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**Brighter Future Fund™**  
The Chloe Mansfield Brighter Future Fund

## Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH) is an extraordinary hospital

GOSH is a place where seriously ill children from around the UK and world come for life changing treatments. It's one of the top 3 global paediatric research hospitals and it treats children from around the world with complex and life threatening conditions. Today at GOSH, 618 children and their families are facing the toughest challenges of their lives. Every day, lives hang in the balance as doctors battle the most complex illnesses. Every day, the brightest minds come together to achieve pioneering medical breakthroughs. With more and more seriously ill children requiring treatment at the hospital, we need AFC Wimbledon now more than ever.

Without you, we can't help fund the wards and medical facilities designed around children, and let the hospital treat more patients. Without you, we can't help solve medicine's greatest mysteries by funding pioneering research. Without you, we can't help fund the most advanced equipment for treating the toughest and rarest conditions. Without you we can't help make life in hospital as normal as possible for young patients and their families. Without you, we can't help families in your local community like the Mansfield family.

The Mansfield family have lived in Wandsworth for over 8 years. Chloe's mum, Thuy, lived there whilst pregnant with Chloe, and for the first 11 weeks of Chloe's life, before she became ill. Thuy says: *"Even though Chloe has passed away, our home remains Chloe's home. Her spirit lives on vibrantly within our family, and within our personal community."*

The family drive past the new AFC Wimbledon stadium twice daily, taking their eldest daughter, Sophie to and from Wimbledon High School.

## Chloe's Story

On 22 February 2012, Chloe Mansfield was born healthy but sadly suffered a sudden and major respiratory collapse at the age of just 11 weeks. She was rushed to the Intensive Care Unit at GOSH and spent 7 weeks battling for her life. Whilst Chloe survived this initial collapse, she would never again breathe unassisted nor return to the family home. Devastatingly, Chloe passed away on her 9 month birthday.



Since her untimely death, GOSH diagnosed Chloe as having a rare yet incurable lung condition. A condition so rare that it has never been witnessed before at GOSH or in fact world-wide. She was incredibly unique, and even today active research work continues at GOSH to better understand Chloe's condition.

## The Chloe Mansfield Brighter Future Fund

Shortly after Chloe's death her parents created 'The Chloe Mansfield Brighter Future Fund' to fundraise in her memory to keep her spirit her alive within the community. And to create a lasting legacy at GOSH to give other young patients the very best chance to fulfil their potential.

This special fund supports GOSH Charity by raising money to help the hospital deliver on its objectives to make an incredible difference and life-changing impact on thousands of seriously ill children and their families. The family wanted to create Chloe's Fund in recognition of all the remarkable doctors, nurses and many other professionals who took care of their daughter and family during the most difficult period of their lives. Chloe's mum said, *"the care given to Chloe and to us was outstanding and truly first class. The staff became our family, and GOSH became our home. Above all, because of GOSH, we were given a further 6 months with our daughter."*

In its 166 years, GOSH has always relied heavily on charitable donations. Our Brighter Future Funds, such as The Chloe Mansfield Brighter Future Fund, allow us to continue to offer world class treatment, care and support for our young patients and their families.

The Chloe Mansfield Brighter Fund has already raised more than £430,000 supporting projects like the development of a state-of-the-art playroom in the new Respiratory Ward. The family were keen to support the playroom because as a family, they have witnessed first-hand the importance of play and development in helping to improve the quality of life and happiness for sick children.

Chloe's mum told us that, *"to be able to fundraise locally at AFC Wimbledon would mean a great deal to our family. It's our mission for Chloe's Fund to fulfil two roots: 1) to raise money to help the children at GOSH, and 2) to raise awareness of Chloe, and to keep her spirit and memory alive. This is what I promised Chloe when she died."*

*We believed, until the very last moment, that Chloe would come home. When Chloe died, we decided to have her cremated, because for us, this was the way to bring Chloe home. And we continue to celebrate Chloe's life within the home, and with our friends and family, many of whom live locally.*

*I can think of no better way to fulfil our vision for Chloe's legacy than to partner with a local organisation and I would be honoured to create a partnership between AFC Wimbledon and The Chloe Mansfield Brighter Future Fund, to help me keep my promise to Chloe of creating an incredible legacy for her, but importantly, so that her name and spirit can live on in her own community.*

*I am impressed with the local reputation and reach of AFC Wimbledon, and its ethos of making integration within the local community a priority. I admire its policy to respect fans from all clubs, for the good of the game. In short, I would be humbled and incredibly touched if Chloe's Fund was supported by an institution with such a positive ethos and moral guiding principles such as AFC Wimbledon."*

### **A better future for seriously ill children starts here**

Thank you so much for taking the time to consider our application. The funds raised through the partnership will be in aid of GOSH charity as part of The Chloe Mansfield Brighter Future Fund. Chloe's family would be delighted to have the support of AFC Wimbledon as they continue fundraising, they hope that with your help, to not only raise valued funds for GOSH but to inspire people in the community to support this extraordinary hospital.