



*We're here, so you can be there.* 

**THE SICK CHILDRENS TRUST - [www.sickchildrenstrust.org](http://www.sickchildrenstrust.org)**

When a child is critically ill and facing a long stay in hospital the sadness, pain and disruption to everyday life is felt by the whole family. When our daughter Nina was airlifted into Great Ormond Street Hospital we had to pack up what we could and put our life on hold. As I was working abroad at the time we left Nina older sister aged 5 at the time with her Grandmother while we travelled to London with Nina. When we got to London it was the start of the 2012 Olympic Games, we had nowhere to stay and it was almost impossible to find anywhere affordable to rent in London close to the hospital where we needed to be.

It was at this point we were introduced to the Sick Children's Trust who help families in this situation – they provided us with a room for the duration of Nina's initial 4 month stay in hospital. The room which was close to the hospital meant that my wife and I could take turns to stay with Nina while the other rested, it also meant I could manage to hold onto my job which is often very difficult under such circumstances and can lead to huge additional pressures on a family with a mortgage and bills to pay.

I am proud to say that I now act as an Ambassador for the Sick Children's Trust and will be forever thankful for the wonderful care and kindness shown to us by the members of the Guildford Street House where we stayed. The Sick Children's Trust is a charity that buys and runs houses for the parents and families of sick children to help them to stay together and function as a family as best as possible when they have to deal with the life changing impact of a critically ill child – it provides a home from home.

***“We believe every family with a seriously ill child in hospital should be able to stay together, just minutes from their child's bed during their treatment”.***

So please, if you can, follow the link to donate and help support the Sick Children's Trust in the outstanding work it does in supporting the families whose lives are often turned upside down, no matter how big or small every donation helps.

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