

richard house children's hospice



Living for today, creating positive memories for tomorrow



About Richard House

Richard House provides care for children who have life-limiting, life-threatening and complex healthcare conditions. The hospice concentrates on living rather than dying, helping families create positive memories in a fun and homely environment. Care is given on a one-to-one basis so that the child can guide their session with their allocated nurse or play and care worker. During their visits at the hospice they are able to undertake a range of activities from arts and crafts, music therapy, pamper sessions, a visit to the multi-sensory suite and they can even create their own movies.



There are a variety of services on offer including day care, respite breaks, end-of-life care, family support, bereavement services and a siblings group. All of the hospice's services are provided free of charge to families from London and the Home Counties.



Richard House understands how important it is for its children to have the same experiences as their peers, especially the teenagers and young adults. The hospice has a specialist young adults group that allows the youngsters to enjoy activities such as going to the theatre, the pub, on holidays with just their friends and the care staff, or the chance to sit in with their mates and enjoy a pizza and movie.

Long term hospice user and young adult, Harry Singh, said: "Families would be lost without the hospice as it gives support and unconditional care. If I could sum up Richard House in one word it would be freedom."

Richard House needs to raise £3.1 million a year in order to provide these valuable services, £1.8 million of this has to be raised through fundraising and the remainder from statutory sources.



How your money and time can help

- £28.50 will give a child a chance to communicate through an art therapy session. Specially trained therapists can help children who normally may not be able to verbally articulate their feelings to express themselves through art.
- £45.25 will help a young adult to feel confident and happy about their body image with a girl's pamper session.
- £47 will enable a child to have a therapy session with a nurse or play and care worker in the multi-sensory room. With different light, sound and tactile sensations, the Richard House multi-sensory room provides our children with a stimulating and therapeutic experience.
- £307 will allow a youngster to gain new skills, build their confidence and develop their creativity when producing their own movie during a series of Living Films activity sessions. The concept created by Richard House play and care worker Bernie Wighton enables the children to take part in a unique experience where they can enjoy creating their personal film that they'll be able to feel proud of.
- £2,905 will fund a respite and palliative care nurse for one month. To provide Richard House's high standard of specialist care each child has one to one care with a nurse which means they make much better physical progress during their stays at the hospice.
- £22,040 will pay for one play and care worker for a year. At Richard House it's believed that laughter is the best medicine so it's important that the youngsters have as much fun as they can whilst visiting the hospice. With a play and care worker the child can control the direction of their play sessions and get the most from their time at Richard House.





How you can get involved with Richard House

Individuals, businesses and community groups can all support Richard House in a variety of ways.

- Through corporate initiatives and fundraising schemes
- Volunteering at the hospice or in one of our shops
- Taking part in a fundraising activity
- Donating goods and services
- By giving a one-off or regular donation



“All I could think was she’s not dying so why does she need a hospice?”



“But unknown to me was the other care and support that we could receive such as day care and residential stays for respite.”

Laraine Faulkner, 47, from Bow, mum to five year old Nancy Faulkner

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