


Something to
Smile
about

MedEquip4KIDS

Celebrating 40 Years

Spring 2025



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The charity reaches a milestone - we celebrate our 40th birthday! Since 1985 we have raised £26 million to support children's healthcare. In that time we have been able to benefit over eight million children in hospitals, health centres and special schools. Over the years we have been able to complete many projects each year for a variety of settings as well as running our Hummingbird Project in schools and funding CAMHS equipment to support the mental health of children and young people. We have been able to do this thanks to the kindness and generosity of everyone who has donated to our efforts throughout the years. The charity is looking forward to working with more hospitals, clinics and health centres across the UK in the future.

We did it!

Carescape monitor

Tameside General Hospital can now use the CareScape monitor to closely monitor the vital signs of children, ensuring that any changes in their health status can be promptly addressed. The team at Tameside General told us “This generous donation is a tremendous asset to our service, allowing us to precisely monitor the vital signs, such as heart rate and oxygen levels, of critically ill children. With this capability, we can ensure timely interventions and improve health outcomes for those who are most vulnerable.”



Louby Lou brings joy to Stepping Hill's Treehouse Unit

Louby Lou has once again been bringing smiles and laughter to the children of the Treehouse Unit at Stepping Hill. Both parents and children see the benefit of what she does as she brings a welcome moment of joy to what is often a very stressful situation. She is able to bring smiles to the faces of children with her jokes and balloon animals. One parent said that these moments are “worth their weight in gold”.



Hummingbird Project

The Hummingbird Project is our six-week course for schools to improve children's mental health by introducing concepts and activities that are known to help us feel happier. Delivered by MedEquip4Kids staff and volunteers, the project has now reached 7,500 pupils at schools in Greater Manchester, Merseyside and Cheshire.

We first got involved in the mental health field in 2014 by providing resources for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS). Through this we became aware of the need for better mental health support in schools. In 2017 we partnered with psychologists at the University of Bolton to co-design the project. Our team has since grown to include researchers at the University of Chester and the Open University.

The Hummingbird Project now has a seven-year track record of achieving measurable improvements in wellbeing and hope, and reductions in anxiety and depression. We're planning to expand the project to reach more North West schools over the next year.



We need your help



Supplied by
Niche Healthcare

Ormskirk General Hospital Neonatal Phototherapy Blanket

Ormskirk General Hospital provide care to over 300 babies per year, many of whom are treated for jaundice using phototherapy. Usually phototherapy is done by placing the baby in an incubator, however this takes them away from their parents, but with the Phototherapy Blanket the babies can be treated while having skin-to-skin contact, while feeding and while with their parents. This ensures that the babies are both receiving the treatment for jaundice that they need while receiving the benefits that they would not be able to receive while in an incubator.

Burnley General Hospital NICU Baby Cots

Each year Burnley General Hospital's NICU treats over 600 babies who are either sick or premature, many of these babies may spend up to 100 days in the NICU, which makes having the best equipment vital. The babies who will be using these cots suffer from a variety of issues such as premature birth, infections like sepsis and other conditions such as respiratory issues. All of this means that the hospital needs as many of these cots as possible to provide the best care for the largest number of babies possible.



Supplied by "Bristol Maid",
Hospital Metalcraft Ltd

Royal Oldham Hospital Incubator

The incubator will improve the care of sick and premature babies, especially those with complex needs such as Down syndrome. It will also prevent the spread of infection due to its design enabling efficient cleaning and infection prevention practices, ensuring that babies with vulnerable immune systems are kept safe. The incubator would be an asset to the staff of the Royal Oldham Hospital and will ensure that the over 400 sick and premature babies a year are given the best quality of care possible.

If you can help us fund any of these projects, visit
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Fundraising News



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Core Talent Charity of the Year

Wow! Yet again, Core Talent has gone above and beyond supporting MedEquip4Kids through their staff fundraising. By selecting us as their Charity of the Year, Core Talent's staff have raised £2,626 through events and cash donations. This is Core Talent's 2nd year supporting us and we couldn't be more grateful for all their support! Thank you to David, Kathy, and all at Core Talent for making this happen.



Hays Travel - £1,164 raised and more to come!

Thanks to excellent fundraising from the branches in Old Swan, Pontypridd, and Bromley, we were supported to the tune of £664! After hearing about the work we do, their Hays Foundation decided to donate another £500!

Overall, this has been a great partnership and good fun! Thank you to Heather, Adam, and Theresa for making all of this happen at their respective branches.



Important Dates

- ✓ Duck Race - 18 April
- ✓ 40th Birthday - 26 June
- ✓ Hummingbird conference - 11 July
- ✓ Golf day - 12 September
- ✓ Shimmer Ball - 8 November

MedEquip4Kids Lottery to launch in April

On 1 April 2025 we'll be launching a fantastic new opportunity to raise funds for kids in hospital, while getting the chance to win great weekly prizes or even an amazing £25,000 jackpot prize. Lottery tickets cost £1 each, half of which goes directly to supporting children's health. Find out more:

<https://www.onelottery.co.uk/support/medequip4kids>

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