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The Children's Charity

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Disneyland Paris Trip July 2017

About Magic Moments Charity...



The Magic Moments children's charity was set up in 1998 by Alick Smith, the then Chairman of the UK's largest independent estate agency Spicerhaart, and his wife Val.

Until recently known as the Fantasy Charity Fund, the charity has raised more than £1,000,000 over the years to support children's hospices across the UK.

There have been plenty of magic moments thanks to the generous support of well-wishers and fundraisers. We've taken hundreds of seriously ill children and their families to Lapland to see Santa and now to Disneyland Paris to see Mickey and Minnie and their friends in the summer and at Christmas. Sometimes families have been recently bereaved and they find the support at this very difficult time absolutely invaluable.



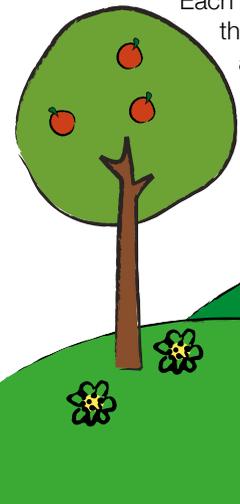
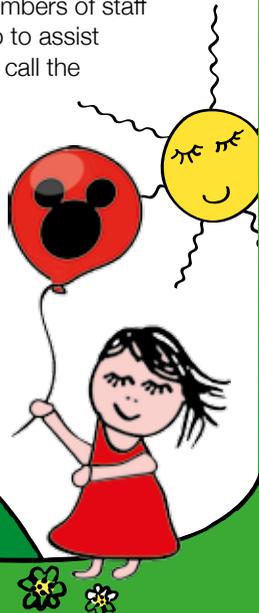
Any additional funds in the charity pot have historically been used to provide vital equipment, electrical appliances, hoists to lift the children in and out of their beds or baths, and toys for the children's hospices.

Since 2011, on top of the annual trip, we also set out to provide a "magic moment" for each of the 11 Hospices we support. We have so far provided 33 children their wish, be it from an individual trip to the 5 Star hotel in Disney, to Horse riding in Scotland. If we could achieve their wish, we did, we have even decorated a child's bedroom in their favourite theme.

We have a dedicated committee, led by the Charity's Chairman and Trustee, Jonathan Martin and Trustees Emma Barber, Sarah Sheppard, Lisa Haycock and Barry Donovan. We are also very fortunate to have the commitment, support, dedication and sponsorship of Spicerhaart's employees (and their families and friends), along with the company's suppliers and business associates.

The effort everyone has put in has been invaluable. Each year different members of staff have accompanied the trips overseas, not only as representatives but also to assist wherever they can. One trustee member who recently travelled, stated 'to call the experience moving is an understatement'.

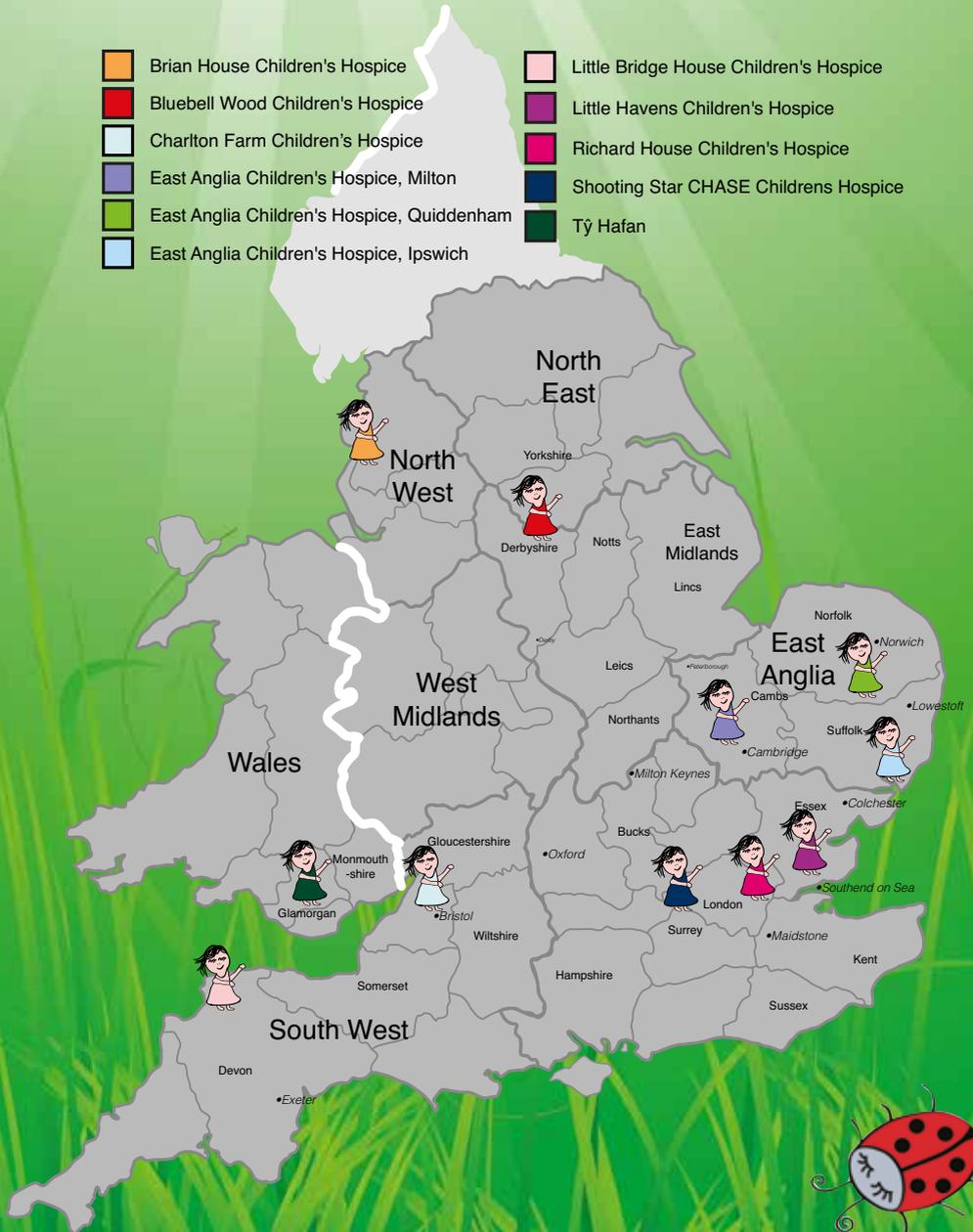
Each year the committee receives numerous letters of thanks expressing fond memories. It is a pleasure and an achievement in the knowledge that we have brought smiles to these special children's faces and in providing fond memories for their families, especially for those who have children whose lives are limited.



Who We Support...

The Magic Moments Charity Fund is dedicated to helping children with life limiting illnesses and their families. We achieve this by sending children from supported hospices and their families on annual trips to Disneyland Paris. We also help by donating money raised to the hospices for essential equipment.

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|  | Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice |  | Little Havens Children's Hospice |
|  | Charlton Farm Children's Hospice |  | Richard House Children's Hospice |
|  | East Anglia Children's Hospice, Milton |  | Shooting Star CHASE Children's Hospice |
|  | East Anglia Children's Hospice, Quiddenham |  | Tŷ Hafan |
|  | East Anglia Children's Hospice, Ipswich | | |



Welcome To This Year's Trip!

We would like to welcome you all to the 2017 Disneyland Paris Summer Trip.



Due to the overwhelming success from our fundraising efforts in 2016, we have increased our trips to include a summer one.



In 2017 we plan to take a record 300 people on both summer and winter trips. That's an average of six families from each hospice we support. In 2011 this was one, in 2012 this was two families per hospice. In 2013, 2014 and 2015 we doubled to four and in 2016 we took five families from each hospice.

In July we are staying in the newly refurbished Disney Newport Bay Hotel. We leave on Sunday 23rd July and return on Wednesday 26th July.

We have also booked a Character Breakfast for the whole group to get together and meet lots of the Disney characters, this will be on the Tuesday of the trip. More will follow in future communications.

In July, the trip will be headed and supported by board members from the Charity and one staff member from the Spicerhaart Group and they're all looking forward to meeting you.



Who Will Be Joining You^{***}



23rd July - 26th July



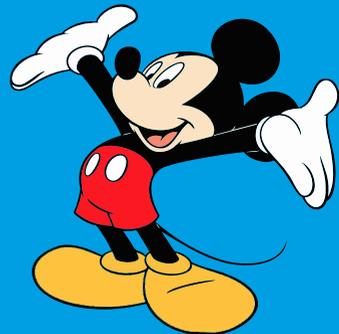
Tom Charlesworth
Charity Board Member



Lewis Wren
Charity Board Member



Matt Tilbury
Mortgage Advisor





Dear Jon +
all of your wonderful
people involved with organizing
this incredible trip to Disney.
We have had the most amazing
time! It has been 18 months since
our Eden died. She was almost 3 at
the time and we spent a lot of those
3 years in hospitals with Amber having to
tag along. When other children got to play
with their siblings, in softplays and parks,
Amber spent her days running in hospital corridors
and learning about blood tests, gastric tubes +
medication. This has been so amazing + has
meant so much to us! Seeing her being free
+ the focus of attention for a change!
Thank you so, so, so much for everything!
We will NEVER forget this!
♥ Beon, Kerry + Amber



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See you soon!

