

Teddington RFC

24<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Simon, Sam and everyone at Teddington RFC,

I wanted to write to you to personally thank you – on behalf of everyone at Shooting Star Children's Hospices – for supporting us through your Autumn Nations Cup Challenge, raising an incredible total of £600.00! What a wonderful way to raise money, and a great way to keep everyone moving through lock down (plus I'm sure a bit of healthy competition too with the mileage covered!). We feel so privileged to have such wonderful supporters like you on board, and our partnership with Teddington RFC is one that we truly treasure. Your ongoing support really does mean so much to us, and is helping us through these incredibly tough times.

COVID-19 has had an undeniable impact on the delivery of our vital services – in March last year we had to take the difficult decision of temporarily closing one of our hospices and have reduced the level of care that we can currently provide. The virus has also left us with no choice but to close some of our retail shops and the cancelling of fundraising events has had a huge impact on our fundraising income. Now more than ever we're relying on the generosity of the public to help us to pull through, so your donation really does mean the world to us.

With the increasing pressure that the NHS is under, our vital hospice service for those most vulnerable in our community is needed now more than ever. Quite simply, without us, the families we support will have nowhere left to turn.

Your donation could pay for a two and a half months worth of supplies for art therapy sessions, allowing children, and their siblings, to explore their thoughts and worries in a safe and suitable environment. Thank you once again for helping us to continue to provide our vital services to so many babies, children and families that face the unimaginable. Please extend our heartfelt thanks to your members, and their friends who so kindly donated.

With warm wishes,



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