

CYNTHIA'S CORNER

NEWS FROM THE UK BRANCH

The Trust is thrilled to have a United Kingdom branch – as well as much-appreciated Trust Patron, Cynthia Cormack (MBE), in the British Isles – who supports the Hospital through various fundraising initiatives and the generosity of numerous donors.

Royal Treatment

We owe our UK branch a big Thank You for arranging a very special royal visit to the Hospital! On Friday 18 June 2010 Prince William and Prince Harry spent time with patients and their caregivers in the Specialist Medical Ward E2. They also announced the Public Launch of the Trust's fundraising campaign to develop a **Surgical Skills Training Centre** at the Hospital, which is one of the Trust's key fundraising drives for 2010.

Surgical Skills Training Centre

Endoscopic or Minimally Invasive Surgery is being recognised worldwide as improving patient outcomes, minimising pain and improving the surgical experience for the patient. The Trust needs to raise approximately R10.6 million to build this facility. Karl Storz, a German manufacturer of endoscopic equipment has committed to equipping the facility with digital equipment but the Trust will need to raise R2.5 million for additional equipment as building will commence in September 2010.

Seed funding for this project has been secured from Germany, Switzerland, UK and local donors – and the Trust is now appealing to the public for support. Surplus funding of R5.6 million from the Trust's most recently completed Operating Theatre Complex will be used to help fund this critical training facility.

Soccer with Heart

Also on Friday, 18 June, the Trust's UK fundraising office hosted a soccer fundraiser at Chelsea football club for the England versus Algeria World Cup soccer match. Despite a disappointing performance from the English, the event was a huge success with more than 160 people attending, raising just over R90 000!



Visit www.childrenshospitaltrust.org.za for more pictures of The Princes' visit to the Hospital

GUARDIANS

(guard – i – an) noun a person who guards, protects, or preserves
(www.dictionary.com)



Our valued Guardians are invited to a special Annual Lecture on 15 September 2010 so that we can thank these exceptional supporters and provide an update on some of the exciting developments at the Hospital. If you have any friends or acquaintances that you think might wish to attend, please let us know, as we would love for them to join us.

Guardians are donors who give between R5 000 and R100 000 per year towards a prioritised project in the Hospital. For more details on this exclusive event or to become a Guardian contact Jeneé Stamer on +27 21 659 1793 or jenee.stamer@chtrust.org.za



The **Operating Theatre Complex** project recently won an award for Innovative Excellence in Property Development, in the Social Development category, at the 42nd South African Property Owners Association Convention. KMH Architects used the fan-shaped wedge of space between the service block and the four existing theatres to develop the state-of-the-art operating facility.

Andrew Rudolph, KMH Architects; Louise Driver, Trust CEO; and Ted Parlabean, Fellow and Chairman of the Trust Building and Capital Works Committee, with the award.

Wishing all our Muslim readers Happy Ramadan and well over the fast!



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NEWSFLASH

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MEET SAMMELYN DREYER



At the tender age of eight, Sammelyn Dreyer has achieved more than could ever be expected of one so young. Not only has she survived a terrible accident that left 45% of her body burned, as well as severe scarring, but against all odds she's still managed to remain a happy and positive little girl.

While playing with a friend at her home in Worcester, a small town 100km from Cape Town, Sammelyn's dress was accidentally set alight, leaving her critically burnt. Her parents rushed her to the local hospital where doctors transferred her to the Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital. Every minute was precious as this young girl's life hung in the balance, and Sammelyn was admitted straight away to the Trauma Unit where eight doctors were ready and waiting for her. She spent three long months in ICU fighting for her life and once she had turned the corner was transferred to the Burns Unit to begin the long and difficult process of healing.

Sammelyn and her family experienced first hand the care and expertise that the Burns Rehabilitation Programme has to offer, ranging from multiple skin grafts to daily physiotherapy sessions. After a total of four months in hospital, this brave little girl was able to return home to her family and friends – and a bright future.

A facility to match the world-class care

The Burns Unit (Ward C2) at the Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital is the only dedicated specialist paediatric burns unit in Africa. The Unit treats approximately 3 500 children with burns every year, with 85% of patients younger than six and 98% from disadvantaged communities.

The Burns Unit has not had a proper upgrade since the Hospital was built in 1956 and was not designed to house a specialist unit that requires stringent infection prevention. Yet despite the outdated facilities, patients at the Hospital are given world-class treatment as part of an extended care programme focusing on complete treatment, full rehabilitation and reintegration back into the community.

Every cent counts

The upgrade of the Burns Unit will cost approximately R13 million. A generous donation of R1.2 million from Trust Patron, Amanda Bloch and Linda Givon's most recent Art Benefit (held in February 2009) kick-started the fundraising campaign. The Provincial Government of the Western Cape has pledged 50% of the total building cost and additional substantial donations have been secured from loyal Trust donors including **Irvin & Johnson (I&J)** and the **Harry Crossley Foundation**. The Trust has committed to raising the remaining R4.4 million needed to commence building in October 2010. Once complete, the upgraded Burns Unit will need highly specialised equipment at an estimated cost of R3 million.

100% of all donations to the Trust go directly to the Hospital. Not a single cent is spent on administrative costs.

Your funding will help the Children's Hospital Trust provide a facility that matches the world-class care given to the many burns patients at the Hospital.

Need to raise:
R16 million (R13m building & R3m equipment).

Raised/pledged at 11.08.10:
R11.4 million



LEAVING A LEGACY

The Children's Hospital Trust launched the 'Circle of Life' Legacy programme earlier in the year at a garden tea party in Cape Town. Clem Sunter, renowned South African scenario planner and former Chairman of the Anglo American Chairman's Fund, was guest speaker at the launch of this unique Trust initiative.

The Circle of Life programme brings together caring, like-minded individuals who have chosen to leave a legacy in their Will to the Hospital through the Trust, or who are considering doing so. Legacies are the lifeblood of the Children's Hospital Trust and a critical source of long-term funding helping to provide a stable source of funding for generations to come.

For more information on the Circle of Life contact
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