

ESPC choose Sick Kids Friends Foundation



Edinburgh Solicitors Property Centre (ESPC), has announced that it will support the Sick Kids Friends Foundation (SKFF) as its chosen charity for the next year.

Every year in June and July, ESPC chooses a new charity to support and the previous charity chosen by ESPC for 2015/2016 was Royal Blind.

SKFF supports the Royal Hospital for Sick Children (RHSC) and its current project is to create a smooth transition for when the hospital moves from its current position in Quartermile to Little France in 2017, and ESPC's contribution will go towards making the new hospital a more 'homely' environment for children to be in.

With ESPC providing expert local advice on moving home, and as an Edinburgh institution since 1971, this partnership with SKFF, another Edinburgh institution, seems like a perfect fit.

SKFF works hard to provide support for families at such a difficult time, and the drop in centre is a home from home where families can spend time away from the hospital environment.



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When Kelly Walker gave birth to her son Leni he was rushed to the High Dependency Unit at the RHSC. He spent his first week in isolation because of his condition, before being transferred to the care of the Neurology ward. It was a frightening and upsetting time for his parents, but his mum Kelly found that the drop-in centre offered her comfort.

“I went to the Drop In Centre to have a massage, and it I felt like I was in a beauty salon! I could feel the stresses and strains ebb away. Someone gave me a cup of tea in a china mug, a digestive biscuit and sat me down on a sofa. I can’t tell you what a difference that made to me,” she said.

ESPC’s marketing manager Amy Walker said: “The RHSC is undertaking a huge project when it moves to Little France, and with the funds that we raise, we can help to make the place more homely so it’s not so daunting for the kids and they can concentrate on getting better and being comfortable.

“The RHSC looks after children not just in Edinburgh but across the country, and it also provides invaluable support for parents, and for brothers and sisters who can often be overlooked. Because its local, we feel we can contribute to something that will benefit the local community and it can touch so many people.

“We are looking forward to working with SKFF and we have a whole host of events to plan, so look out for further details throughout the year.”

Pippa Johnston, Director of Fundraising and Marketing at the Sick Kids Friends Foundation, said: “We are absolutely delighted that ESPC has chosen to support SKFF for the coming year. We exist to ensure children and young people’s lives are less interrupted by illness and that they have a more positive hospital experience.

“We provide enhanced facilities and cutting edge equipment for the hospital and it’s the generosity of those who get involved

with initiatives like this one which allows us to continue to do this.

“With the ‘Sick Kids’ hospital moving to Little France in the autumn of 2017 it couldn’t be a better time for us to have this support. Just as ESPC helps people in Edinburgh to move, we love the idea of their support helping SKFF join the ‘Sick Kids’ with its move across the city.”