

The newsletter for those receiving care and support from The Treehouse

February 2017



Welcome to February's Family Corner...

Welcome to the February 2017 edition of Family Corner. Read on for all the latest news, updates and events coming soon.

As always, we welcome your views, so if you have any suggestions for future editions, please don't hesitate to get in touch, or fill in our [feedback form](#) on the website. We'd also love to hear from you if you'd like to contribute to Family Corner, so if you are a budding writer and would like to share your experience with other families, please get in touch!

If you no longer wish to receive Family Corner, just let me know, or click on the 'unsubscribe' link at the bottom of the email.

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Text messaging is go!

The EACH Comms team sent our first text message to families on 28th November last year, and since then it's been all go! We've been able to let families know about loads of fantastic ticket offers, including pantomimes and weekend breaks. We were also able to give a family the opportunity for a last minute trip to the Olympia Horse Show in London after we were donated tickets by a generous supporter just days before the event.



If you would like to receive alerts about ticket offers and various other information by text, please fill in the form on our website: www.each.org.uk/texting

(Please note you can opt in or out of receiving text messages from EACH at any time – opt-out information is included in every text, or you can simply contact the admin team at your local hospice).

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EACH model of care Evaluation: Looking to the future



Over the past few years we have been developing a more person centred approach to the way we care for and support families – developing our services to meet all levels of need, for all family members.

We now need to do a stock take of where we are now, to inform future care development and delivery. We are asking for feedback from families in various different ways – visit www.each.org.uk/LookingToTheFuture for more information about the project, and how you can have your say.

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HRH The Duchess of Cambridge visits Quidenham



On Tuesday 24th January we were delighted to welcome our Royal Patron HRH The Duchess of Cambridge to our Quidenham hospice. The Duchess met with families, staff and volunteers, and took a tour of the hospice, seeing for herself why the nook appeal, which she helped launch in 2014, is so vital.

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Colour Tangle has begun!



Our new Colour Tangle groups are small creative art groups based on the popularity of colouring books/zentangle designs. They offer a creative way of managing stress by exploring and playing with your own creative nature. The groups are open to all adults using EACH services. To encourage local friendships we are setting up in various venues – see our website for locations in Suffolk and Essex. The groups will meet once a month from now until June. You can bring your own books and pencils/felt pens but pages and materials will also be available for use on the day.

For venues and times booking is essential: contact ipswichadmin@each.org.uk

Places can be booked up until the day before the group.

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A request to share your artwork with EACH supporters

Calling all budding artists!

We had some great feedback to our request for artwork in the last edition of Family Corner, but we'd love to have as much lovely artwork as possible! To remind you...

We're on the look-out for lots of artwork produced by



children and young people for showcasing in our marketing materials, online and as framed limited edition prints for presenting to long-term volunteers and supporters. The artwork can be anything you already have or we can talk to you about creating a new piece.

All original work is returned once prints have been made and we provide families with their own special copies of how the artwork has been reproduced.

All artwork remains anonymous and labelled as 'Artwork produced by a young person at East Anglia's Children's Hospices.'

If you would like to submit or produce something (one piece or many!), we'd really love to hear from you!

Please contact:
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Focus on... EACH in Australia!

Find out how EACH are supporting Hummingbird House, a new children's hospice in Queensland, Australia...

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Get involved with our service user engagement group



EACH is committed to welcoming and including service users' voices in all aspects of our work, and we are looking for some help to develop how we do this. We are setting up a small group to meet and discuss how we can best work together to engage with service users. The initial meeting will last approximately two hours, when arrangements for further meetings and your involvement will be considered. If you are interested in helping with this work we would like to hear from you - please contact Carolyn Roberts, Head of Education and Quality by emailing carolyn.roberts@each.org.uk or call 01473 271334.



Drum kit available for loan

We have a drum kit available for loan at The Treehouse. Families may loan the kit for 4 months. The kit is a full professional acoustic drum kit with cymbals, etc. You will need to organise transport to collect the kit and also return it after use. If anyone is interested, please contact Ray Travasso, music therapist on 01473 271334 or email ray.travasso@each.org.uk

Ipswich Town season ticket

offer



We have been given access to a pair of season tickets (1 x adult and 1 x child under 16) for the remaining Ipswich Town home league fixtures this season. The tickets are in the upper tier of the East of England Co-Op stand so not wheelchair accessible. The tickets (credit card style) will need to be collected from The Treehouse and returned in good time for the next match after each use.

If you are interested, please contact Ipswich Admin, indicating which game you wish to attend - ipswichadmin@each.org.uk; 01473 271334.

Please note the tickets are first-come-first-served, and limited to one game per family.

For match details and kick off times, please visit our website.

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Female Carers - Film Night



The long awaited request for a film night is going to be fulfilled with a screening of 'Mama Mia' at the Treehouse for Female Carers Night - Thursday 16th March, 7pm to 9.30pm.

There will also be an alternative environment for those wishing for a more peaceful evening.

Book now to reserve your place - visit our website for details.

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Festive Fun at The Treehouse



We had a lot of fun over the recent festive season, with our annual Christmas party, an interactive sensory pantomime experience with Christmas for Kids, Carols by Candlelight, and a new Santa's Grotto event in The Treehouse grounds...

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Events

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Please let us know if you're planning to attend any of our events – this will help us organise catering and to advise families if arrangements change, or if an event needs to be cancelled. See below for a selection of events coming up soon, and click 'View all Events' above to see our full up-to-date calendar on our website.



Sibling event

Friday 17th February, 10.30am - 3pm

Address: The Treehouse, IP3 8NS

For siblings in full-time school up to 16 years old.

Contact: Lynn, Hailey or Dan

Tel: 01473 271334

Email: ipswichadmin@each.org.uk

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Music Therapy and Cake

Friday 24th February, 10.30am - 12noon

Address: The Treehouse, IP3 8NS

For service users under 5 years old & their families.

Contact: Ray Travasso

Tel: 01473 271334

Email: ipswichadmin@each.org.uk

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Bereaved families' group

Saturday 18th March, 2pm - 4.30pm

Address: The Treehouse, IP3 8NS

For all bereaved parents and their families.

Theme - 'Butterflies'. Afternoon tea provided.

Please RSVP by 1st March.

Contact: Tel: 01473 271334

Email: ipswichadmin@each.org.uk

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We realise some people may feel put off coming to an event because they don't know anyone who'll be there. Please let us know if you'd like us to put you in touch with another family going to the same event. We know many families have found the links and friendships they've made through coming to events very helpful, and there are a number of families who'd like to help in this way.

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