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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014

The trustees are pleased to present the annual report of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2014

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REGISTERED ADDRESS: Rico House, George Street, Prestwich
Manchester. M25 9WS

TRUSTEES Trustees who served during the year were as follows:

Dr Ruth Jameson	Brian White	- Chairman
Brian Wilkins	Ian Harlow	- Deputy Chairman
David Finn	William Blumenthal	
Shulamit Pfeffer	David Joseph	
Harry Johnston	Alan Tatler	
	Michelle M Jarvis (resigned 30/6/14)	

Trust Directors

Ghazala Baig - Chief Executive

Incorporation

The charity was founded in June 1985

The company was incorporated on 4th February 2003.

On 7th June 2004 it changed its name to MedEquip4Kids Limited

How Our Activities Achieve Public Benefit

The Charity carries out a wide range of activities in pursuance of its charitable aims. The Trustees consider that these activities detailed below and in the Impact Report provide benefit to the public.

Constitution, Objects and Policies

The charitable trust is constituted as a company limited by guarantee and is therefore governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association.

The objects of the charity are to promote:

- the relief of sickness and the preservation and protection of the health of children and young people by the provision of equipment and amenities to aid their recovery at all children's hospitals and units.
- research into sickness among children and young people and to disseminate and publish the useful results for the benefit of the public.

In the furtherance of these charitable objects, the charity is to raise funds and invite and receive from any person or persons whatsoever by way of subscription, donation and otherwise, provided that the charity does not undertake any permanent trading activities in raising funds for their charitable objects.

Principal Bankers

Barclays Bank plc
1 Victoria Avenue
Blackley
Manchester
M9 6RA

Auditor

Accountancy and Tax Planning Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants & Registered Auditors
67 Windsor Road
Prestwich
Manchester
M25 0DB

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Gunnercooke
53 King Street
Manchester
M2 4QL

Fixed Assets

Details of movements in fixed assets are shown in note 10 to the financial statements. Fixed assets are used for the management of the charity.

Investment Policy and Returns

Under the trust deed the charity has the power to make any investment which the trustees see fit. The trustees have considered the most appropriate policy for investing funds and have found that placing funds on deposit meet their requirements given the secure nature and accessibility of the funds. The trustees consider the return to be reasonable given the low risk nature of the deposits. However, this overall low risk policy is subject to periodic review.

Donated investments are held and realised at an appropriate time.

Information Technology

The company continues to invest in technology suitable to improve its performance in the charity sector.

Review of the Result and Reserves Policy

The trustees consider that the results set out in the attached accounts are satisfactory. They are of the opinion that the balance on the reserves are sufficient to meet any future commitments under the terms of funding.

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds at a level which covers current commitments under the terms of their funding.

Statutory Requirements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities, the Companies Act and the governing document.

Risk Management

The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks that the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reviews to be carried out so that necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks.

Description of Organisation

The charity is run by a team of volunteer trustees who manage the direction and policies of the charity. The day to day management is run by the Chief Executive who is supported by a team of fundraising and administrative staff and volunteers.

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Financial Review

Donations and event income has increased by £34,179 whilst the related costs of generating funds has reduced. This reflects the hard work undertaken by both trustees and staff to reduce expenditure and increase income sources.

Governance costs have remained in line with previous years.

Direct charitable expenditure increased and further increases are expected in the future.

Funds are available to permit the charity to continue in operation in the medium to long term and to continue to fund worthwhile projects. (see Impact Report).

Arrangements are in hand to continue to raise funds to finance the charity's activities and projects.

Reserves as stated in the accounts are as follows:

Unrestricted funds	79,568
Designated Funds	-
Restricted funds	54,715
Total	<u>134,283</u>

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity Law requires the trustees to prepare the financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity as at the Balance Sheet date and of its surplus or deficit for that year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make adjustments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the relevant legislation and with applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time its financial position and to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP (March 2005), applicable accounting standards and the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding its assets and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditors

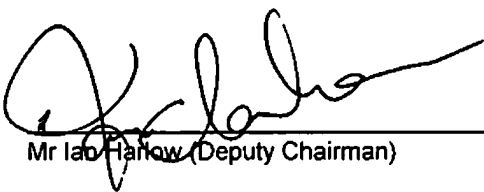
A resolution for the reappointment of Accountancy and Tax Planning Limited will be proposed at the forthcoming general meeting.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

On Behalf of the Board of Trustees:


Mr Brian White (Chairman)

DATE:


Mr Ian Harlow (Deputy Chairman)

DATE:

We have audited the accounts of MedEquip4Kids for the year ended 31st March 2014 which comprises the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of trustees/directors and auditors

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees/directors responsibilities, the trustees/directors are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and for being satisfied they give a true and fair view.

In accordance with the exemption provided by APB Ethical Standard – Provisions Available for Smaller Entities, we have prepared and submitted the company's returns to the tax authorities and assisted with the preparation of the accounts.

Scope of the audit opinion

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the accounts sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the accounts are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors; and the overall presentation of the accounts.

Opinion on the accounts

In our opinion the accounts:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31st March 2014 and of its result for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.


Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Trustees/Directors report for the financial year for which the accounts are prepared is consistent with the accounts.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the accounts are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees/directors were not entitled to prepare the accounts and the trustees/directors report in accordance with the small companies regime.



H Davies FCCA
Senior Statutory Auditor
Accountancy and Tax Planning Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants and Registered Auditors
67 Windsor Road
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DATE: 21st October 2014

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014**

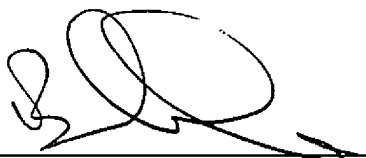
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE	Notes	Unrestricted	Unrestricted	Restricted	Year	Year
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Ended	Ended
		General	Designated		31.03.14	31.03.13
		£	£	£	Total	Total
					Funds	Funds
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Donations and Gifts		194,505	-	169,998	364,503	360,407
Donations in Kind	2/18	-	-	6,567	6,567	5,553
Savings Achieved	3	-	-	22,050	22,050	20,044
Events: UK and International		135,235	-	-	135,235	108,172
Bank Interest Received (Gross)		700	-	-	700	755
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		330,440	-	198,615	529,055	494,931
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Costs of Generating Funds	4	188,958	-	4,272	193,230	212,566
Direct Charitable Expenditure	5	123,474	-	200,691	324,165	304,797
Governance Costs	6	7,621	-	360	7,981	8,810
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	8	320,053	-	205,323	525,376	526,173
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		10,387	-	(6,708)	3,679	(31,242)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS						
Funds Brought Forward	15/16	69,181	-	61,423	130,604	161,846
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-	-
Funds Carried Forward	15/16	79,568	-	54,715	134,283	130,604

The attached notes form an integral part of these financial statements

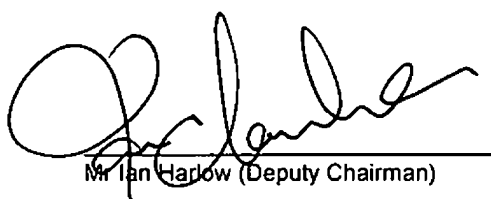
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2014

	Notes	2014		2013	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Fixed Assets	10		39		385
Investments	11		-		-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	17,037		26,910	
Cash at Bank		184,393		195,730	
Cash in Hand		39		105	
		<u>201,469</u>		<u>222,745</u>	
LIABILITIES:					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>67,225</u>		<u>92,526</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			134,244		130,219
TOTAL NET ASSETS			<u>134,283</u>		<u>130,604</u>
REPRESENTED BY:					
ACCUMULATED FUNDS					
Unrestricted	16		79,568		69,181
Designated Funds	16				-
Restricted	16		54,715		61,423
			<u>134,283</u>		<u>130,604</u>

Approved on behalf of the Directors/Trustees on 21st October 2014



Mr Brian White (Chairman)



Mr Ian Harlow (Deputy Chairman)

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP (March 2005), applicable accounting standards and the Companies Act 2006.

1.2 Incoming Resources

- ~ Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.
- ~ Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- ~ Grants and investment income are reflected in the accounts when receivable.
- ~ Grants which relate to a specified future period are deferred.
- ~ Donations, gifts and other income are reflected in the accounts when received.

1.3 Resources Expended

All expenditure other than that capitalised has been reflected in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis.

Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Charitable expenditure includes those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of events for fundraising purposes.

1.4 Valuation, Capitalisation and Depreciation of Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. The costs of minor additions or those costing below £500 are not capitalised. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures and Fittings & Office equip. 20% on cost

1.5 Taxation

The organisation is exempt from income tax by reason of its charitable status.

Income tax suffered on investment income is reclaimed in full. The organisation is not registered for value added tax but can claim exemption from certain purchases (see note 3)

1.6 Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date.

1.7 Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

2 DONATIONS IN KIND

The amounts shown of £6,567 (2013: £5,553) were valued by the Chief Executive.

3 SAVINGS ACHIEVED (BENEFITS CONFERRED BY CHARITABLE STATUS)

As a result of its charitable status, the charity has achieved savings on the buying of medical equipment for the hospitals at discounts/donations for £22,050 (2013: £20,044) net of VAT estimated by the Chief Executive.

Other benefits brought about by the charity which were not included in the Statement of Financial Activities were savings achieved on its obtaining Value Added Tax exemption on the purchase of medical equipment and building costs. The amount saved as calculated by the Chief Executive was £29,146 (2012: £26,514)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014

4		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2014 £	Total 2013 £
	COST OF GENERATING FUNDS				
	Staff Salaries & Pensions	69,602		69,602	66,565
	Travel & Motor Expenses	1,826		1,826	2,207
	UK and International Events	54,425		54,425	74,418
	United Kingdom Events	-	-	-	-
	Home Money Boxes	312		312	2,710
	Committees, Groups & Associations	1,897		1,897	1,933
	Corporate & Charitable Trusts	13,976		13,976	2,051
	Donor Dev. and other fundraising costs	-	-	-	789
	Newsletter and printing	5,006		5,006	3,369
	Donated Prizes/Goods	-	3,312	3,312	3,192
	Support Costs (see note 7)	41,914	960	42,874	55,332
		188,958	4,272	193,230	212,566

5		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2014 £	Total 2013 £
	CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE				
	Schools and Project Programmes	-	-	-	28,126
	Support costs	45,406	1,040	46,446	59,943
	Medical Equipment Donated	78,068	177,601	255,669	196,684
		123,474	178,641	302,115	284,753
	Saving achieved - Note 3	-	22,050	22,050	20,044
	TOTAL CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE	123,474	200,691	324,165	304,797

6		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2014 £	Total 2013 £
	GOVERNANCE COSTS				
	Insurance	1,543	-	1,543	1,866
	Audit and Accountancy Fees	2,576	-	2,576	3,007
	Donated accountancy	-	360	360	361
	Food, Drinks & Catering Costs	202	-	202	276
	Wages and salaries	3,300	-	3,300	3,300
		7,621	360	7,981	8,810

Governance costs include payments to the auditors of £2,576 (2013 reporting accountants fees of £3,007) in respect of audit and accountancy fees.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014

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	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2014	Total 2013
SUPPORT COSTS				
	£	£	£	£
Staff Salaries & Pensions	54,570	-	54,570	79,458
Postage, Printing, Stationery	5,006	-	5,006	3,370
Travel and mileage	1,826	-	1,826	2,208
Offices Costs incl Telephone & Light & Heat	13,962	-	13,962	13,920
Repairs, Computer Maintenance	8,820	-	8,820	9,275
General Expenses	712	-	712	819
Training, Conferences and recruitment	1,320	-	1,320	970
Donated professional fees	-	2,000	2,000	2,000
Bank Charges	758	-	758	658
Depreciation and amortisation	346	-	346	2,597
	<u>87,320</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>89,320</u>	<u>115,275</u>
Charitable expenditure	45,406	1,040	46,446	59,943
Cost of generating funds	41,914	960	42,874	55,332
	<u>87,320</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>89,320</u>	<u>115,275</u>

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TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Staff Costs	Depreciation Assets Loss	Other Costs	Total 2014	Total 2013
	£	£	£	£	£
Costs of Generating Funds	69,602	-	80,754	150,356	157,234
Services Provided	89,624	-	188,095	277,719	244,854
Governance Costs	3,300	-	4,681	7,981	8,810
Support	54,570	346	34,404	89,320	115,275
	<u>217,096</u>	<u>346</u>	<u>307,934</u>	<u>525,376</u>	<u>526,173</u>

Staff Costs:	£	£
Wages and Salaries	198,128	202,201
Social Security Costs	17,181	16,875
Redundancy and Pay in Lieu	-	-
Pension Costs	1,787	1,393
	<u>217,096</u>	<u>220,469</u>

No employee earned £60,000 per annum or more.

The average number of employees, analysed by function was:

Services	5	5
Fundraising and Publicity	4	4
Management and Administration	2	2
	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>

	2014	2013
Other Costs	£	£
Medical Equipment & Savings Achieved	181,263	166,107
Schools Programme	-	2,024
Fundraising & Other Expenses	70,610	85,093
Travel & Motor	5,477	6,623
Insurance	1,543	1,866
Printing, Stationery, Telephone & Office Costs	28,980	24,028
Professional & Accounting	2,772	3,368
Minor Equipment & Repairs	8,820	9,275
Sundries, Books etc.	2,039	2,065
Bank Charges	758	658
Donated Costs	5,672	2,000
Amortisation and depreciation	346	2,597
	<u>308,280</u>	<u>305,704</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014

9 TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

No remuneration, directly or indirectly out of the funds of the charity, was paid or payable, to any trustee or to any persons known to be connected with any of them.

No reimbursement of expenses has been made, or is due to be made, to any of the trustees in respect of the period.

10 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Office Equipment £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Total £
COST			
At 1 April 2013	11,509	365	11,874
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 March 2014	<u>11,509</u>	<u>365</u>	<u>11,874</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2013	11,125	364	11,489
Charge for Year	346	-	346
At 31 March 2014	<u>11,471</u>	<u>364</u>	<u>11,835</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2014	<u>38</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>39</u>
At 31 March 2013	<u>384</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>385</u>

11 INVESTMENTS

	2014 £	2013 £
At 1 April	-	-
Market Value of Investments at 31 March	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Investments have been valued by the trustees taking into account the restrictions placed on the investments and their current net realisable value of £nil.
Investments consist of overseas listed investments.

12 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

	2014 £	2013 £
Contracted for but not provided	<u>nil</u>	<u>nil</u>

13 DEBTORS

	2014 £	2013 £
Prepayments	12,700	22,390
Gift aid tax	4,337	4,520
	<u>17,037</u>	<u>26,910</u>

14 LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2014 £	2013 £
Accruals	63,171	87,873
Other taxes and social security costs	4,054	4,653
	<u>67,225</u>	<u>92,526</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014

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ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Fixed Assets £	Net Current Assets £	Total 2014 £	Total 2013 £
Total restricted funds	-	54,715	54,715	61,423
Designated funds	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted funds	39	79,529	79,568	69,181
	<u>39</u>	<u>134,244</u>	<u>134,283</u>	<u>130,604</u>

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RESTRICTED FUNDS:

	Balance at 01/04/13	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfer	Balance at 31/03/14
Birmingham Heartlands	-	5,057	3,950	-	1,107
Blackpool Victoria	1,388	3,239	4,627	-	-
Bolton Physiotherapy Team	1,451	2,500	3,951	-	-
Burnley General	-	9,030	6,009	-	3,021
Calderdale Hospital	2,505	-	2,505	-	-
Continence equipment	-	24,693	24,573	-	120
Countess of Chester	-	500	500	-	-
Fairfield Hospital	14,501	12,086	3,910	-	22,677
North Manchester General Hospital	327	1,250	1,577	-	-
Ormskirk & District Gen Hospital	-	5,884	5,884	-	-
Other	854	-	854	-	-
Royal Bolton Hospital	-	21,323	21,323	-	-
Royal Oldham Hospital	18,550	17,320	33,790	-	2,080
Stepping Hill Hospital	5,324	49,438	31,579	-	23,183
The Children's Air Ambulance	5,000	-	5,000	-	-
Trafford General	-	1,260	1,260	-	-
Warrington	250	-	250	-	-
Wigan infirmary	11,273	14,748	24,420	-	1,601
Wirral milk bank	-	1,670	744	-	926
Gifts in kind and savings achieved	-	28,617	28,617	-	-
	<u>61,423</u>	<u>198,615</u>	<u>205,323</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>54,715</u>
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					
General funds	69,181	330,440	320,053	-	79,568
	<u>130,604</u>	<u>529,055</u>	<u>525,376</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>134,283</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014

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DONATIONS RECEIVED

These are donations received from the public for the purpose of purchasing paediatric medical equipment, funding enhancements to facilities that improve the delivery of children's healthcare, and the operating costs of the charity.

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DONATED GOODS AND SERVICES***Fundraising and Publicity:***

Donated medical equipment

Management and Administration:

Donated Office Costs incl. Telephone, Computer Exp, etc.

2014
£2013
£

895

-

5,672

5,553

6,5675,553

MedEquip4Kids

Impact Report and Accounts 2013-2014



at a glance

16 – number of hospitals helped

34 – number of continence teams helped

70 – number of projects delivered

188 – number of items purchased and delivered to hospitals

447 – number of people who walked, cycled, ran or jumped out of a plane

2,728 – number of families collecting pennies at home

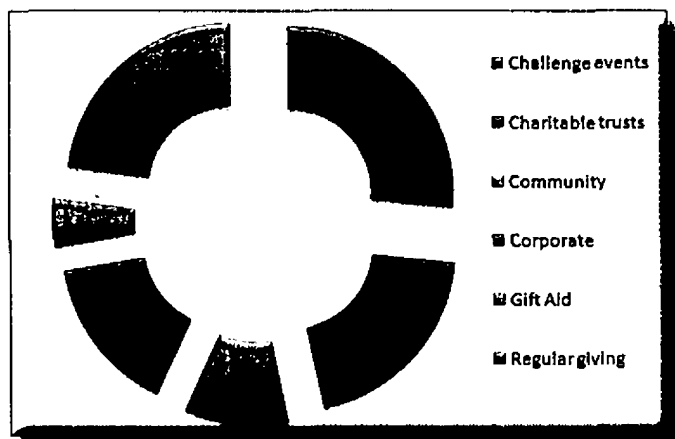
109,207 – number of children to directly benefit from our work

our best ever!

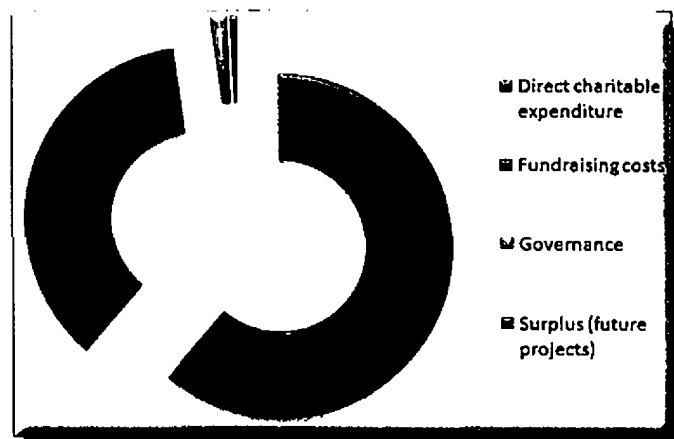
This year we have saved **£51,196** through charity discounts and savings

For every **£1** we spent, **62p** was spent on improving children's health, **2p** on running the charity and **36p** was invested in fundraising to make another **£1**.

where it came from



where it went



welcome

We're proud to report an exceptional year of achievement for MedEquip4Kids. We funded equipment at 50 hospitals and health centres, improving the health of around 109,200 children - the highest number of beneficiaries on record since the charity was founded almost 30 years ago.

As well as increasing our impact, we raised more funds than last year and reduced our running costs, allowing us to spend more directly on children's healthcare. Every day, families and medical teams tell us about the difference we make to young patients' lives. You can read their stories on pages 4-5.

Highlights included the opening in February of a sensory garden at Swanbourne Gardens, a respite care home for children with life-limiting disabilities. In March, we funded a further sensory garden at Burnley General Hospital, with the help of our corporate supporters Kier Construction and NG Bailey.

Our programme of challenge events continues to attract enthusiastic participants from across the North West and beyond. In May, our Chief Executive Ghazala Baig took part in the BUPA Great Manchester 10k Run, raising an impressive £1,300.

As always, we'd like to thank everyone who has contributed to our success: our team of staff and volunteers, the numerous companies, charitable trusts and local groups who fund our work, and the thousands of individuals who kindly support the charity year after year.

Our best wishes to you all.



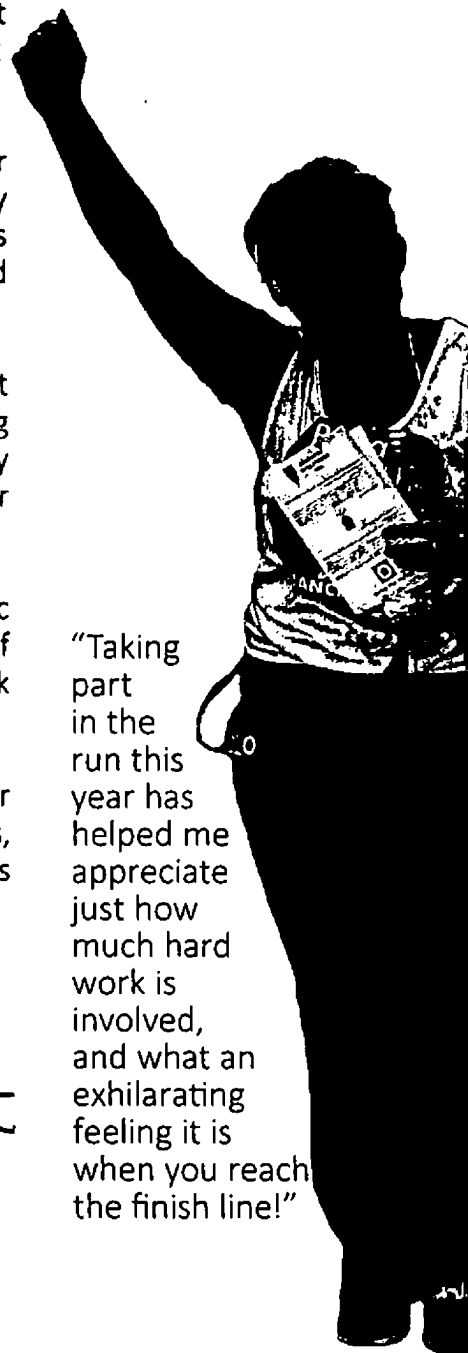
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making a difference

Wigan's tiniest baby inspires huge generosity!

Ella-Jo was born on 29th December 2012 at Wigan Infirmary, 14 weeks premature. She weighed just 1lb 1oz, and that weight included the tubes attached her, so doctors estimated her real weight to be as little as 1lb. Ella-Jo was the smallest baby to be born at Wigan Infirmary in the past 35 years!

Now approaching 18 months old, Ella-Jo is still a little fighter, and despite regular hospital visits, is making really good progress and is ahead of her milestones.

Ella-Jo's mum Toni chose to support MedEquip4Kids because she wanted to be sure her money would go towards providing lifesaving neo natal equipment at Wigan Infirmary to help other premature babies like Ella-Jo.



Toni has been busy organising events and holding collections and raffles to raise money to provide breast pumps and neopuffs for the neo natal unit in Wigan to say thank you for the care Ella-Jo received.



Spring sunshine in Stockport

Swanbourne Gardens is a respite care home for children with life limiting and complex health needs. It is used by Stockport families to give parents a break from caring for children with very high needs. The home can take up to five children at a time, usually for two or three nights over a weekend, and on average 50 children use the facility, with that number rising each year.

Sam from Stockport was born with Down's syndrome, and sadly at two and a half, just as he was learning to walk, a cardiac arrest left him brain damaged. Sam needs one-to-one care as he is oxygen dependent, unable to walk or talk, and in a wheelchair. However he is aware of his surroundings and recognises voices.

Sam's mum Louise says: "Sam loves anything sensory like lights and music."

He has been going to Swanbourne Gardens about once a month for the last three years and the staff are really good with him. He enjoys being outside in the garden and enjoys watching the birds and the planes going past."

MedEquip4Kids has fully kitted out a new sensory garden and provided play and therapy equipment for the home thanks to donations from the Sobell Foundation, Hurst & Company Accountants, UK Healthcare, Stockport Sheet Metal, Withington Golf Club, the John Lewis Partnership, Royal Bank of Scotland and several charitable trusts and groups.



It's a family affair in Bolton

Joe was born in September 2010. During labour he was deprived of oxygen, so was transferred to Liverpool Women's Hospital to receive emergency treatment. There, Joe's brain was cooled to around 33°C to prevent brain damage.

His parents were told he had a 50% chance of suffering permanent brain damage, but the early signs were good.

After three days he opened his eyes and looked around him. Joe is now a happy healthy toddler with no lasting problems. Joe's dad Charlie says: "We feel very lucky that Joe was born when he was - a few years earlier and Joe's life may have taken a very different path."

We heard all about Joe and his story through his granddad Chris Bradshaw. Chris has supported MedEquip4Kids' projects in Bolton through his involvement with the Bradshaw Gass Charitable Trust. This year, the Trust has funded a new system for fitting hearing aids in children and babies from across Bolton.

They also donated £7,000 to help fund seventeen oxygen saturation monitors to accurately assess the

pulse rate and oxygen saturation of a poorly child in their home and reduce the need for hospital admissions.



"I have been there as a grandparent, helpless and relying on the staff and equipment to save my grandchild, that is why we help in our small way and why we will continue to do so."

Chris Bradshaw,
Bradshaw Gass
Charitable Trust.

Playtime in Burnley

Alex is a little boy with significant developmental delay and mobility problems. He attends the Rainbows Centre at Burnley General Hospital for therapy and treatment. In the past it was difficult for Alex to go outside and experience new things because Alex needs two staff with him at all times and access can be difficult.

Thanks to a fundraising campaign by our partners Kier Construction and NG Bailey, MedEquip4Kids has provided a new sensory garden for children like Alex. The new garden has fully

accessible paths, seating, play equipment, sensory planting and a light and sound archway as well as a play house, ball tower, interactive toys and games.

Alex is now able to access the outdoor play area during his therapy sessions, gaining greater mobility, wider experiences and an opportunity to enjoy the outdoors. Alex particularly loves playing with the musical instruments and touching the different plants.



"Coming here has really helped our whole family. Oscar loves coming to the groups and I've already noticed the difference it has made to his general wellbeing. It's been great for me too as I've made a new friend in Emily whose son is also receiving treatment here. We would never have met had it not been for the Rainbow Centre."

Natasha - mum to Oscar



spreading our wings



Baby Freddie flies home!

Freddie was born four weeks early, healthy but very small. His parents were at a wedding in Leeds and a long way from home in London. He was far too delicate to endure the 5 hour journey by land ambulance, so The Children's Air Ambulance was called in to help get Freddie home.

The Children's Air Ambulance helicopter can fly a baby around four times faster than a journey by road.

Anna said: "Although we received fantastic care at Leeds, we were still a long way



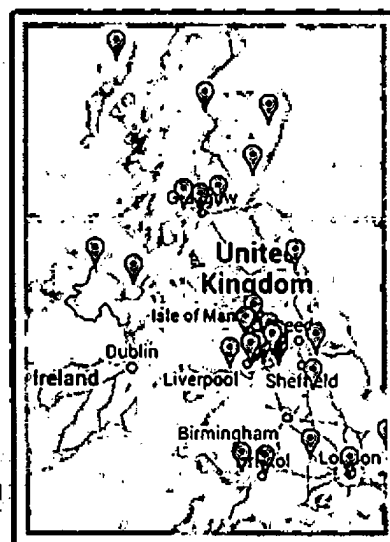
from home. We are so grateful to The Children's Air Ambulance as without them we would have been forced to stay several hundred miles away from the support of our friends and family."

MedEquip4Kids funded the servicing and upgrade of a Baby Pod incubator to keep babies well during the journey.

Continence projects 2013-2014

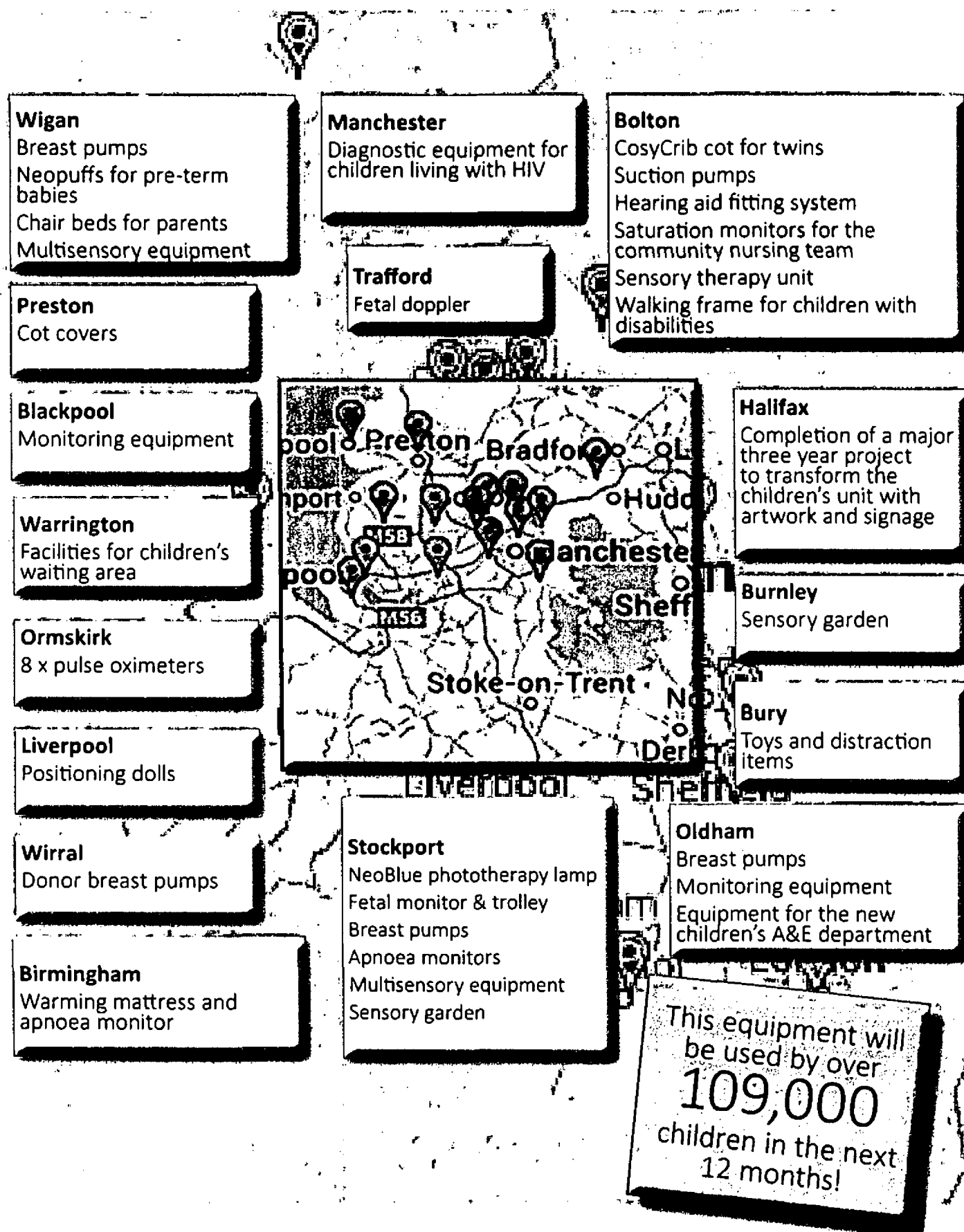
This year we continued our successful project to fund paediatric continence work. This is an underfunded and often ignored problem. The books, resources we provide improve the chances of children becoming free of the stigma of daytime and night-time wetting.

We delivered resources to 34 teams across the UK from Stornoway to



Belfast to East Anglia. The equipment we provided this year will directly benefit 14,130 children.

where it all went



spotlight on fundraising

Whitecroft Lighting raises over £11,000 for local kids

Ashton-based company Whitecroft Lighting adopted us as charity of the year and took part in the London Marathon, the BUPA Great Manchester Run, and our own Trek50 and Lancashire Loop Cycle Challenge. The amazing £11,285 they raised will help provide a sensory garden at Stepping Hill Hospital, equipment for Royal Oldham Hospital, and diagnostic tools for use with children with HIV.



Hurst Accountants make it better

Hurst Accountants from Tiviot Dale, Stockport have shown fantastic commitment to MedEquip4Kids this year, raising over £8,000 by organising events such as a charity bike ride from Hull to Holland, a football tournament for local companies, and by taking part in the BUPA Great Manchester Run. The money has been used to help fund apnoea monitors

for babies with breathing difficulties at Stepping Hill Hospital, a fetal monitor for the neo natal unit, and a new outdoor sensory area.



Staff at Royal Oldham raise funds for new children's A&E

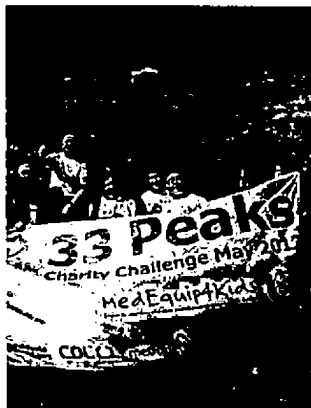
We'd like to thank the staff at Royal Oldham Hospital for all their hard work organising cake sales and sponsored challenges. Their contributions will provide medical equipment, toys and games for the new children's accident and emergency unit, giving sick or injured children excellent medical care.



Team JMC complete epic 33 Peak Challenge

Staff at Salford-based JMC IT hiked under treacherous conditions throughout the night to complete a 38-

mile, 33 peak, 24-hour challenge, raising over £15,000 for MedEquip4Kids. Staff undertook months of tough training to prepare for the trek, which involved scaling over 17,000 feet of some of the Lake District's most renowned peaks, facing hail storms and gale-force winds as they pushed on through the night to the finish.



Charitable trusts

We are extremely grateful to our charitable trust donors, who play a vital role in funding our projects. In particular we'd like to thank the following:

Sobell Foundation for donating £5,000 play equipment at Swanbourne Gardens

Hick Charitable Trust gave £6,053 to fund our UK-wide continence projects

Novak Djokovic Foundation contributed £6,915 towards the garden at Stepping Hill Hospital

Openwork Foundation gave £7,726 for equipment for the children's A&E unit at Royal Oldham and £4,300 for equipment

for the children's A&E unit at Fairfield General
Bradshaw Gass Trust donated £16,216 to provide medical equipment at Royal Bolton Hospital.

Cathedral singers raise the roof

Our Christmas sing-along at Manchester Cathedral raised the roof and a record-breaking £3,500. Primary school choirs from across the region, a brass band, steel orchestra and teenage a cappella group, along with the Manchester Gospel Choir, wowed the audience with their talents. A huge thank you goes to all the performers and teachers, as well as to the cathedral staff and our compere, Brian Carson.



Sun shines on our Lancashire Loop cyclers

Over 100 cyclists set off from Cockerham Village Hall to cover 100 or 50 miles through the Lancashire countryside, and were greeted with glorious sunshine. Everyone completed the route this year, despite a punishing headwind on the final stretch across

Cockerham Sands. Well done to all who took part, and a special mention to Burnt Tree van hire and the ladies of Slaidburn, Chipping, Kirkland and Cherestanc WI for their fabulous baking skills.



Chocolate lovers turn out for Christmas treat

Greater Manchester chocolate lovers once more enjoyed the delights of Slattery Patisserie & Chocolatier in Whitefield at our annual Christmas Chocolate Extravaganza, which raised £5,428 for the charity. Our thanks to John Slattery, owner of the world-renowned shop.



Handbags and glad rags at Shimmer Ball

Our annual Shimmer Ball was a huge success, raising £34,000 to

provide a sensory garden for sick children in Stockport. The ball, which this year had a masquerade theme, was held at the Manchester Radisson Blu Hotel, and saw over 200 charity supporters party the night away. Chief Executive Ghazala Baig, says: "We'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who contributed to make the evening such a fantastic success."



Trek50 hiking heroes make it through the rain

The severe winds, rain and fog made our Trek50 event in June a test of determination and will-power. Thirty three teams set out from Littleborough Rugby Club to take on the gruelling 50-mile circuit, and the determination of our walkers was inspirational! The first team home were



Lattimer 2013, in an astounding 17 hours 45 minutes. Thanks to everyone who gave their time and helped make the event such a success, raising over £70,000.

Edwina Currie hosts breakfast for business community

Over 100 businesspeople from across Manchester attended our networking breakfast, Currie for Breakfast, which took place in September during the Conservative Party Conference. Former Secretary of State for Health, Edwina Currie, addressed the room with anecdotes from her 30 years in politics, followed by a lively question and answer session. Thanks to Edwina for her time, and to ClearDebt Group plc for sponsoring the event, which raised over £6,000.



Sun comes out for Team MedEquip runners

The sunny weather made it a perfect day for our 187 runners in the

BUPA Great Manchester 10k Run in May. This year participants included our Chief Executive, Ghazala Baig, who says: "Taking part in the run this year has helped me appreciate just how much hard work is involved, and what an exhilarating feeling it is when you reach the finish line! We're very proud of you all."



Thanks to:

- Stockport Harriers for kindly choosing us as beneficiary of the Stockport 10 race in December. The event raised £1,082.
- TSB branches in Manchester, who raised a fabulous £2,006 through cake sales and raffles.
- The ladies of Heaton Moor Golf Club, who raised £3,271 for play equipment at Stepping Hill Hospital. Jackie Hall, Lady Captain at Heaton Moor, chose to support MedEquip4Kids because as a former nurse in the neo natal unit at Salford Royal Hospital, she has seen first hand how we help local babies and children.
- The ladies' and men's sections of Withington Golf Club, who raised £4,000 for the sensory garden at Swanbourne Gardens.

looking ahead

We've got an exciting year in front of us as we continue our existing support of local hospitals and take on new projects to benefit children's health. For the first time we'll be supporting Childhood and Adolescent Mental Health services (CAMHS) by funding resources not available from NHS budgets. With 20% of children each year experiencing mental health difficulties ranging from Asperger's syndrome and autism to anxiety and depression, there is an urgent need to support CAMHS teams in their work with children and families in the community.

We plan to complete two big projects at the A&E units at Fairfield Hospital in Bury and at Royal Oldham Hospital, both of which are being redesigned to include a dedicated children's area. We've been fundraising all year and will begin delivery of the equipment in the new financial year. We'll also be funding a sensory and therapy garden at the children's Treehouse Unit at Stepping Hill Hospital, creating an attractive and relaxing outdoor space for the 26,000 children visiting the unit each year.

In Easter 2014 we're delighted to introduce a brand new event: the MedEquip4Kids Quays Duck Race at Salford Quays. We hope the event will help to raise our profile in the local community as well as raising funds.

Finally we'd like to thank you for all your support over the year, which has helped us do so much to give babies and children the best possible care.

With warm wishes from everyone at MedEquip4Kids

