



**Crosshouse  
Children's Fund**

For the children of Ayrshire & Arran

# Impact Update

**2022-2023**



Crosshouse Children's Fund raises money to help the babies and children treated in hospitals across Ayrshire and Arran.



- University Hospital Crosshouse
- Ayrshire Maternity and Neonatal Unit
- Rainbow House
- Ayrshire Central
- Community Clinics

# Thank you

## on behalf of Ayrshire's babies and children in hospital.

Every year, thousands of babies and children from across Ayrshire require treatment in hospital.

Whether admitted in an emergency or as part of a longer term hospital journey, it is our ambition to improve the experience that these children and their families have in hospital.

**By supporting Crosshouse Children's Fund, you are helping children and families from your local community during some of the most difficult days of their lives.**

Thanks to you, Crosshouse Children's Fund has already invested more than £350,000 in neonatal and paediatric sites in Ayrshire and Arran.

We rely on donations and fundraising to deliver the projects and services in this Impact Update. I hope that you will continue your valuable support as we take the next step on our journey to raise vital funds for the children of Ayrshire and Arran.

Thank you,

**Rebekah McGinn**

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# 7,800

children treated at  
**Crosshouse Hospital**  
last year

# £350,000

invested in  
projects & services  
thanks to you



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# Fundraising Focus:



Team  
Kyle

A huge thank you to Team Kyle, who have raised a phenomenal £5,200 for Crosshouse Children's Fund. This generous donation has helped to fund a specialist mobile sensory unit for young patients at Crosshouse Hospital.

Over the past few years, Kyle has spent a considerable amount of time as an inpatient at Crosshouse in Ward 1B, and is well known by all of the staff there.

**“During all of these long stays, I decided that when Kyle was home and hopefully in a better state of health, we would give something back as a family. That’s when we decided to start a fundraising group named Team Kyle and to do everything we could to try and help and support other young patients in Ayrshire.”** Kate, Kyle’s mum



The new mobile sensory unit includes features like a projector, fibre optic lights and a play mat. The unit can be wheeled between wards, and helps to calm and comfort children, particularly those with sensory processing problems.

“The equipment will hopefully be a comfort to the many children who spend time on the ward, especially to children who have additional needs and spend long periods in hospital.”

# Impacting lives across Ayrshire and Arran

Crosshouse Children's Fund has already invested more than £350,000 to help babies, children and families in hospital across the NHS Ayrshire and Arran health board.



## **Your donations have helped to fund:**

**Specialist equipment for the neonatal unit**

**Play and events to help children's mental health**

**Parental bonding support**

**Tablets to distract children during procedures in A&E and Day Surgery**

**A paediatric training app**

**Bereavement support for families who have lost a child**

To find out more about how you can support Crosshouse Children's Fund, visit

**[www.CrosshouseChildrensFund.org](http://www.CrosshouseChildrensFund.org)**





Transforming Rainbow House



Before

# Bringing Colour to Rainbow House

Rainbow House is an assessment, diagnosis and treatment centre located at Ayrshire Central Hospital, which cares for 3,500 children and young people each year who require treatment relating to their development.

Thanks to the incredible support of generous funders, we have transformed the clinical environment into a bright, colourful and comforting space.

The transformation will help to alleviate the anxieties and worries of a hospital visit, and provide a welcome distraction for the children during their treatment.



We would like to share our heartfelt thanks with our generous supporters and the following Trusts and Corporate Partners for making this possible:

**Reo Stakis Charitable Foundation**  
**Precision Tooling Services**  
**Ardagh Glass**  
**The Brownlie Charitable Trust**  
**Mr & Mrs William Donald's Memorial Trust**  
**The Caldwell Foundation**  
**The B&Q Foundation**



After



Isla enjoying Harry Potter Day



# The magic of play in hospital

We are proud to support Michelle the play worker, who brings laughter and happiness to the children's wards at Crosshouse.

Your donations help to fund special events like our recent Harry Potter day, as well as seasonal events at Halloween and Christmas.

Play has a positive impact on the mental health of children in hospital, helping to alleviate anxiety and create happy memories during even the most difficult days.

# Harlie's hospital birthday

Despite being able to go home after a long 11 months in hospital, Harlie wanted nothing more on her fifth birthday than to celebrate with all her friends from Crosshouse.

A patient at Crosshouse since birth, little Harlie and her siblings John and Cayla all share the same genetic condition that often results in long stays on the ward.

With decorations and a special birthday present provided by Crosshouse Children's Fund, Harlie had a fantastic time.



**“Harlie's latest Crosshouse journey was one of the hardest ones so far. She's been a regular on the ward since she was born but this was her longest stay yet. She was on the ward for 11 months which felt like a lifetime.”**

**“Michelle has been absolutely great with Harlie making sure she has her playtime doing all different activities.”**



# Run for Crosshouse!

Join us at the Great Scottish Run! Get free entry when you fundraise £100 (10k) or £300 (half marathon).

**Call Rebekah to find out more: 01292 435 197**



# Royal Troon Golf Day

We were delighted to welcome teams from local businesses to our first ever golf day, held on the spectacular course at Royal Troon.

The sun shone and competition was fierce but good natured, with the Clark family emerging victorious.

We are incredibly grateful to all of our golfers for their generous support and look forward to hosting another golf day soon.

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**If your business  
could help raise vital  
funds for Crosshouse  
Children's Fund,  
please get in touch -  
call Rebekah on  
01292 435 197**

## Maxine & Kelly

Maxine and Kelly raised over £2,280 for the neonatal unit, which cared for each of their babies.

**“The Unit is run by absolute angels and I will forever be in debt to them for saving our daughter Belle's life, and making her the strong and sassy girl she is today.”**

Maxine

**“Myself and Max's dad can never express our gratitude enough to all of the staff within the neonatal unit at Crosshouse. They cared for our little Max but also provided much needed support to us as parents and we will be forever grateful for that.”**

Kelly



# Fantastic fundraisers!

**We are incredibly grateful to everyone who helps to raise vital funds for the babies, children and families we support.**



**“If I can run to raise money, even just for one person to have the experience we had, it makes a huge difference.”**

## **Louise & Nicole**

“Those nurses, honestly... You just have to be a certain kind of person. They are complete angels.”

That’s how Louise describes the Crosshouse staff who looked after her, husband Kyle and her two early arrivals, Blair and Blake.

Together with sister Nicole, the Kirkoswald pair conquered the capital in the Edinburgh Half-marathon - and raised over £1,000.

**Visit [CrosshouseChildrensFund.org](https://www.crosshousechildrensfund.org) to get involved!**



## **Hillbillies MCC**

Dean was super egg-cited when the Hillbillies MCC visited Crosshouse hospital on their annual Easter Egg Run!

More than 160 bikers joined the parade, raising an incredible £3,000 for Crosshouse Children's Fund.



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# Get Involved!



We rely on the generosity of our donors, fundraisers and local businesses to help Ayrshire's children in hospital. Get in touch to find out how you can make a difference.



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