

# The Candlelighter

Supporting the families of children with cancer

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A very warm welcome to the Spring / Summer 2023 issue of The Candlelighter! We've got so much to tell you – hope you've got a brew ready for the read!

In December, we were over the moon to hold the first Candlelighters Christmas Party for families since before the pandemic. Over 400 family members came along and it was a truly magical day, filled with smiles and fun for everyone. It was so wonderful to see children and siblings making happy memories – enjoying balloon artists, a magician, a dance troupe, face painters, costumes and characters, and an all-important visit to Santa and Mrs Claus at their grotto. It was all because of you – our volunteers and supporters – that the party could take place. Thank you for bringing some Christmas magic to so many families!

As you can imagine, time in hospital can be lonely, stressful, and boring for children, and many children with cancer can spend months on end in the hospital, away from family and friends. With your support, we're thrilled to be able to extend the amount of time that our amazing Family Support Workers spend with children and families in hospital, covering 7.30am to 7.30pm during weekdays and working weekends too! This will help hugely with children's wellbeing, helping them cope with day-to-day hospital life,



Our CEO, Emily

deal with anxieties or simply relieve boredom, as well as giving their tired parents incredibly important respite.

Thank you so much, as always, for being there for children facing cancer and their families with your amazing support.

Enjoy the read!

P.S. We've recently made some changes to our Privacy Policy. You can read it in full on our website at: [www.candlelighters.org.uk/privacy-policy](http://www.candlelighters.org.uk/privacy-policy)

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# The impact you have

Here are just some of the ways families facing childhood cancer in 2022 were supported – all because of your kind donations.



Your donations, fundraising and volunteering meant all this and more helped to give children and adults the support and strength to face the turmoil of childhood cancer.

*"The talking therapies were especially helpful for me as I felt very alone in the journey and felt that my friends and family didn't understand what I was saying to them. They couldn't relate to our situation, whereas in talking therapies it felt like I was understood without being told how to think or feel."* Laura, mum to Oliver

## Could you volunteer for Candlelighters?

In 2022, **190** people volunteered an amazing total of **3,316** hours of their time for Candlelighters!

*"I have loved being part of the Candlelighters family as a volunteer during the past five years. I have helped with everything from days out in amusement parks, doing crafts, helping at seasonal parties, and everything in between. I'm happy to help in any way that I can, so Candlelighters can create the spaces that families need to chat, bond, and have fun despite difficult circumstances."*  
Charlotte, Candlelighters volunteer



Whatever volunteering you decide to do, every hour you can give means so much. As well as being a rewarding experience, volunteering is a great way to develop new skills and experiences, enhance your CV, be part of a great team and help your local community.

If you're interested in volunteering for Candlelighters, keep an eye on the volunteering section of our website – we're regularly adding new and exciting opportunities! Visit [www.candlelighters.org.uk/current-volunteering-opportunities](http://www.candlelighters.org.uk/current-volunteering-opportunities) or scan the QR code.



# Acute lymphoblastic leukaemia turned life upside down for the Murphy family

**We are the Murphy family: myself Donna, dad Alex, AJ (12) Oliver (7) and Lily (6). We live near Wakefield.**

In July 2017, at just 18 months old, Oliver was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia. We had known for weeks that something was wrong, as he had had recurring temperatures, night sweats and infection after infection. He had also stopped walking as discomfort was causing him to limp, and he had become pale, tired, and irritable.

After visiting our local GP twice and getting no answers, I took Oliver to the Leeds General Infirmary (LGI). That night, the ER doctor sat and listened to me and immediately requested blood samples. I believe she knew what was wrong with Oliver straightaway, and I'll always be grateful to her for listening and acting on her suspicions. If I had known his symptoms were signs of cancer, I would have asked for tests sooner.

The next day, Oliver was taken to the oncology ward at the LGI, which is where we first came to know Candlelighters. The Family Support Workers on the ward were supportive from day one – even arranging a hair appointment for me after we'd been on the ward for a few weeks, which they funded. The Candlelighters Dinner Lady, Elaine, was amazing – always helping us get the food we needed and introducing us to all the services Candlelighters offer.

Oliver was in and out of hospital for the first year after his diagnosis. Whenever he was admitted during school holidays, Candlelighters always had fun activities planned, such as Halloween parties.



# Oliver

We all spent Christmas Day 2017 on the ward, which was a different kind of Christmas, but still made very special by Candlelighters. They funded Christmas dinners for all family members, and there was a sack of presents from Candlelighters for each of my children. We also went to the Candlelighters Christmas Party that year, which was an absolutely amazing day filled with magical memories. The time and effort that goes into the party is something else.

Since Oliver's diagnosis, we've been to lots of Candlelighters family groups and events. It's been wonderful to meet other parents and children along the way who are all going through similar things. Oliver was diagnosed just before the school holidays and AJ, who was six at the time, had been looking forward to doing fun things over the break. However, we couldn't plan anything because of Oliver's treatment, and my husband and I were both off work due to Oliver needing us, so money was extremely tight. Luckily, Candlelighters came to the rescue and took him and a bus full of other siblings to Lightwater Valley for a day trip, which he loved.

Over the past five years, we have taken part in lots of fundraising activities to raise money for Candlelighters. AJ has done Junior Warrior a few times with his friends, and one of his friends, McKenzie, has supported Candlelighters with his Couch-to-5k.

We have done smaller things too, like raffles, as

any amount of money raised, no matter how small, goes to help children like Oliver and their families. Since Oliver's treatment has ended, he has also started fundraising himself, holding a few pop-up sweet shops and taking part in Junior Warrior 2022!

Oliver has been off treatment for two years now, and Candlelighters are very much still a part of our family. We cannot have a hospital appointment without a visit to The Square, and when it was closed during lockdown, Oliver still liked to go wave through the window or knock on the closed door, which shows just how much Candlelighters means to him.

**If you're thinking of doing any fundraising this year, please think about Candlelighters. Without them, we would have been going through all this alone.**





# day of memories

**As we can all imagine, losing a child to cancer is extremely traumatic for a family. It can also be incredibly isolating, as the family find themselves away from what were their support networks during treatment – the hospital, other families, and professionals. Your support has meant these families have not faced this alone and have access to whatever support they need, no matter how long it has been since their bereavement.**

One key support is the annual Candlelighters Day of Memories – a very special event where families of children who have sadly passed away from cancer

can remember and celebrate their child's life, while meeting others in a similar situation who understand how they feel.

Day of Memories is always held in Yorkshire, with last year's event taking place in a beautiful area at Oulton Hall on the outskirts of Leeds.



Around 160 family members attended, and remembered their child through readings, poems, and songs. A video played showing the children's names shining as stars through the night sky, while a live singer performed 'Over the Rainbow' and candles were lit. Siblings also painted rocks in memory of their brother or sister who had passed away.

Lucy from Candlelighters, who helped organise the event,

said, "Families attending were able to remember the children they had lost in a beautiful way, surrounded by a strong support network. It's an incredibly emotional event, but it's important to give all members of a family a way to remember, and to receive the support they need from our trained staff and other team members from the hospital."

The next Day of Memories event will be on 22nd October 2023. You can find out more by emailing [memory@candlelighters.org.uk](mailto:memory@candlelighters.org.uk) or calling Lucy Junni on 0113 887 8333.



**You can help provide light at a dark time for families who have lost a child to cancer by donating towards the next Day of Memories. Visit <https://candlelighters.enthuse.com/donate> or scan the QR code.**

# Donations in Memory

Donations from 1st July 2022 – 31st December 2022

Donations in memory are very precious. Whomever your donation remembers, we thank you for your very special way of showing your support.

Abbass	£30.00	Henry Hamer	£75.00	Millie Wright	£40.75
Adam James Marshall	£62.50	Holly Price	£100.00	Mrs Betsy (Betty) Hallam	£185.00
Adam Scarfe	£25.00	Hope Rooms	£653.75	Mrs Debbie Ward	£50.00
Alan Oldroyd	£232.00	Hughie Wilson Eyles	£705.51	Mrs Dorothy (Dolly) Simpson	£174.60
Alayna Kamran	£25.00	Isabelle Ellis	£75.00	Mrs Edna McKie	£25.00
Alexander Marsh	£31.50	Isla Greenwood	£3,954.11	Musadique Ahmed	£65.00
Alistair Hathway	£10.00	Jack Gales	£150.00	My young cousin	£750.00
Angela Robinson	£187.50	Jack Moses	£461.00	Nancy Spear	£10.00
Anne Spear	£85.00	Jackie Gough	£31.25	Nancy Whalsh	£433.15
Archie Vaughan	£3,768.75	Jaiden Worrall	£41.25	Nicholas Gill	£5,050.00
Audrey Bennison	£152.00	James	£31.25	Noah Calcott	£300.00
Bailey Halliday	£1,562.50	James Brook	£212.50	Nola Shipley	£93.75
Barbara Bucher	£250.00	James Harry Faulkner	£780.75	Nova Yates	£225.00
Barbara Slater	£31.25	Jamie Smith	£197.50	Oliver Field	£60.00
Bernard Corah	£310.00	Jane Gilbert	£1,475.00	Oliver Hurd	£1,123.75
Betty Hallam	£100.00	Janet Anne Elliott	£319.55	Olivia Arnold	£1,845.00
Billy Pilotille	£49.85	Janice Griffiths	£115.75	Olivia Barnes	£31.25
Blake Holdsworth	£34.00	Jean Graham	£12.50	Paris Sloan	£42.52
Calvin Marshall-Patel	£76.25	Jean Grant	£500.00	Paris Somme	£301.57
Carolyn Spiers	£191.08	Joan Badrick	£30.00	Paul Shardlow	£125.00
Catherine and Corrie	£25.00	Joan Beardsley	£287.50	Peter Brook	£195.00
Chris & Chloe Smith	£275.00	John & Jane Marren's son	£125.00	Peter Harman	£100.00
Chris Thirkill	£30.00	John Holdsworth	£190.00	Peter Woodmansey	£703.75
Christian Milner	£2,080.00	John Newton	£1,715.00	Phoebe Gibson Wriggles	£100.00
Christopher Daniel Shaw	£25.00	John Nicholas Jackson	£2.50	Rebecca Jayne Varney	£18.72
Christopher Walsh	£210.10	John, Vera & Graham Elliott	£125.00	Rhian Barber	£623.75
Claudia Verdure	£6.25	Joseph Mayman	£243.75	Richard Speak	£200.00
Collette Rhodes	£403.75	Joshua Kinnear	£119.78	Rita Simpson	£164.00
Daniel Bayes	£75.00	Jude Hudson	£31.25	Robert Blundell	£205.00
Daniel Jackson	£112.50	Justin Shardlow	£31.25	Ronnie Moncrieff	£1.25
Daniel Rigley	£15.00	Kathleen & Robert Hartley	£81.25	Rory James Welsh	£428.75
Daniel Stamp	£125.00	Kathleen Adcock	£150.00	Ryan Cottingham	£10.00
David Raper	£348.50	Laura Hart	£10,150.70	Sarah Bainbridge	£312.50
David S Tails	£18.75	Laura Loftus	£15.00	Sebastian Pope	£195.00
David Sunderland	£568.95	Lauren Kisby	£3,555.00	Sebastian Smith	£10,174.25
Dorothy Jessup	£300.00	Lauren Kisby & Aunt Pam	£311.62	Selina Jane Darler	£31.25
Dorothy Merrall	£211.52	Lauren Young	£270.00	Shaun Markey	£28.80
Edna May Jackson	£160.00	Leah Joseph	£159.93	Shirley Shearsmith	£355.00
Elliot Robinson	£62.50	Leda Ward	£145.00	Sienna Shield	£252.00
Elsa McGee	£1,809.25	Leia Goldthorpe	£31.25	Simon Lewis	£50.00
Emilie Robinson	£162.50	Leo Spavin	£715.00	Skye Sutcliffe	£806.64
Eric and Audrey Doyle	£30.00	Lewis Lightowler	£303.75	Sophie Drake	£3,006.00
Erik Kjelstad	£18.75	Lucy Moore	£1,213.95	Stanley Barber	£120.00
Faye Bland	£62.50	Luke Honeysett	£12.50	Stephen Hopper	£375.50
Finley Bailey	£622.50	Maci Craddock	£1,077.50	Stephen Smith	£18.75
Frederick Harrison	£145.00	Malcolm S Clark	£31.25	Summer Rose Thompson	£2,815.00
Freya Lewis	£363.00	Margaret Fleming	£279.80	Ted Semain	£50.00
Grace Wheeldon	£367.02	Marianne Shackleton	£319.00	Thomas Belcher	£412.50
Guy Metcalfe	£6,000.00	Marjorie Ward	£192.00	Thomas Cammack	£87.50
Hannah Gibson	£30.00	Mark Clare	£162.50	Thomas Hudson	£408.75
Harrison Torr	£1,599.16	Mark Fox	£560.00	Thomas Hughes	£536.68
Harry Buckley	£352.50	Marlene Caroline Hyman	£215.93	Tim Slater	£93.75
Harry Flatt	£1,105.83	Matthew Marsden	£31.25	Tress Connor	£62.50
Harry G Peace	£98.75	Maureen Bradbury	£97.50	Virginia Payne	£100.00
Harry Taylor Robinson	£759.44	Megan Jackson	£797.26	William Telfer	£25.00
Harvey Kendrew	£70.00	Mervyn Baxendale	£544.89		
Harvey Pettit	£1,696.25	Michael Norfolk	£387.50		
Hayley R Blogg	£37.50				



# Bringing strength and joy to families across Yorkshire

Combatting the fear, isolation, and loneliness children and families can feel at home after leaving the hospital's support network.

Community Support Worker Lucy tells us about her role and what she's been up to recently.

“

Being a Candlelighters Community Support Worker is such a wonderful, varied role and I can honestly say that no two days are the same. It's a privilege to be there for families all across Yorkshire bringing them whatever support they need from Candlelighters.

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The support we give is very much led by what families need from us, and we're often there for them in different ways, depending on their needs. We're a friendly face at a very difficult time.



Candlelighters Family Support Worker Lucy

The support we give could be anything from practical advice about making their child's transition back to school after treatment as easy as possible or help with accessing financial support. It takes a lot for a family to contact us so we want them to know that their Community Support Worker will be a friendly contact who will do everything they can to help. We often signpost families to other charities or services for additional support (e.g. financial grants), or liaise with social workers and other support workers. We make sure we have as many contacts as possible so we can give families the best advice and support we can.

Often, we'll meet a family for a coffee or go for a walk, which is a lovely way to get to know them in a relaxed setting and give them the one-to-one support they might need. Often, just having a chat about how they're feeling is a huge help.



Smiles at the 2022 Candlelighters Christmas Party



Amy & Aaron

The groups and events we put on are SUCH a special part of the job. We hold so many different groups throughout the year for the whole family. They're a way for families to meet others in a similar situation, who really understand what each other is going through, as it can be hard to do this once the family has left the hospital. They're a safe space for family members to talk 'normally' and unwind, so they can release their feelings before going back to their normal lives. I often see parents swapping numbers at our mums' or dads' groups so they can continue supporting each other outside of the groups, which is so special to see.

Last year, the sibling residential was a particular highlight for me. We took over 30 siblings of patients to Lineham Farm for a weekend of fun and laughter. It was so lovely to see them enjoying themselves and working together in the games we'd planned, and it was really special for them to spend time with other children in similar situations.

We've got over 30 groups and some fabulous events in the pipeline for 2023 for all members of the family! I can't wait for these, as it will be so lovely to see everyone come together.

**If you're a family member, you can get in touch with our Community Support Team by emailing [community@candlelighters.org.uk](mailto:community@candlelighters.org.uk)**



You can help Community Support Workers to give strength and joy to children and their families across Yorkshire. Visit <https://candlelighters.enthuse.com/donate> to donate today or scan the QR code.

**CANDLELIGHTERS COMMUNITY SUPPORT WORKERS HAVE CONTINUED SUPPORTING AMY AND HER FAMILY AFTER HER SON, AARON, FINISHED HIS CANCER TREATMENT.**

*"The Candlelighters Community Support Team has invited the whole family to events, groups, fun days out, talking therapy, walks and nights out, which have all been such a support to us. In July last year, Aaron even got to fly a plane at the Candlelighters Family Fun Day at Sherburn-in-Elmet Airfield!"*

*The quality and skill of Candlelighters' care is never-ending and Aaron and I, and the whole family, would not have survived physically or psychologically without them. The love and care delivered by each and every one of Candlelighters' employees and volunteers is simply beautiful."*

**Amy, mum to Aaron**



# International neuroblastoma research – designing the future ‘from bench to bedside’

Professor Sue Burchill, scientific director of the Candlelighters Children's Cancer Research Group and CHORAL Director of translational laboratory research for young people, University of Leeds, tells us about the SIOPEN Annual General Meeting 2022.



**International collaboration is vital to increase survival for children with neuroblastoma**

**Neuroblastoma is a cancer that mainly affects children under the age of five years. About half of the children diagnosed will have ‘high-risk’ neuroblastoma, and sadly less than half of these children survive in the long term.**

Professor Sue Burchill leads a world-renowned laboratory that works to improve our understanding and treatment of neuroblastoma. Since 1992, Candlelighters has provided almost £4 million in funding for this work.

Sue is a prominent member of SIOPEN (the International Society of Paediatric Oncology Europe Neuroblastoma Association), which brings together experts from across Europe

and beyond. She recently went to SIOPEN's Annual General Meeting (AGM), which was attended by 211 members from 29 countries.

SIOPEN runs large clinical trials and is home to specialty committees that focus on specific areas for advancement. Sue chairs and co-chairs two of these committees.

Before the main AGM, Sue and her colleagues Dr Lieve Tytgat from The Netherlands, and Dr Maria-Valeria Corrias from Italy, worked with these two specialty committees to identify the best tools for assessing children with neuroblastoma, which would be most likely to improve children's treatment and increase their chance of survival.

Through sessions like these, and by standardising the method of biomarker analysis used across Europe, **Sue is helping to ensure the best possible treatments can be given and trials will achieve the best possible outcomes.**

On Day 1 of the AGM, there were sessions about treatment, trial design and science, including statistics, surgery, immunotherapy, nuclear medicine, translational research, and new drug development. Sue and her colleagues presented the results of a study evaluating an RNA-based blood test that showed, for the first time, that a simple blood test will predict how children with the worst possible outcomes will respond to treatment and which children are likely to relapse.

Patients' advocate and young SIOPEN groups also met at the AGM, helping make sure the association prioritises the needs and opinions of patients and young people. The programme for Days 2 and 3 focussed on scientific and clinical trial updates. Dr Ro Bagatell from the Children's Oncology Group gave a presentation about current treatment strategies in the USA, and how other continents could potentially collaborate with the USA on this.

**100 children in the UK are diagnosed with neuroblastoma every year**

## **New trials bring hope to children with neuroblastoma**

Particularly welcome were updates about a trial that has recently begun in the UK and aims to recruit 900 children with high-risk neuroblastoma across SIOPEN countries.

The trial aims to increase survival rates in children by testing different treatments. Dr Gudrun Schleiermacher presented plans to collect research data from the trial into a ‘virtual biobank’, which will help speed up how long it takes to translate what is learnt from the trial into things that will help children with neuroblastoma.

Planning began for the next trials, which will help ensure that children across Europe with neuroblastoma have the best possible treatment and care based on the needs and biology of each child.

**Sue thanks Candlelighters for funding to support her attendance at the SIOPEN AGM 2022.**



**You can be part of this international effort to help children like Ted, diagnosed with neuroblastoma at just eight months old.**

**To donate, visit <https://candlelighters.enthuse.com/donate> or scan the QR code.**





# Why my mum gifted to Candlelighters in her will

Nick from Leeds

*"Some years ago, when my stepson had Hodgkin's Lymphoma, Candlelighters were a fantastic support to us as a family helping us to get our heads round a cancer diagnosis and navigate our way through treatment in the coming year. We have followed and supported Candlelighters on and off ever since. Following the death of my mother in late 2021, there was an opportunity for my brothers and I to make some charitable donations from my mother's estate in line with the wishes in her will. Candlelighters immediately came to mind as an organisation we would like to help with a more substantial donation. Liaising with the charity has enabled us to learn of families that have been helped through our donation – in the same way that we were helped all those years ago. Please do think about supporting Candlelighters with a bequest if you are preparing a will – it really can make a real difference."*

## You can join others leaving a gift in your will



Your gift will ensure families in the future, like the Shettler family, do not face childhood cancer alone.

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make your Will For Good

### OUR FREE WILLS SERVICE

Whether you have an existing will or haven't ever made one, there are straightforward ways to leave a gift in your will to Candlelighters – including using our free will service. This is available to you through our fully-accredited partner Bequeathed, and enables you to make a will quickly and easily online, with expert telephone support from accredited legal firms, for free.

### FIND OUT MORE ABOUT LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

To learn more about how you can support future generations of children in this special way, or for any help relating to leaving a gift in your will to Candlelighters, visit [www.candlelighters.org.uk/donate/legacies](http://www.candlelighters.org.uk/donate/legacies) or scan the QR code. Alternatively, you can get in touch with us by emailing [info@candlelighters.org.uk](mailto:info@candlelighters.org.uk) or calling us for a chat on 0113 322 9283.



# Thanks to you

Your generous support has enabled our team to be there to make the everyday of living with cancer a little more bearable. Here are some of the ways you've helped us do that recently...



We've extended our working hours and days on the wards at Leeds Children's Hospital. Families say having these roles at the hospital is a lifeline – they help with the serious stuff, but also help bring plenty of fun and joy. Here's Family Support Worker Ryan giving patient Harry a guitar lesson.



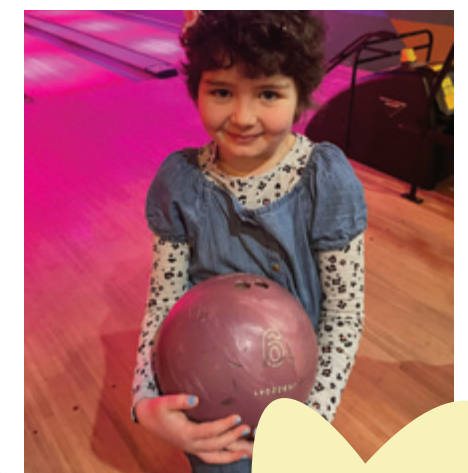
Four-year-old Touheed was struggling coming to hospital, getting extremely upset. Using play, Outreach Play Specialist Tracy helped explain the unhealthy leukaemia cells in Touheed's body, using a drawing he made of himself. Each time he visits hospital, he removes an unhealthy cell from the drawing. He understands when they are all gone, his treatment will finish, and Touheed says he 'can't wait!'.



Your help means children who spend their birthday in hospital are treated to a birthday box, decorations and activities. For Brandon's birthday, he enjoyed a party in our pavilion, complete with chocolate cake and singing.



Time in hospital has been made less lonely and upsetting for children and their parents, with 'Snack and Chat' groups for dads, a pamper night for mums, a board game café for teenagers, as well as parties and themed events like a 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Day'.



Our 'Very important Patients' enjoyed bowling and food at our Parent and Patient Group. As well as socialising and having fun, these groups allow parents to meet others who 'get it' and build important support networks.



A childhood cancer diagnosis devastates the lives of a family in an instant. Your support provides hope. Thank you.

If you'd like to support the children and their families with a donation, visit <https://candlelighters.enthuse.com/donate> or scan the QR code.



# Allen's Story



Allen and his daughter, Laura



**Allen Hart from Leeds became involved with Candlelighters after we supported his family throughout his daughter, Laura's, diagnosis and treatment for Wilms Tumour. Laura sadly passed away in 2007 aged just three. Allen began fundraising before Laura died and has continued ever since, making him one of our longest-standing fundraisers.**



Allen's Gas Chat Tours have been an amazing success

It all began with Allen and a group of friends doing their first quad bike fundraiser, riding from John O'Groats to Land's End in 2006. Allen took to the quad again in 2007, this time riding from Leeds to Folkestone, and then to Madrid and back – a total of over 2,400 miles.

Since then, Allen has supported Candlelighters in lots of ways and advocates for the charity wherever he goes. A plumber and heating engineer by trade, Allen has also used his professional skills to raise funds. By asking viewers of his popular 'how-to' YouTube channel to donate to Candlelighters if they found his videos valuable, he has raised over £150,000 – an incredible amount in Laura's memory.

Another huge part of Allen's fundraising has been his charity boiler installations. Here, he installs boilers that have been donated, or which he has bought

himself, and gives the installation fee paid by the customer straight to Candlelighters.

Allen's amazing fundraising started to gain some attention and in 2016 he won a Pride of Britain Award. Using the attention from this award, Allen was able to secure sponsors for 'Gas Chat Tour' – taking his charity boiler installations across the country. Travelling from Land's End to John O'Groats in a van he'd branded in Candlelighters pink, Allen installed a boiler per month in different locations. It was a huge success, with lots of other engineers and companies donating their time and resources to help.

By championing Candlelighters far and wide, Allen has helped us to receive even more funding. Several businesses that had heard Allen's story, like Artic Hayes and Oakwood Garden Rooms, are now huge supporters of Candlelighters and have raised over an astonishing £176,000.

**Allen's amazing support and advocacy have made an immeasurable difference to so many families facing childhood cancer, continuing Laura's legacy each year.**



Reaching John O'Groats in a special pink van

## Celebrating YOU – our amazing supporters & fundraisers!

We are forever grateful for all the incredible, inspiring ways you support children facing cancer and their families. Take a look at some recent amazing fundraising stories.



Richard Gunn and his sons, Elliot and Joseph, raised £20,000 by taking on some incredible challenges, such as climbing nine Welsh mountains in a day!



Jude White, who is recovering from a brain tumour, incredibly took on a five-mile hike at Christmas, raising over £5,000!



Mowgli Street Food have continued their support for Candlelighters by joining Club Candlelighters as a Transformer, pledging to raise £25,000 annually for three years!



Yorkshire Spa Retreat joined Club Candlelighters as a Guardian, pledging to donate £5,000 a year for three years! Their Managing Director, Miles said, "We can't wait to support this amazing charity."



Harrogate Candlelighters raised over £50k through their 'Narnia Ball'. It was close to their hearts as Ralph, aged 12 (son of committee member Cleo), had recently recovered from cancer treatment.



Ajaz.org have pledged to support us for three years through significant donations, knowledge and skill sharing, art commissions, and PR to help raise awareness of Candlelighters.



The Susie P Charitable Foundation is giving an amazing £10,000 a year for three years to support running costs for the Cottage – our home-from-home family accommodation.



Rawdon's Bronte House School chose us as their Charity of the Year to recognise the support we gave one of their pupils. During the year the school raised over £5,000!



We're delighted that Newlay Concrete are now a Club Candlelighters Rocket, pledging to donate £10,000 a year for three years!



If you feel inspired to do something amazing and raise money for families facing childhood cancer, you can find lots of ideas in our Fundraising Packs! Head to [www.candlelighters.org.uk/fundraising-resources](http://www.candlelighters.org.uk/fundraising-resources) or scan the QR code to find out more.



# JOIN #TEAMCANDLELIGHTERS IN OUR 2023 FUNDRAISING

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Leeds  
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Total Warrior

AUGUST  
York  
10k

SEPTEMBER  
Great North Run  
Yorkshire Three  
Peaks

OCTOBER  
Yorkshire  
Marathon

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for our fabulously pink week of  
fundraising **#PinkItUp** Follow  
our social channels or find out more  
on our website to get involved,  
have buckets of fun and raise funds  
to make a wonderful difference  
to children with cancer  
and their families.



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