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A royal visit boosts spirits at Acorn House.

The Sick Children's Trust Cambridge Fundraising Committee hosted its annual Friends of Acorn House event last Sunday 15th, November with a very special guest – its patron, the Countess of St Andrews.

And in honour of the launch of The Sick Children's Trust Big Chocolate Tea Party campaign last month, the event was a tea party.

Held at Acorn House, Addenbrookes Hospital, the tea party gave Lady St Andrews the opportunity to meet with The Sick Children's Trust staff and members of the Cambridge Fundraising Committee as well the chance to be shown around Acorn House and see the work that The Sick Children's Trust do. More than 60 people attended and amongst the guest list was Dr. Mary Archer, Chairman of the Cambridge University Hospitals Foundation NHS Trust.

Lydia Solomon, The Sick Children's Trust's community fundraiser at added: "We are really grateful to the Cambridge Fundraising Committee for all its hard work. It has raised more than £30,000 this year already, and £250,000 since it was established in 2000. It provides us with an invaluable source of funds and we are looking forward to seeing what 2010 will bring."

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we're here, so you can be there

Photo Caption: (L-R) Dr. Mary Archer, Stephen Masters, The Sick Children's Trust trustee, the Countess of St Andrews and Vice President of the Cambridge Fundraising Committee, Patsy Glazebrook,

Notes to Editors:

The Sick Children's Trust runs seven 'Homes from Home' at major hospitals around the country where families can stay free of charge, for as long as they need whilst their child is undergoing treatment – Treetop House being one of them. There is a growing demand for the 'Homes from Home' as children must increasingly travel long distances to get the specialist treatment they need.

In essence, The Sick Children's Trust ensures that the very basic of all medicines has a chance to work; family love and support. It ensures that mum has a private room to cry, dad can get some much needed sleep, and siblings are cocooned in love and not left out. But most importantly, it helps families to stay close by to their sick child at all times making a real difference to their recovery.

To date it has helped more than 30,000 families. To run the 'Homes from Home' it relies entirely on voluntary donations; and needs to raise nearly £1million this year to keep them open.

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Friends of Acorn House is a member organisation run by the Cambridge Fundraising committee for The Sick Children's Trust. For an annual fee of £20 per household, members are invited to regular events for Friends, an annual invitation to visit Acorn House and early notification and priority booking for all SCT events.