get a state-of-the-art makeover of our specially adapted bathrooms. This was made possible thanks to Severn Trent's Community Fund, and the new bathrooms are proving to be a big hit.

One young adult who recently visited us isn't too fond of baths. But after a little encouragement (and promises of the new bubbles and lights), they gave the new baths a go. Once in, they enjoyed it so much, they didn't want to get out. We're sure they won't take much encouragement on their next visit!

"Many of us take a bath for granted. But for those children and young people that spend time at Rainbows, the experience can be a special one and the sensory additions can make it all the more so."

Anne-Marie Rosak,
Head of Nursing and
Clinical Operations.



Run for Rainbows in the Great North Run

Sunday 11 September 2022

The Great North Run takes you from the city centre of Newcastle, across the awe-inspiring Tyne Bridge to the finish line on the coast of South Shields. By running for Rainbows, you'll be one of the 57,000 people taking part in this amazing event, full of fantastic fancy-dress runners, celebrities and those running for a PB.

For a £30 registration fee, grab your spot on Team Rainbows today. We ask that all participants raise a minimum of £350 - which is so easily done with the help of family, friends and colleagues!



Take a look at all of our wonderful Business Club members...

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