

Ronald McDonald House
CAMBERWELL



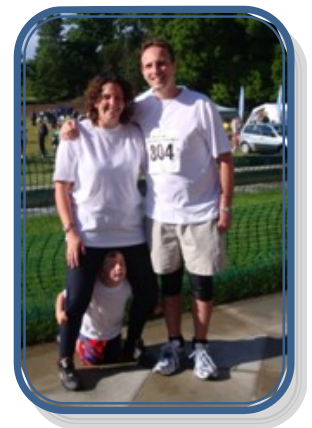
Welcome to Ronald McDonald House Camberwell

Greetings from our team at Camberwell and a Happy New Year! We wish all our families and supporters health, laughter and happiness in 2012. This edition is packed with stories about families and friends who have been busy finding ways to say 'Thank you' for the support they received when they needed it most. Enjoy and get inspired!

Memory Marathon

Simon Morris ran the Bracknell 13 mile half-marathon in memory of his son, Bruce, who sadly passed away in August 2010, less than four weeks old. Staying at the Camberwell House during those difficult weeks made a great difference for Simon and Beverly, who felt incredible relief to remain so close to their son.

Simon said the early morning park runs he took while staying with us inspired his decision to run the half-marathon, which also passes the couple's home every year. It was a tremendous running venture, which, despite knee problems, resulted in Simon raising £1,673. This amount brings the family's total to £2,229.25, a contribution that will help so many other families, especially when the new House is finished.



Jason Hills is running the London marathon for RMHC <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/JasonHills>

Summer bowling



The Ross-on-Wye bowling club held a packed summer Fun Day to raise funds for our House. The day was built around Granddad Paul Rainthorpe's attempt to bowl 100 ends, against 5 different players, all in one day. A pair's tournament of 24 people also ran, as well as tombola, a barbeque and various other fun filled events. Paul's 100 end bowls challenge was completed by 8pm and the whole day raised over £1,600 for the Camberwell house, which had supported and homed Paul's son and daughter-in law while his grandson Luke was recovering in Kings College hospital after a shocking 25ft fall, whilst tree climbing.

Millwall V Bristol City fundraising day

Great thanks to everyone who helped out at the Millwall V Bristol City football game. Over £1,400.00 was raised on the day and we received another cheque for 1,598 from the auction held by the club. A special thank you to the Nichols and the Rafferty-Roud teams for all your help.



Jean Austin

A big thank you to Jean Austin for her donation of Televisions and bedroom furniture to the Camberwell House. Your help made a big difference for countless parents and siblings.



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Airlift for Belfast boy with an injured pancreas

Six year old Nathan was air lifted to Kings College Hospital earlier this year, after taking a bad fall. The support his family received when they stayed with us ensured a safe and warm temporary home. His Grandmother and Uncle accompanied Nathan to the hospital, while his mother Ciara had just given birth to the youngest member of the Doyle family. She soon joined them and brought along the youngster. After a three week stay, Nathan made a full recovery and returned home to Ireland. He recently returned to Camberwell, after attending a Hospital check-up, to say hello and express his gratitude.



The Leonard's wedding ball is a massive hit



On September 30, Louise and Chris Leonard held a Wedding Dress Ball in aid of our House and another charity close to their hearts. So far they've raised over £1,500, and the ball was such a hit with the guests that it may turn into a fantastic yearly event. The fund raising event was held in gratitude of the

support the family received from our House, when their second child, Jonah, was delivered via C-section nine weeks earlier than the due date, because of his liver tumour. When he was just 14 days old he underwent surgery which was successful and the family were able to return home after seven weeks. It has not been an easy journey, but despite various health scares Jonah is now off the transplant list. We are so grateful to families like the Leonards, who are helping us raise much needed funds and awareness.



Inspirational

Lu'ai McKenna was born on the 23 July 2011 with Gastrochisis, a condition where part of the intestines develops outside the stomach wall. Despite this difficult start to life, Lu'ai spent just over a month in the Neonatal unit, before being discharged. Many parents of gastroschisis babies will marvel at this fortunate outcome. Lu'ai continues to prevail against all challenges, with the help of his devoted mum, Anthea, and grandma, Sharon. These inspiringly, warm and generous women stayed with us for a total of 34 nights before they were able to return home with Lu'ai. Their generous financial support during the past 4 months has resulted in an inscribed leaf for Lu'ai on our Tree of Life. Their unremitting generosity remains an inspiration.



The Foley Runners

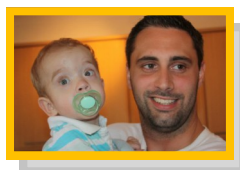
Sally and Ryan Foley completed the Robin Hood Half Marathon on 11 September, in just over 2hrs, and exceeded their £1,000 JustGiving target by 254% – a fantastic achievement for everyone involved and for which we are immensely grateful.

We first met Sally and Ryan in December 2010 when they came to stay at our House, while their son Dylan underwent surgery at just 3 days old, to correct his intestinal problems. The couple felt that being able to stay close to Dylan during that difficult time reduced their anxiety and stress levels significantly. They feel immense gratitude for the kindness and support they received. We are very moved by their feelings and inspired to offer the same kindness and support to all families who pass through our doors.



The Axford team does it again

After a painful leg waxing session by brave Adam Prestage, a mixed netball game organised by Neil Smith has netted a combined total of £1,900. An unstoppable source of inspiration, thank you so much!



Tree of life

Our Tree of life continues to grow and new leaves come with new names, which includes Olivia Matthews, Dylan Foley and Lu'ai McKenna. Thank you all so much. We would also like to thank the Stephenson and the Burrow families for their outstanding help.



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