

# The Sick Children's Trust

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### Brave Bromley Crew Go Over The Edge

Local Bromley friends John Hunter, Malcolm Green and Charlotte Henry have reached new heights all in the name of charity! The thrill-seekers abseiled from the top of Riverwalk House, overlooking the Thames in London, to raise money for The Sick Children's Trust.

The three friends braved the dizzy heights to scale down the side of the 12 storey building – 130ft high! Donning fake moustaches and running outfits dressed as 118 118 characters, they took it in turns to take the plunge – harnessed up of course!

John says 'I'll admit the abseil really did test our nerves, we were a little scared at the top waiting to go down. But families staying in The Sick Children's Trust houses have to conquer much more frightening situations than this – and knowing we would help more families stay together when they have a seriously ill child really helped to get us all over the edge'.

Charlotte adds 'But we had nothing to fear, it was really great fun and was such an adrenaline rush when we reached the ground. I'd recommend others to do an abseil too!'

John, Malcolm and Charlotte's high hopes to raise as much money as possible for The Sick Children's Trust have paid off – following their brave feat they have raised over £1000 for the charity already!

Malcolm says 'Thank you to everyone who sponsored us, it means a lot to us – but it means even more to the families we'll be helping in their time of need.'

If you'd like to donate money to their fund in recognition of their achievement, please visit <http://www.justgiving.com/johnmalcolmcharlotte>

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. 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. They ensure 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, they help families to stay close by to their sick child at all times making a real difference to their recovery; mum and dad are there for the morning kiss, bedtime story and that all important hug in the middle of the night when things seem really scary.

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

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