



## Football fans help Evelina Appeal reach its goal

It wasn't just the noise of chants from fans that cheered Millwall FC on last weekend. 21 volunteers rattling buckets for The Evelina Children's Hospital Appeal spent the afternoon at The Den collecting donations from generous fans and visitors.

Local people, family and friends of Evelina patients gave up their time to raise money for the new children's hospital. Donna Young, whose daughter Millie has just had a kidney transplant at the Evelina and is a loyal Millwall fan said: "This is a great way of saying thank you for all the good work that the doctors and nurses do. We want to help make sure that children are provided with the best possible care and facilities when they go into hospital, and fundraising for the Evelina Appeal is a way to do that. It's also a brilliant day out."

Volunteers collected at pubs across Bermondsey and Rotherhithe before the game, bringing the grand total raised to more than £2,000. They watched the match with free tickets kindly donated by the Club and goalie Richard Shaw escorted Millie and her family onto the pitch before the game for photos while players signed shirts on their way in.

The Appeal would like to thank Millwall FC, all the local pubs who granted permission to collect on their premises and F A Albins for donating a driver for the pub collections.

If you want to find out how you can support The Evelina Children's Hospital Appeal or make a donation, visit [www.evelinaappeal.org](http://www.evelinaappeal.org)

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2. The Evelina Children's Hospital Appeal, run by Guy's and St Thomas' Charity, has been in existence since 1983. It started raising funds for the new hospital in 2003. Its Patron is HRH The Princess Royal. For more information contact Laura Mason as above or visit: [www.evelinaappeal.org](http://www.evelinaappeal.org)

3. The Evelina Children's Hospital is London's first new children's hospital for more than 100 years. The 140-bed hospital, which is based on the St Thomas' Hospital site, brings the majority of Guy's and St Thomas' children's services together under one roof. The new hospital, designed by Hopkins Architects, was funded by a grant of £50 million from Guy's and St Thomas' Charity and £10 million from the NHS.

4. Guy's and St Thomas' Charity is the largest NHS-related Charity in the UK. It provides funding to support health services in Lambeth and Southwark and to benefit the wider NHS. For more information, visit our website: [www.gsttcharity.org.uk](http://www.gsttcharity.org.uk).

5. Guy's and St. Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust provides ¾ million patient contacts in acute and specialist hospital services every year. As one of the biggest NHS Trusts in the UK, it employs over 9,000 staff. The Trust also works in partnership with the Schools of Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing and Biomedical Sciences of King's College London and other Higher Education Institutes to deliver high quality education and research. For more information call Antony Tiernan, Deputy Director of Communications on Tel: 020 7188 5577 or visit: [www.guysandstthomas.nhs.uk](http://www.guysandstthomas.nhs.uk)

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