

Belle's Story



Raising funds to support:-

- Puffin Ward, Withybush Hospital
- Noahs Ark Childrens Hospital
- Ty Hafan
- Great Ormond Street Hospital (Heart & Lungs)

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About Belle

Haverfordwest Ladies Circle is raising funds to help support an amazing 9 year old girl called Belle Curran who is on the waiting list for a lung transplant. We would love as much support as possible to provide inspirational Belle with funds to support her needs, as well as raising money for the fabulous charities that support her and also to raise awareness of the importance of organ donation.

Belle has an interstitial lung disease. Her lovely Mum Stella is used to explaining what this is and she says basically in Belles case her lungs are not spongy like ours, they are stiff and hard - and very scarred from the condition, it makes breathing a huge effort so she pants very quickly all the time, probably 3 times faster than other children. As you can imagine this is exhausting so she relies on a wheelchair to get about and it uses up masses of calories which then cause the issue of weight loss.

Belle takes lots of steroids every day, antibiotics, anti inflammatory drugs, anti acid, vitamin D, and various puffers, these all help to soften the lungs but have side effects too - one being loss of appetite. Belle has required oxygen 24/7 for over a year now which has it's difficulties but Belle takes it all in her stride despite the restrictions this places on her every day.

Fundraising

The intention is to raise money to support a number of charities that give life saving support, advice, care and respite to Belle and her amazing family, as well as funds for items that Belle may need to help her on her journey. Belle is keen to gift a portion of the money raised to Puffin Ward at Withybush Hospital, Noah's Ark Children's Hospital, Ty Hafan, Great Ormond Street Hospital (Heart & Lungs), and Make-A-Wish, as they've all made such a difference to her and her family.

Organ Donation

A donation is where a person donates their organs and tissues for transplant to someone else. You can help us save thousands of lives in the UK every year by agreeing to become an organ donor and telling your family you want to donate. Anyone can register to donate their organs and tissue when they die, regardless of their age or medical conditions.. Sadly, around three people every day die in need of an organ transplant. The more people who register and talk about organ donation, the more likely we are to find a match for Belle.

Please keep reading to learn about all the fabulous charities and causes we would like to support Belle to raise funds for:

Puffin Ward, Withybush Hospital

The Puffin Ward provides care to many children by a dedicated and hardworking team of healthcare professionals.

Belle has been treated at the unit on numerous occasions and during her visits, she has noticed items that the ward require to further benefit children and their families. With our support, she can help to purchase and provide these for others.

Noahs Ark Children's Hospital

Noahs Ark Hospital in Cardiff is a very special place where children and families receive not only medical support but also psychological and emotional support. Children often have to stay in hospital for a long duration of time and therefore having access to play and teaching specialists can also be an important part of their care.

Noahs Ark Charity raises money for specialist medical equipment and facilities exclusively for the hospital.

Since the age of 2 when Belle was diagnosed with Interstitial Lung Disease, she has been supported by this fantastic charity.

Ty Hafan

Ty Hafan is one of the UK's leading paediatric palliative care charities that provides holistic palliative care for children with life-limiting conditions and support for their families, throughout Wales.

Belle and her family have stayed at the hospice many times and each time Ty Hafan brings a huge smile to Belles' face. Your support can help to ensure more children benefit from this forward-thinking facility.

GOSH (Heart & Lungs)

Belle is currently on the list for a double lung transplant at GOSH. The expertise of these caring, professional people, creates hope for so many children, changing their lives for the better. We hope someday soon Belle along with others will receive their gift of a lifetime.

We anticipate our donation to be targeted especially to not only help the Heart and Lungs transplant programme but also to help with the provision of the amazing GOSH Charity child & family support services that ease the burden on families, raise spirits, and support children and young people through their life-saving treatment.

Make A Wish Foundation

The Make A Wish Foundation goes above and beyond to grant amazing wishes to very amazing children; their One True Wish made a reality at a time when they need it most. Because a child's life shouldn't be about illness, hospitals and diagnosis - it should be about wonder, joy and hope.

Belle has been granted a Wish and with our fundraising support she would love to be able to help other children to have theirs granted

Haverfordwest Ladies Circle needs your support!

Belle's Story is a cause close to our hearts. Belle's mum Stella is a member of Circle and is an inspiration to us all. We all want to do our bit to raise awareness of the importance of organ donation in the hope that Belle will receive the life changing operation she really needs.

To be able to further support the family by helping them to give back to all the amazing charities and causes that have already helped them and continue to provide all sorts of fabulous care and support for Belle and the family would be fantastic. So many children from across Wales will benefit from any funds we raise and provide to these services.