



Advancing Paediatric Emergency Medicine

"Making sure our children get the best possible care"

Actors Sarah Parish and James Murray have been actively fundraising for children's facilities since they lost their daughter Ella-Jayne to a congenital heart defect in 2009. They have since established the Murray Parish Trust which is dedicated to the advancement of paediatric emergency medicine across the South of England. The charity ensures that children affected by major trauma can receive the best emergency care as close to home as possible. In the mid-term, our aim is to better equip University Hospital Southampton, a nationally recognised centre of excellence. In addition to our focus on treating children, we will also be investing in ground breaking research into childhood illness, pioneering equipment and the development of specialist training programmes.

Our current challenge is to raise £2 million. We are working together with Southampton Hospital Charity to build a new state of the art children's emergency and major trauma department at University Hospital Southampton, for which we have successfully lobbied and secured match-funding from the Government. Our #2MillionSteps campaign has already secured significant investment for this vital department, which will deliver life-saving and acute specialist care for critically ill children from across nine different regions, stretching from Devon to West Sussex, Oxfordshire to the Channel Islands. The new facility will allow children to be treated completely separately from adults, in an environment which is designed to minimise their distress and anxiety, and where the privacy and dignity of both young patients and their visiting families is preserved.

We are a highly proactive Hampshire-based charity with minimal overheads – we do much of our work around Sarah and Jim's kitchen table – thus maximising the funds that go to this critical project. Thanks to our dynamic team and energetic spirit we are able to host some very special events, and also to take a very hands-on, collaborative approach to helping our supporters with their own fundraising initiatives.

There are numerous ways you can help, including one-off donations, regular giving, volunteering, challenging yourself, sponsoring or running your own event, arranging corporate donations and company fundraising. For the latest information, connect with us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, check out our website or contact us at info@murrayparishtrust.co.uk. We are delivering a significant difference today - please join us and make that difference even bigger.