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New equipment helps give babies a safe and healthy birth



Photo (left to right) Vincent Boodea, Contracts Manager, VINCI Construction UK, Ghazala Baig, Chief Executive, MedEquip4Kids, Heather Wood, Matron for Children and Young People, Furness General Hospital, Gail Nesbitt, Maternity Manager, Furness General Hospital, Heidi Bowron, Charity Co-ordinator, Bay Hospitals Charity.

Sascha Wells, Director of Midwifery, Gynaecology and Obstetrics, University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust, said: *"It was fantastic to receive this money for six resuscitaires. Resuscitaires are used for some babies who need extra help with breathing when they are first born. We have 14 en suite birthing rooms in the new maternity unit where mum-to-be will deliver her baby and then stay until discharged. We have a wall mounted resuscitaire in each to give labouring mums extra peace of mind from the moment they first enter their room and to allow staff to quickly assist those babies who need a little bit of extra help."*

In February

 we visited the maternity unit at Furness General Hospital where we funded six wall-mounted resuscitaires. The equipment is essential to have available during labour and delivery in case there are problems and the baby needs emergency resuscitation. The resuscitaires also provide an effective warming therapy platform for the new baby when it arrives.

MedEquip4Kids Chief Executive Ghazala Baig says: *"We were delighted to provide this equipment for the unit, which will help new mothers and babies to experience birth in safe, comfortable surroundings."*



A special thank you to VINCI Construction UK who raised the funds through sponsoring our annual Shimmer Ball.



We did it!

Leo's story



When Leo Pickett was born, during the delivery he ingested stained amniotic fluid, causing his lungs to collapse. He was resuscitated and rushed immediately to the neo natal intensive care unit (NICU) at Royal Bolton Hospital. There Leo was intubated and attached to several machines to support and monitor his condition. Thanks to the amazing staff in the delivery suite and NICU, as well as equipment provided by MedEquip4Kids, Leo's condition improved until he was well enough to be moved to the Special Care Baby Unit.

Leo's mum Emma says: "We were lucky enough to bring a healthy baby home and we are so grateful that Leo is growing into a happy, lively, and healthy little boy."



Emma and Carl are running the London Marathon in 2018 to raise funds for MedEquip4Kids. You can sponsor them at <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Team/Medequip4kidsMarathonEffort>

Leaving a gift to a charity in your Will is one of the most wonderful and significant ways you can continue to transform the lives of others beyond your lifetime. These gifts can help us to fund medical equipment for hospitals, giving every child a better chance of recovery. To discuss leaving a legacy to MedEquip4Kids, please call us on 0161 798 1600.



More resources to support children's mental health

In 2018 we're continuing to work with Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) across the UK, providing toys, books and games that can make a real difference to the one in ten children who have a mental health issue. Last year we delivered resources worth £18,500 to services from South London to the Shetland Islands.



Shimmer Ball raises over £45,000 for Manchester Appeal



Over 200 guests arrived decked out in sparkling sequins for our annual Shimmer Ball, which this year featured a glamorously retro "Saturday Night Fever" theme. As in previous years, the ball took place in the opulent surroundings of the Radisson Blu Edwardian Hotel.

The event raised an amazing £45,000, which will go towards the appeal set up by MedEquip4Kids in the wake of the terrorist attack on Manchester Arena last May. The funds will provide extra equipment for the hospitals that cared for children and young people following the attack to ensure they are fully equipped to deal with such incidents in future. Thanks so much to everyone who attended and contributed on the night. A special thank you to our main sponsors VINCI Construction UK and Bowker's.

We need your help!

AccuVein reduces stress and pain for kids

The AccuVein AV400 handheld device illuminates veins below the skin, making the clinician's job easier, reducing stress and pain for the baby or child, and freeing up treatment time which can be spent caring for other young patients.

In 2017 MedEquip4Kids provided AccuVein AV400s for Tameside General Hospital and Stepping Hill Hospital. Jeanette Burden, play specialist at Stepping Hill, says: "The doctors and staff think it is brilliant, helping find difficult veins on patients of all ages. It makes the blood test/cannula procedure quicker, smoother and much easier for the patient. The AccuVein is also perfect for role play during specialised sessions for needle-phobic young patients."

This year we're providing another AccuVein for the children's unit at Tameside, which treats around 7,000 children a year.



Other projects that need funding: BRADFORD TEACHING HOSPITALS MATERNITY - 2 X BREAST PUMPS & CARRYING CASES / ROYAL BOLTON HOSPITAL - BLOOD PRESSURE MONITOR / GLASGOW PAEDIATRIC CONTINENCE SERVICE - SUPPORT EQUIPMENT / ROYAL BOLTON NNU SPECIAL CARE CARDIAC MONITOR / MACCLESFIELD DISTRICT GENERAL - SYRINGE DRIVERS & INFUSION PUMPS / MACCLESFIELD DISTRICT GENERAL - AIRVO OPTIFLOW SYSTEM / CITY HOSPITALS SUNDERLAND - RADIOLOGY DISTRACTION

Magic Medic visits for Macclesfield General

"Magic Medic" Louby-Lou regularly visits Stepping Hill and Royal Bolton where she entertains sick children with an immersive, colourful and vibrant clown show. Louby-Lou performs magic tricks and gets kids singing along to popular songs. This distracts them from their treatment and brightens up the hospital environment. We're raising funds so Louby-Lou can carry on visiting these hospitals and spread her joy to children at Macclesfield General Hospital too.



Louby Lou with George at Bolton General Hospital in March 2017

If you can help us fund any of these projects, you can make a donation via our website

Support for children with respiratory problems

When children have severe chest infections, asthma or bronchiolitis, they often require extra oxygen. The paediatric unit at Royal Bolton Hospital needs two new Airvo Optiflow Systems, featuring a humidifier which comfortably delivers high flows of air/oxygen mixtures, but is less intensive than other respiratory support systems. The equipment will benefit at least 50 of the sickest children on the ward every year, helping to prevent the deterioration of their condition.

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Fundraising news

Thank you to all our corporate and community partners

Medical Care Clinics for adopting us as their Charity of the Year

Hurst Accountants for adopting us as their Charity of the Year

Sainsbury's Cross Street for their support with bucket collections and donations

John Lewis for a grant of £900 from their Community Matters Giving Scheme

One Stop (Groundwork UK) for £2,000 towards local projects

Mill Gate Shopping Centre in Bury for raising £1,184.27 through their birthday celebrations

East Lancashire Masonic Charity for a donation of £1,000 to fund medical equipment

NCC Group plc for a donation of £5,000 to improve children's healthcare

Slattery's Chocolatier and Patisserie for their annual Chocolate Extravaganza which raised £6,500

K & K Dance Academy in Flixton for raising £2,016 for us as Charity of the Year in 2017

Charity supporters Julie Corker, Sal Lahda and friends for raising £2,000 at their Bollywood Ball



Katy wins family trip to LEGOLAND

Congratulations to the winner of our free prize draw, Katy Richardson, who along with her two boys will be enjoying a well-deserved weekend away this Easter at the fabulous LEGOLAND Windsor Resort. The holiday was generously donated to MedEquip4Kids by Plaster Plus Interiors Ltd.

Katy's youngest son, 19-month-old Ronnie, has been in and out of hospital with bronchitis. Ronnie was treated at North Manchester General Hospital where a nebuliser was used to help with his breathing while pulse oximeters measured his oxygen levels. MedEquip4Kids has provided monitors for the hospital, as well as refurbishing the children's A&E unit, equipping a multisensory room, and providing folding chair beds so parents like Katy can stay overnight with their sick child.

Katy says: "The staff at the hospital were lovely. I really can't fault them. Each time Ronnie was ill, they made sure he was admitted straightaway as a priority. The doctors and consultants were amazing too."



Great Manchester Half Marathon & 10K

Join Mo Farah for The Simplyhealth Great Manchester Run which returns to the heart of Manchester on **Sunday 20 May 2018**. We have places available at £25 reg fee for the 10K with a fundraising target of £175 and £30 reg fee for the half marathon with a fundraising target of £275. Register online @

www.medequip4kids.org.uk

Our website features current news and stories of children in hospitals we've supported, and all the latest information about our projects and activities.



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