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Crosshouse Children's Fund is proud to have committed over £100,000 of support to Ayrshire's children in hospital since its launch in 2019.

During the pandemic, thanks to our incredible supporters we have been there for young patients, their families and NHS heroes with emergency funding and support.

Fundraisers across Ayrshire rose above the challenges of Covid-19 by taking part in all sorts of wonderful activities and virtual events. On behalf of everyone at Crosshouse Children's Fund, we'd like to say **THANK YOU**.

Our Impact Update includes just some of the ways that your donations have already been put to work, and the impact that your support is making.

## Thank you from Kate & Kyle

“We have come to rely on the staff at the children’s ward at University Hospital Crosshouse during Kyle’s regular stays.

The staff are always sympathetic and supportive, showing care and compassion that is second to none.

We’re proud to raise funds for Crosshouse Children’s Fund and would like to encourage anyone who can to help support the babies, children and families across Ayrshire & Arran by getting involved in some fundraising too.”

Kate, Kyle’s mum



Kyle

## Helping Children Communicate

The pandemic has resulted in children with communication difficulties being deprived of the chance to develop through social interactions they would normally have at nursery, with family and friends. To support families cared for by the Speech & Language Therapy early years team, we have funded communication-friendly resources including tablets and sensory toys, allowing families to put the communication skills learned at hospital appointments into practice at home.



## Fun on the Wards



We organised virtual visits via Zoom from Kilmarnock F.C. for young patients on the paediatric wards to lift their spirits while they were in hospital at Christmas time.



## Festive Fun

Being in hospital at Christmas time for a child can be very upsetting, and even more so during lockdown when hospital visiting is restricted. Thanks to your support, we provided Play Specialist Michelle with Christmas decorations to make the paediatric wards feel more festive.



## Emergency Family Support



Thanks to support from Morrison's in Troon and Stevenston, we provided Emergency Care Packages with essential items, toiletries and refreshments for families in the paediatric units at Crosshouse through the pandemic.

## Staff Wellbeing Rooms

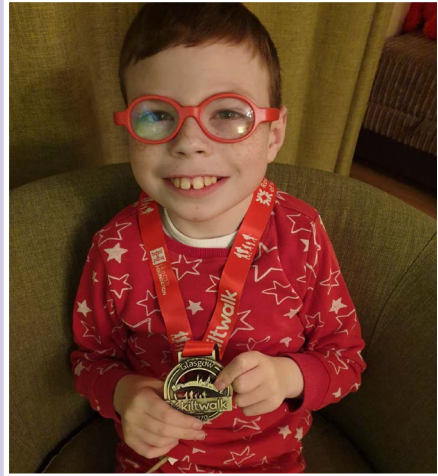


Throughout the pandemic, we have helped to keep NHS Staff Wellbeing Rooms replenished with food, refreshments and equipment to allow our hospital heroes much-needed respite from the crisis.

## Supporting Children with Autism

We provided the Occupational Therapy team at Rainbow house with Weighted Vests and specialist 'Move and Sit' cushions to help children with Autism Spectrum Disorder feel safe and secure. These tools can offer proprioceptive feedback, helping children to feel calmer and to concentrate better both at home and at school.





## Get In Touch

We rely entirely on donations and fundraising to make the projects in this Impact Update possible. To make a personal donation, take part in fundraising or to learn how your business can support Crosshouse Children's Fund please contact our team:

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