

# Acorn House



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**The Sick  
Children's  
Trust**



Acorn House opened in 2000 and supports families with sick children receiving treatment at Addenbrooke's Hospital. The house was extended in 2006 and now play a vital role in the lives of approximately 750 families with seriously ill children every year.



Situated within the hospital grounds, Acorn House is only minutes away from the wards and has been specially designed to ensure access for those with disabilities.



Acorn House has 15 private family bedrooms, 9 bathrooms, a fully equipped kitchen, a communal dining area, a well stocked playroom, a shared living room and quiet room and full laundry facilities.



There are also direct telephone lines in all of the family bedrooms linking them to the hospital wards so that families can be contacted immediately in the event of an emergency.



Acorn House is open 365 days a year and can accommodate 15 families a night. Rooms are allocated to families on a first come, first served basis and are offered to families completely free of charge.



We are funded solely by voluntary donations from individuals, companies and charitable trusts to provide the valuable service that we do for sick children and their families throughout the UK. The cost of staffing and maintaining Acorn House amounts to £65,000 a year.

## Our 'Home from Home'

All of our houses vary in size and layout, but families staying in each of our 'Homes from Home' will have:

House Managers for families to turn to when they need someone to talk to or a shoulder to cry on. They are at the heart of our work; responsible for the smooth running of the house and ensuring that parents needs are met so that they can spend more time with their children.

Facilities for brothers and sisters such as play areas with plenty of toys, books and games, televisions and video recorders to help children feel more at home.

Short distances to the children's wards that enable sick children to spend time with their families in the 'Home from Home' when they are well enough.

Direct telephone lines to the wards in all bedrooms so that parents have peace of mind, knowing that they are only a phone call away from their sick child's bedside.

Private bedrooms where it is safe to leave personal possessions.

Fully equipped kitchens to enable families to enjoy home cooked meals together, an important component of family life.

## All our houses...

The Sick Children's Trust provides seven clean comfortable and secure 'Homes from Home' at six hospitals throughout the UK:

Acorn House, Cambridge  
Addenbrooke's Hospital

Eckersley House, Leeds  
St James's Hospital

Rainbow House, London  
Great Ormond Street Hospital

Guilford Street, London  
Great Ormond Street Hospital

Stevenson House, London  
Royal London Hospital

Treetop House, Sheffield  
Sheffield Children's Hospital

Crawford House, Newcastle-upon-Tyne  
The Royal Victoria Infirmary

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## Can you help us?...

Do you work for a company or know someone who does?

Fundraising at work can be an excellent way to help The Sick Children's Trust to raise the £1 million we need every year to support up to 3900 families and has so many benefits for both the employer and the employee!

We have a dedicated fundraising team who can help with ideas and promotional materials, and a communication team who can promote your fundraising efforts wherever possible.

Whether you raise money by holding a raffle, auction, mobile phone collection or dress down day at work, or simply support a fundraising application made by The Sick Children's Trust to your company, your help in raising awareness and funds in the workplace is vital and can make a real difference to the families we support.

Where can I get more information about fundraising at work?

Simply contact Joy, your House Manager, who can give you more information

OR

Contact Andy, our Head of Fundraising on 020 7791 2266 for an informal chat about ideas, or email him at [andy@sickchildrenstrust.org](mailto:andy@sickchildrenstrust.org)

OR

Visit our website [www.sickchildrenstrust.org](http://www.sickchildrenstrust.org) for more information about fundraising at work

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