

Christian Blandford Fund update... we have blast off!

WOW...what a year the Christian Blandford Fund had in 2009! Thanks to your generosity, we funded a wide range of projects on Pinckney Ward at St George's Hospital with many more planned in the near future.

We are truly grateful for your continued support and hope that you will enjoy reading about the achievements over the past year.

Many of you may know Darren Bowler as a great friend of the Blandfords. He has now generously offered his time to help project manage and speed up the spending of the monies from the Christian Blandford Fund. Helping Darren in many different ways is Amy Hancox, whose daughter Anna is a former Pinckney patient, and who, along with her husband Matt, ran the London Marathon in April 2009 to raise funds. St George's Hospital Charity is delighted to announce that both Darren and Amy have become official St George's Hospital Volunteers and we are thrilled to have their dedicated input and enthusiasm.



Above: After the March 2007 10k run
Right: Christian himself

So what has been happening over the past year?

It has been an extremely busy and profitable year for the Christian Blandford Fund and there have been many achievements to date. The following is an overview of this success:

- The Child Development Centre opened its doors following a £550k refurbishment in June 2009, having received a £100k contribution from the Christian Blandford Fund. The CDC provides services for children with developmental difficulties over a broad spectrum of disciplines
- All patient rooms on Pinckney now have wall mounted flat screen tvs and dvd players
- A large flat screen tv has been installed in the parents' room
- A number of hand held computer games, games consoles and games have been purchased for use by Pinckney patients
- New sofa beds have been ordered for parental use
- Magnetic white boards and laminated posters will be provided to allow children to customise their rooms with their own familiar decor
- A portable ultrasound machine has been purchased to allow patients to be scanned on the ward at a cost of £23k, saving unnecessary trips to other departments
- Magazines for the dayroom are now delivered monthly to ensure a constant supply of fresh reading matter for quiet times
- An Information Pack is being produced to offer new parents and patients on the wards easy access to all they need to know
- A new selection of bravery stickers and awards are now available for all our small soldiers!



Christian's conundrum ...

"Why is a black hole invisible?"



Christian's conundrum ...
**“Do numbers
 ever end?”**

Still to come...

- Work will soon begin on the refurbishment of the parents' room and treatment area
- The parents' room will have new flooring, sofas, paintings, a coffee table, a book case and magazine rack to ensure a more relaxing space is available for 'time out'
- The treatment room will be a less intimidating and more relaxing area with wall murals, distraction toys and specially designed cupboards to hide medical equipment

Christian's conundrum ...

**“What does
 because mean?”**

Above and right: Christian's conundrums “... in his own words! ...”

And finally...

Plans are in place to build a children's playground on the St George's site, within striking distance of the children's inpatient wards and outpatient departments. The Christian Blandford Fund will be contributing to this, both financially to the tune of £10k, and practically as Darren Bowler and Amy Hancox are lending their support to the planning committee. The playground will include a multi-sensory area, a growing area and an animal petting corner.

We look forward to your continued support in 2010.

Thank you from us all!

Best Wishes

The Blandford Family, Darren Bowler, Caroline Cox (St George's Hospital Charity) and Amy Hancox



Christian's conundrum ...

**“If you're really
 (x11) old, do
 you have blood,
 do you?”**