



The Bubble

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The NCSF Newsletter

Grown from Fund to Foundation

Achieving registered charity status in June 2006, the **Nicola Corry Support Foundation** began as a support fund for Nicola to help in her fight against cancer. Friends set up the fund initially in 2004 by organising a promise auction raising £5,000 to help Nicola fund complementary therapies and childcare costs for her son Alfie. Nicola sadly lost her battle in May 2005 but since then family and friends have continued with the fund to help others in a similar situation. Nicola's ordeal really highlighted the severe lack of resources for people with young families living with cancer and so the NCSF aims to:



Nicola & Alfie, Summer 04

- * Assist families with childcare costs. This is particularly important if a parent needs to regularly visit hospital for a treatment;
- * Donate grants to families to help them afford a treat together;
- * Fund improvements to NHS cancer facilities for families with young children;
- * Donate to research in to rare cancers



Friends & Family involved in the Charity



Lisa & family

How did NCSF Help Me?

The NCSF were thrilled to be able to give a donation to busy 37 year old, mum of six, Lisa, who was diagnosed with breast cancer in Sept 06. Lisa had five months of chemo before having a double mastectomy and her lymph nodes removed in March 07.

The money meant that Lisa and her partner John could take their six children, aged between 3 and 14 to Woolacombe on holiday in the Easter holidays. Lisa says this gave them the opportunity for some, "much needed quality time together before restarting chemotherapy again".

NCSF is also currently supporting a number of families with their childcare costs.

Diary Dates

Sat 1 September

Craft stall & face painting
Classic Car Show,
Kingswood,
Wotton under Edge

Sun 9 September

Bristol Half Marathon
NCSF Team running

Thurs 1 November

Colston Hall
Rock 'n' Raise,
7.30 pm

Sat 24 November

Craft Fair,
Wotton Civic Centre

Sat 1 December

Craft Stall,
'Wotton under the Edge'
Christmas Evening

Sat 2 February

NCSF Annual Ball &
Dinner
Holiday Inn, Filton,
Bristol

'Helping Parents with Young Children Cope with Cancer'

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Nothings Gonna Stop Us Now



...that was the theme tune for the NCSF launch night held on 3 Feb in the Holiday Inn, Filton, Bristol. A great night was had by all at the Pink Tie event that not only officially launched the charity but also marked what would have been Nicola's 27th birthday on 5 Feb. Thanks to all who supported the event.

Such a success that we'll be holding a similar event next year—2 Feb 2008.



GWR FM's Bush, Troy & Paulina welcome everyone

Improvements to Ward 61

We currently have an exciting project underway to improve the day room in Ward 61 of the Bristol Oncology Centre, with a focus on making it better for patients with babies and young children. "Our plans include creating a baby changing room, family dining area & kitchen, TV area, play area and a quiet area" says Wendy Gillard, Trustee of NCSF. We are also in the process of supplying fridges to the ward so that patients can have their own fridge in their rooms. "Ice and cold drinks are essential to people undergoing chemotherapy so this will really make a difference" says Wendy. 8 Fridges have now been delivered.



1st fridge delivery to ward



NCSF Craft Stall

Getting Crafty

Since the charity started many of the trustees, committee members and volunteers have discovered new found skills in jewellery making, knitting, card making and cooking. We have attended a number of craft fairs, fetes and workplaces, as well as selling from our own homes. We are always on the look out for new ideas and more volunteers—please contact us if you can help in any way! Many thanks to all our existing committed volunteers.

DSCRT

Nicola suffered from a rare form of cancer, desmoplastic small cell round tumour. With less than 200 reported cases worldwide, it is predominantly found in adolescent males. One of the NCSF aims is to donate funds to help research into rare cancers such as this. For more info look at www.dscrt.com

Become a NCSF 'Friend'

Pay an annual membership of £5 and become a 'friend' of the Nicola Corry Support Foundation. This means that you will receive copies of the newsletter, details of forthcoming events and benefit from discount off crafts and jewellery.

To join please do so on line at www.ncsf.org.uk or use the form at the end of this newsletter.



Thank You

This is an opportunity to thank **everyone** that supports the charity in any capacity at all — either as a sponsor, volunteer, fundraiser or by making donations and supporting events. NCSF has now made over £50k and with your support are working hard to now raise the next £50k!



Extra special thanks goes to **Jackson Walwin** aged 9 of Ashley Down School who raised the NCSF's fifty thousandth pound!! Jackson took a whopping £750 by bravely doing a sponsored head shave at school. Well done Jackson!



Thanks to **James Gunter & Jude King** who took the opportunity to raise money at the Chepstow races. They and their 12 friends jumped the fence and ran around the main parade ring, raising £105 as they raced. Well done all!



Huge thanks to the **BSS Group** who raised our largest single donation to date—a massive £7,560 through fundraising at a charity rugby dinner in London.

£60 was donated towards a cot for Ward 61 by **Kevin Moore**—Many thanks!

Thank you to **Stacey Cann** for holding a dress down day at work—AXA Sunlife—raising £50.

Thanks to **Leapfrog Day Nursery** in Bradley Stoke who held a 'Pink Day' and raised over £100. Thanks to all staff and parents for their support.



Thank you to **Ben Gunter** and all at the Black Swan (aka Dirty Duck) who raised £100 on an Easter Egg raffle. Congratulations to the winner—Ken Humphries!

We thank **Ken** too for organising the fantastic football pontoon that ran from October last year to May. This was a huge fundraising success and will be repeated later this year. Many thanks to all those who took part, we hope you will play again this season!



Thank you to **Wendy Gillard** for holding a pamper night in her own home, raising £120 for the charity. Thanks to Lesley, Mary & Julie for 'doing' the pampering and to all those who supported the evening.

Thank you to **Claire Corry, Sally Gillard, Scott Bullock and David Brady** who all ran the 10k Bradley Stoke Fun Run in June raising money for NCSF. Well done all—especially on such a hot day!

Thanks too to **Jules Smith** who raised money running the Bath Half Marathon this year.



Special thanks also goes to both **Bradley Stoke Town Council** and **Rio Pools** who have made the Nicola Corry Support Foundation their local charity of the year.



Exciting Plans for Music Gig at Colston Hall

The fantastic 'Daz' who performed brilliantly at our recent fundraising event on 2 June at the Brook Way Activity Centre, Bradley Stoke is now busy planning a night of music and fun at the Colston Hall later this year, on 1 November. Him, together with 4 other bands including Bristol's Fab 208 and Capone will perform and all profits made will go to the NCSF.

Daz is also compiling a CD for the charity—this will include the tracks that he has composed using some of Nicola's own poems as lyrics as well as music from the other performing bands. To hear Daz's songs log on to www.daz.uk.com Tickets are now on sale @ £10 per person. Please refer to the website for further information—www.ncsf.org.uk

The talented & very entertaining 'Daz'



Bristol Half Marathon- 9 September 2007

NCSF currently has a team of 10 that will be running the half marathon to raise funds for NCSF. If you are entered to run the marathon and would like to raise money for NCSF please contact julie@ncsf.org.uk for a sponsor form. We will also provide you with a logo and name for your t-shirt — and lots of encouragement on the day!

How Can I Help?

There are many ways in which you can help. If you would like to help, or to find out more information please complete the form below and return to , 11 Oaktree Crescent, Bradley Stoke, Bristol, BS32 9AB or claire@ncsf.org.uk

Make a Donation
(Cheques payable to NCSF)

Set Up Standing Order

Become a Volunteer

Organise an Event

Become a Friend

Purchase NCSF Xmas Cards

Leave a Legacy

Find out Further Information

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