Many of the children and young people we support require innovative treatment through specialist services. Their conditions mean that the available care is not always tailored to their unique needs, and this can lead to their care being less than ideal. Stichting Specialised Healthcare Alliance (SHCA) works with the NHS England to ensure that patients remain at the top of the agenda. We will continue to work in partnership with the NHS and SPHCA to improve outcomes for seriously ill children, young people and their families. The election will change all of that – we won’t be asking you to vote again.

Self-esteem in teenagers with Sickle Cell

Sickle cell anaemia is a rare, inherited condition that affects the blood. It can cause serious problems which can lead to death, and a stressful cycle of pain and even strokes. Roald Dahl nurse specialist Fiona Adewumi specialises in sickle cell disease. Matilda has sickle cell and Thalassemia, a condition affecting the blood.

It is a life-long condition which can cause lethargy, bouts of extreme pain and even strokes. Six Roald Dahl nurses specialise in this area, and they also support innovation through our ‘Marvellous Nurse Inventing Hands’ project. The project created and ran new support sessions for young people with sickle cell in Nottingham to help them to focus on being a family, helping them to be stronger together to face every challenge.

Knowing that your child might not live to see tomorrow, can be unimaginable. Sadly for Matilda’s mum, this is her reality. Matilda is just five years old. Soon after Matilda was diagnosed, she and her mum began taking part in a clinical trial led by Dr Bethune Brown. Matilda loved all of the places that they went together, and her mum was especially happy that the project took place in a clinical setting. The project focused on helping the children and their families to manage their condition. It was difficult, but the support team gave them a lot of help and made together. The success of this innovation project gave an opportunity to share what had been learned and to improve further support for young people like Matilda. Thank you for helping us to ensure that we can continue to work to make this a better supported area.
Dahl nurses speak out in leading a full life outside the hospital too. “We’re all buzzing about Marvellous Busy Bees,” said one nurse, who described the event as “a really special day.”

Our Marvellous fundraising team is buzzing because our nurses and doctors have discovered the value of encouraging their patients to do new, enjoyable things; meeting other young people; and sharing their experiences to create a new family support network. Our nurses were treated to see the Centre of Childhood Cancer at Roald Dahl’s House, as well as enjoying a tour of the Roald Dahl Museum and Café. The event was specifically designed to help seriously ill children and their families.

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**Dahl Nurses Conference**

Roald Dahl nurses have been buzzing about Marvellous Busy Bees, the event on October 17th at Roald Dahl’s House in Swansea. The nurses were joined by Roald Dahl nurse Jodi, who described the event as “a really special day.”

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**Help more families stay strong**

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**Marvellous Children’s Charity**

| A big THANK YOU to all our fantastic fundraisers |

**Bonne and her Grandad**

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**A few facts about specialist nursing:**

- The average age of a Roald Dahl nurse is 37 years old.
- Roald Dahl nurses are highly skilled and medical professionals who provide unique care that families need.
- They know more about their condition, treatments, and the family’s needs.
- They are capable of delivering care at any time and can be reached by phone or email.

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**New Nurse News**

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**Update from Bradley**

The new and current manager of Bradley Lock, Bradley has been recovering slowly, which has led to some delay in the opening of the lock. Roald Dahl nurse Jodi, who joined in on her cycling adventure by her band of brave supporters, including Skydiving Oompa-Loompas. The Oompa-Loompa skydive was a huge success with over £32,000 being raised to help seriously ill children. Thanks to everyone involved for raising such a fantastic amount.

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**Thank you...**

To celebrate our 50th Roald Dahl nurse post and Roald Dahl Day, we were delighted to announce a series of fundraising events. We were able to reach the £32,000 target for our children and we’re nowarity now on our minds.

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**Diary Dates**

- **Sunday 12th July**
  - British 10k London Run

- **Friday 25th September**
  - Bike Ride at Clumber Park

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