

## Can you help us?

Fundraising can be great fun, so get involved and you can help us to support about 3,500 families every year. It costs less than £30 to keep a family together for one night.

### Fundraising at work

Could you ask your employer to support us? Whether you hold a raffle, auction or dress down day you can enjoy yourself while raising needed funds. Many employers will match fund your efforts so you can make even more of a difference to the families that we support.

### Fundraising in the community

There are plenty of other ways you could help us. You could run a marathon, take part in a sponsored cycle ride, or complete a tandem parachute jump. Or perhaps organising a local quiz night, dinner & dance or bake sale is more your cup of tea?

### The Big Chocolate Tea Party

Why not join in our annual fundraising campaign and host a chocolate tea party during the month of May with friends and family or organise a chocolate-cake-bake-off at work? Raising money has never been so delicious!

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### We would like to help you

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

### Where can I get more information about fundraising?

Speak with your House Manager, who can give you more information.

Or you can contact our fundraising team at our head office (see details below) for a chat about your ideas. Our website [www.sickchildrenstrust.org](http://www.sickchildrenstrust.org) also contains information about fundraising with tips to help you along the way.

*Thank you for  
your support!*

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The Sick Children's Trust has endeavoured to ensure that all information in this leaflet is correct at the time it went to press. Some details could change as we develop and improve the services that we offer.



The Sick  
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## Acorn House

'Home from Home'

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Acorn House opened in 2000 and supports families with sick children receiving treatment at Addenbrooke's Hospital. The house helps approximately 440 families 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 priority basis and are offered completely free of charge.

We are funded solely by voluntary donations from individuals, companies and charitable trusts. The cost of staffing and maintaining Acorn House amounts to approximately £80,000 a year.

## Our 'Homes from Home'

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

House Staff 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 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 ten clean, comfortable and secure 'Homes from Home' at eight hospitals throughout the UK:

### TREETOP HOUSE

Sheffield Children's Hospital

### MAGNOLIA HOUSE

Sheffield Children's Hospital

### ECKERSLEY HOUSE

Leeds Children's Hospital

### CRAWFORD HOUSE

The Great North Children's Hospital & The RVI  
Newcastle upon Tyne

### SCOTT HOUSE

Freeman Hospital  
Newcastle upon Tyne

### ACORN HOUSE

Addenbrooke's Hospital  
Cambridge

### CHESTNUT HOUSE

Rosie Hospital  
Cambridge

### RAINBOW HOUSE

Great Ormond Street Hospital  
London

### GUILFORD STREET HOUSE

Great Ormond Street Hospital  
London

### STEVENSON HOUSE

Royal London Children's Hospital