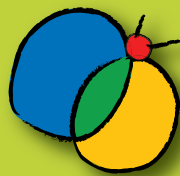


Get inspired...



The Children's Trust helped Alfie overcome his brain injury...

...and then he helped us!

When Alfie Russell was 10 he was rushed to Guy's Hospital after being knocked off his bike. In a matter of seconds, the sports mad boy who ran for his school and had trained with the Spurs under 9's, had his future hanging in the balance. The doctors prepared the Russell family for the worst – if Alfie pulled through he would be unlikely to walk or talk and he could be blind and deaf.

This was a devastating blow to his family. He spent three months in intensive care and once the immediate crisis was over, he was transferred to The Children's Trust.



Alfie giving a speech about The Children's Trust

Alfie in hospital

Alfie in training

The building work starting in February

He arrived disorientated; unable to walk or talk, with little movement and unable to eat. The therapists and teachers at The Children's Trust designed an intensive 24 hour rehabilitation programme specifically for Alfie and, after months of therapy he was finally able to go home. Alfie now works for a roofing company, and this year he took part in something that would have seemed impossible; **he ran the Flora London Marathon for us!**

Alfie says: *"I was stretchered into the The Children's Trust and left walking. I can't thank the Trust staff enough for helping me to surpass all expectations. Not everyone in a similar situation is as lucky as I am."*

See Alfie's video on-line: thechildrenstrust.org.uk/videos

Our biggest challenge yet!

One of our current fundraising challenges is to raise money to build our new and improved rehabilitation accommodation for children like Alfie with acquired brain injuries. Every year 1 in 500 children under 16 years old will sustain a traumatic brain injury following an accident, or sudden illness like meningitis. Our new accommodation will be a wonderful purpose-designed environment where these brave children, from all over the UK, can come to receive round the clock medical care, and still enjoy space to play and be with their families. It will allow children with acquired brain injuries to have individually tailored care and therapy in a home from home environment.



All the money raised from the Chaucer Challenge will go towards helping the children in our care where it is needed most

For more information about the Chaucer Challenge or any other event:

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