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The Love Hearts Appeal



The Love Hearts Appeal aims to raise vital funds for research at Great Ormond Street Hospital into cardiac conditions in children.

Three-year old **Connie's** favourite colour is blue. She's treated for a heart condition at GOSH and will need a transplant.

Catherine had a heart transplant at GOSH when she was 15. She set up the Love Hearts Appeal to help other seriously ill children fulfil their potential.



Catherine's story

On Easter Sunday 2006, when I was 15, I noticed that my heart was beating faster than normal. My parents took me to our local hospital in Jersey, where tests showed I was experiencing heart failure. I was immediately admitted to the intensive care unit and then flown to Great Ormond Street Hospital by air ambulance.

During this time I was trying to study for my GCSEs but, after a few more scares resulting in further visits to Great Ormond Street Hospital, my heart finally gave up. Through the incredible care of the doctors and nurses I survived this and was placed on a life-support machine in the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit [CICU] for over a week before I had a heart transplant.

With their total dedication I made a good recovery.



The Love Hearts Appeal

I am happy to say that thanks to the commitment of all those that have supported the Love Hearts Appeal, we have successfully funded a new cubicle in the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit at Great Ormond Street Hospital.

We are now raising vital funds for research into cardiac related conditions in children.

If you would like to find out more about supporting to Love Hearts Appeal please get in touch on lovehearts@gosh.org

Thank you.

Catherine MacLachlan
Former GOSH patient



Through the Love Hearts Appeal you can make a difference

Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity helps fund pioneering research to tackle complex childhood illnesses.

The Love Hearts Appeal will fund groundbreaking research that could help save the lives of children undergoing heart transplants. The project aims to understand the cause of the most common reason for transplant failure and understand what steps could be taken to overcome it.

The Love Hearts Appeal also raises awareness of registering your details on the NHS Organ Donor Register. You can find out more information at organdonation.nhs.uk



"This is truly vital and exciting research which deserves all the support we can give it. Nothing humans do is more worthwhile than reducing childhood suffering."

Bill Bryson OBE
Best-selling author and
Love Hearts patron



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How you can help

Make a donation

You can make a donation to the Love Hearts Appeal by visiting **gosh.org/lovehearts** or by calling us on **020 3841 3131**.

Fundraising events

There are so many ways you can get involved, from holding your own event to taking part in a sponsored challenge.

Visit **gosh.org/fundraising** to find out more or get in touch on **lovehearts@gosh.org** or **020 3841 3131**.

Thank you for your support.

Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity

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