



## Welcome and update from Karen & Kevin



This month sees Christopher's Smile's seventh birthday. We never envisaged in 2008 how hard running a charity would be or the difference we would make. We're delighted to say that we are now fast approaching our first one million pounds milestone. Christopher's Smile has gained a reputation for the funding of successful innovative projects that have been the catalyst for major advances. Our latest funding of two researchers in molecular pathology has been truly ground-breaking: We have funded the first researcher in Europe to specifically identify children for clinical trials by analysis of their tumour biology. We have also enabled the routine tumour DNA sequencing at

diagnosis for all children admitted to the Royal Marsden Children's Unit — another European first.

We are very proud of our achievements but we are not complacent. Our molecular pathology funding will provide data that we would not have dreamt possible seven years ago. By exploiting the latest DNA sequencing technologies our researchers will make a difference for those children who need to be enrolled on clinical trials with the latest available targeted drugs. We are determined that this molecular pathology work should continue to produce excellent results and to this end Christopher's Smile has pledged a further £280,000 over the next 4 years to The Institute of Cancer Research to extend the tenure of our two funded researchers.

We continue to campaign for more new drugs to be made available for children. There is light on the horizon in this area as the European Medicines Agency announced in July this year a major overhaul of the way the European Paediatric Regulation for the approval of drugs for children is implemented. We hope these changes will close the huge loophole in the regulation currently exploited by the pharmaceutical industry. We continue to play an active role in supporting a Europe-wide parent lead initiative called Unite2Cure which calls for changes in the Paediatric Regulation to make more new drugs available to children. There are still many barriers to cross but we are making progress. The two major drivers for our campaigning are the need for children with the worst prognosis to be provided with new treatments today and second, funding research alone will not bring about the change so urgently needed to save our children. We remain committed to making a real change so children with cancer in the future will have a chance of a cure.

We would love to reach our first milestone fundraising figure of £1 million by the end of 2015. If you would like to be a part of helping us to achieve this goal and have ideas as to how you could help us, please get in touch. There are some activities highlighted in the newsletter for the coming months where you may like to come along and support.

We hope as always you enjoy the newsletter

*Karen & Kevin*

Our vision is for every child diagnosed with childhood cancer to not only survive, but to reach adulthood enjoying a good quality of life.

**Almost £1  
Million Raised**

Our first million pound funding milestone is within reach. Can you help us to get there?



There are many Craft Fairs at this time of year and we guarantee you'll find lovely, interesting items on sale at the Craft & Gift Fair at The Briars Centre on Sunday 8th November. Come along and browse and enjoy a cuppa with us.

**Sainsbury's**



**We'll be bag packing at Sainsbury's Camberley on 11th and 12th December. If you can help at all, please let us know.**



**Waitrose**

# CRAFT & GIFT FAIR

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2015  
12 - 4pm

The Briars Centre  
Briar Avenue  
Lightwater  
Surrey GU18 5YY

in aid of

**Christopher's Smile**  
soz kids get cancer too



Stained Glass • Handmade bath and body products  
Speciality cakes, chilli products and fudge  
Face painting • Bottle Tombola  
Personalised Plaques & Bags • Floristry  
Cards • Jewellery  
Handmade cushions, bags and bunting

For more information contact  
Klaudia Gibson 07876 506749 or Caroline Atkins 07961 986917

**Our festive bag packing at Waitrose in Frimley will be on 23rd December. We're looking for willing volunteers to join us again this year!**

## Our Principles:

During the summer disturbing reports were made in the media about the fundraising methods of some of the largest UK charities. We think of our charity as principled and one which carries out its activities based on strong values. When we set up Christopher's Smile in 2008 we had four key principles:

1. *Every penny donated would be used for the cause for which it was given.*
2. *Never pass on or sell our donor's details to anyone.*
3. *We do not contact anyone who donates by standing order to ask for more money.*
4. *We are transparent with all donations so donors can see where their money is spent.*

These principles are very dear to us and we will never change.

Please get in touch with us at  
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## Recent Events & Supporters' News & Activities

**Our third Wentworth Ball** took place on Saturday 17th October at the prestigious Golf Club in Virginia Water. Two hundred guests were treated to a drinks reception, fine dining and the thrill of after dinner iced pralines served in a cloud of frozen mist. Fundraising activities included a bonus ball with a pair of flight tickets to be won; an icebreaker, raffle and silent and live auction with fabulous lots including an experience in a genuine 1928 vintage 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> litre Bentley, a flight in a light aircraft over Surrey and Berkshire, luxury holiday in the South of France and a stay in a Grade 2 listed cottage in Cornwall. Once we have finalised the monies raised we estimate it will be in the region of £35,000.



*Top LHS to RHS: Table settings at start of evening; raffle table; Trustees and helpers on the night; Richard Worrall, auctioneer in action; Karen and Kevin welcome guests at start of evening; our sponsor board; raffle prize winner; silent auction underway; fun activities at the table; late night dancing with Brian Keenan our host and DJ.*

Our thanks to our sponsors and everyone who joined us on the night . We hope you had a great time. Without your support we couldn't have made this such a success.

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ABOVE: A number of our team—Steve Osborne, Karen and Kevin, Noi and Keith Mein, Lloyd Hatcher

A small Christopher's Smile team of volunteers, some of whom were keen cyclists donned **Ride London** shirts and helped with this year's Ride on a lovely sunny 2nd August. We arrived at Weybridge for our shift and assisted with marshalling and crossings in the town centre. We were lucky to be involved in the afternoon race too in which a number of our top cyclists took part. The charity received a donation for the team's help and a place in next year's event.

This summer for the second time, **Bev Ridler** helped raise funds for us by "re-homing" a fantastic collection of animal soft toys. There were no lonely animals left behind at the end of the fair and Bev successfully raised £250. What a great stall!



ABOVE: Stall at the fair with animals looking for new homes!



ABOVE: SITA staff, stalls and band and RHS: Daphnie with Karen and Kevin on her last emotional day at work prior to retirement.



We have been fortunate to have had fantastic support over the past 5 years from **SITA** in Hayes. Each summer they have organised a **Family BBQ** event on site with a range of fundraising activities, music and of course a lunchtime bbq and scrummy homemade cakes for sale. This year was no exception. The only difference was that for the first time it rained! SITA were not to be deterred and a great afternoon of activities was hosted in the foyer and in the Vinyl Café where the band set up and entertained us all for a couple of hours. The lovely Daphnie Bray who has embraced our charity and helped us beyond the call of duty retired this summer prior to the event but everyone was pleased to see her back on the day enjoying the atmosphere. We wish Daphnie a long and happy retirement and thank everyone for the great support this year and previously.

**Amanda Fashions** in Ashted, Surrey hosted a **Fashion Show** on 16th September in aid of Christopher's Smile. Local ladies modelled the latest range of autumn/winter clothing and accessories and Rosemary (Trustee) along with local friend Di Vincent organised the wine and nibbles for approximately 140 ladies and gents who joined us on a very wet and windy evening. We were honoured to be able to speak to the audience and explain a little of the work we do and proceeds from the night including a raffle raised in the region of £2,000. Thank you to all for organising and for supporting the event.

*RHS: Fashion Show underway showing models on the catwalk*



**Annee Nesbit** and her family are great supporters of the charity and Annee has helped us at a number of our events as well as undertaking her own activities such as her **Firewalk** on 18th September. We really value your friendship and support Annee. Without people like you we wouldn't have been able to achieve half what we have achieved. You are a special lady.

*LHS: Annee's Firewalk coals being prepared*

This year we are pleased to be supported by **Ascot Inner Wheel** ladies. The first fundraiser for the year was a lovely dinner event at The Carpenters in Sunninghill on 29th September. Vanita Winkler, Lady President spoke about the charity and we were delighted to receive £1,000 donation at the end of the evening.

*RHS: Vanita Winkler welcomes guests to the Inner Wheel event*



**TASIS** in Egham has supported the charity throughout the past 4 years by successfully organising a range of activities resulting in fantastic donations, the most recent being a donation of £1200 following their September walk challenges. Thank you TASIS!

**BeFiit** Wentworth Ball benefitted 2 charities this year and funds raised were divided between Papyrus and Christopher's Smile, each benefitting from a fabulous £5,000.

**PharmiWeb** in Bracknell have supported us for more than a year now and have done a fantastic job recently donating over £700 from their staff bake sales. We were pleased to see a number of their team at our recent Feet for Feet and Wentworth Ball. Thanks for the support guys!



On 26th October, Samantha Bucksey and the team at **Menzies** in Egham presented us with a lovely cheque for £1358 following their year of support.

*ABOVE: Menzies cheque presentation.*

**We remain grateful to everyone who supports or has supported our charity in the many and varied ways you do so. Please stay in touch with us and be part of making a difference for children with cancer.**

## Regular Giving

You can help Christopher's Smile by setting up a standing order to give on a regular basis. Any amount helps, a few pounds a month makes a huge difference and 100% of your donation will go to childhood cancer research.

### STANDING ORDER INSTRUCTION

(Please complete in block capitals)

To: THE MANAGER

.....BANK LTD  
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Please pay to the account of:

Christopher's Smile  
HSBC Bank plc  
29 High Street  
Camberley  
GU15 3RE  
(bank sort code **40-16-05**; Payee's account number **81847120**)

Please tick the 'Gift Aid' box below if you are a UK taxpayer\* so that Christopher's Smile can reclaim the tax you will have paid on your donation. For every £1 you give us we can claim 25p more. To qualify for Gift Aid, it is vital you give your FULL NAME, HOME ADDRESS, POSTCODE,

the sum of £:.....

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on the.....day of the month  
*and then monthly thereafter until further notice*

Signed:.....

Sort code:.....-.....-.....Account number: .....

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*\*You can claim Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer and have paid income or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the amount we reclaim*

*Print this form, complete your details and return to Christopher's Smile, PO Box , 1363 Lightwater, GU18 5ZS. We will then forward the information to your bank.*

**Please continue your support—it is important to us. We look forward to seeing you soon. *Karen & Kevin.***

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