

Following on from the success of our first ever Christmas Appeal last year, we have decided to run this once again for 2014. The feedback we received from the children and their families was heart-warming, knowing that with the help of our wonderful supporters, we made a little difference in their lives.

## Here are just a few of the wonderful messages we received:

"It was absolutely wonderful to see their faces light up! Everyone has been admiring the bears – the last little girls I saw had just chosen a rabbit and were running off down the corridor to show someone! They are so cuddly! ....Thank you for everything you are doing and we will certainly come to you when we have a child who needs help or a break." All at Kamran's Ward

"We have just been to Kamran's Ward this afternoon for our week 38 chemo for a brain tumour and thanks to you I have a delighted daughter (age 5) who is the proud new owner of a beautiful rabbit. The rabbit is now called Cotton tail and is currently bouncing around our sitting room. All these little things make special moments we treasure. Many thanks." **MT**  "Thank you so much to everyone who donated to this. Our son 'A', aged 20 months, received a monkey today and was thrilled. It made today's chemotherapy a lot more bearable for him and really did make a difference. Thank you, I think your project really is fantastic and is making a real difference. Keep up the great work and have a lovely Christmas." **PH** 

So as you contemplate your Christmas list in the lead-up to this year's festive period, could you consider helping us and purchasing one more present – a gift for a child with cancer – through Taylan's Project?

Every day, 10 children and young people in the UK hear the shocking news that they have cancer. Often, children who suffer from such serious illnesses have to endure long stays in hospital with unpleasant treatments and it's difficult to make these brave children happy during this challenging time. Treatment usually starts immediately, and we know only too well that being diagnosed with cancer is a frightening experience for a child and their family.

As part of the ongoing support that we provide to families and children who are treated at The John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford, once again we're aiming to donate a teddy to each child who is spending their time there during their cancer journey. There are nearly 100 children receiving treatment for cancer at the hospital and for many, this will sadly be their last Christmas. We only had one Christmas with Taylan after his diagnosis. Many children will visit the ward at some point over the festive period, so with the help of Build a Bear and Groves & Banks, we would love to give each child a special teddy that they can take home, bring to treatment sessions, or simply have with them whenever they need a hug.

During the festive season we search for the 'real' meaning of Christmas and something to warm our hearts. For just £10, you can make a child smile and make a difference by sponsoring a teddy. You could do so yourself, get together with friends and family, ask your child's class to each donate £1, or collect donations through your workplace. In other words, there are lots of ways to make it happen.

Taylan loved his teddies, as do all children, so please help us. By supporting our appeal we can gift 100 special teddies to each child receiving cancer treatment at the hospital this Christmas. All you have to do is email us with how many teddies you would like to sponsor, including your name, and how you would like to make your donation **by Friday 21st November 2014**.

You can **send us a cheque** made payable to 'Taylan's Project' and post to: Taylan's Project, 2 Rustics Close, Calvert Green, Buckinghamshire, MK18 2FG, United Kingdom.

> Or make a payment using your bank's Internet Banking service: Payee: Taylan's Project / Description: (Your name) Christmas Appeal Sort Code: 20-57-40 / Account number: 93642445

> > Or donate in cash to Taylan's Project in person.

For more details or further information please contact us on 07974 438395 or via mail@taylansproject.com

Thank you for your continued support.



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