

Become a friend

CHRISTMAS - NOV/DEC 09

A note from Andrea Kelley,

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I know I say this every year but I can't believe this is our last Become a Friend of 2009 and what a year it has been! We have opened a second shop in Essex and our original shop in Harold Wood celebrated their 15th year in style by reaching an incredible milestone of raising half a million pounds for Rainbow Trust.

I would like to say thank you to all our friends groups, office and event volunteers, Rainbow ambassadors, volunteers at our respite houses, and the wonderful, Beryl, Charles and Dorothy who go out in the wind, rain and sometimes sunshine picking up our collection boxes from local businesses. You all work tirelessly throughout the year raising both our profile and much needed funds. On behalf of everyone at Rainbow Trust thank you so much for your continued support.

We are still looking for a sponsor for Become a Friend, if you would like further information please call Andrea on **01372 220043** or email andrea.kelley@rainbowtrust.org.uk.

I know it is a bit early but unless I see you at events this is my only opportunity to wish you and your family a Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

Thank you very much and I hope you enjoy this edition of Become a Friend

EXCITING NEWS

New online shop

We have many new products available through our online shop including the new Rainbow Trust tea towel. Buy yours today for **£2.50** online at www.rainbowtrust.org.uk or to place an order call **01372 389943**.



Christmas Cracker

Please support Rainbow Trust this Christmas by purchasing a Rainbow Cracker. Our cracker is perfect for pulling around the family table, for the office party and as a gift for a loved one, colleague or friend. Each cracker costs **£5** and will give you the chance to win a **£10,000** diamond, a **£5,500** sailing day, a stay at The Cliveden House Hotel or a **£1,500** piece of commissioned art.

Visit www.rainbowcracker.org.uk to buy yours today or call **01372 389943** to place your order.

Rainbow Trust
CHILDREN'S CHARITY



Please find enclosed in this edition

Jewellery recycling bag – if you do not have any unwanted or broken jewellery for recycling please pass this on to a friend – thank you.

www.rainbowtrust.org.uk

Rainbow Trust Children's Charity, 6 Cleeve Court, Cleeve Road, Leatherhead, Surrey KT22 7UD Registered Charity No. 1070532

Christmas Shopping

Find a little Pot of Gold this Christmas



£15

Comfort Companions

Buy a Rainbow Trust teddy for a sick child this Christmas



£20

Magic Moments

Buy a memory box so a bereaved family can remember the special times. To see the full range please visit: www.rainbowtrust.org.uk or call Jo Harding on 01372 363438.

Our new and exciting Pots of Gold gifts offer a range of unique present ideas for all your friends and family. Unlike the typical Christmas gifts, our novel Pots of Gold have lasting value because every one enhances the life of a terminally ill child and gives immeasurable strength and support to a worried family. Sensory toys, comforting teddies, distraction boxes, arts and craft materials – all small gifts that offer big benefits. Each Pot of Gold gift comes with its own special pack for you to personalise and pass on to your chosen recipient. Choosing a Pot of Gold gift is a wonderful way to show your affection this Christmas. Don't forget they're available all year round too, so perfect for birthdays, weddings and anniversaries.



Butterflies & Dragons

Butterflies and Dragons make beautiful wooden toys and charming gifts for children. Many of the toys are educational, classic toys, which promote a child's development whilst they play; they are also a little bit different to those you might find on the high street. Raise money for Rainbow Trust whilst you shop, Butterflies and Dragons are kindly donating a £1 to Rainbow Trust for every Rainbow chicken they sell. Take a look at the website www.butterfliesanddragons.co.uk or call 01273 906040 to order yours today.



Volunteer opportunities

For further information on any of these roles please contact Andrea on 01372 220043 or email andrea.kelley@rainbowtrust.org.uk



Brockham Bonfire

SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER

Volunteers are needed to help with a cash collection from 5 – 9pm, entry to see a fantastic firework display is included. For further details please call Amy on 01372 220022 or email amy.ferguson@rainbowtrust.org.uk.



Do we have any home bakers out there?

We would love to have some homemade mince pies for our Bookham carol concert this year. We do need around 300 so if we had a few willing volunteers it does not seem such a large task.



Volunteer Fundraisers

We want to hear from anyone who would be interested in running a Rainbow Christmas stall at local fetes and fairs. If you know of any events in your local area please pass the details on to us.

Becoming a Rainbow Ambassador

We are expanding our ambassador program to cover a wider area. If you have experience of public speaking or giving presentations, why not use your skills to help us raise the profile of Rainbow Trust Children's Charity to local community groups, schools and clubs.



Christmas Present Wrapping

WEEKENDS FROM SATURDAY 5 – THURSDAY 24 DECEMBER

We are looking for volunteers to help us wrap presents throughout December at the Friary shopping centre in Guildford. Last year we raised **£1,800**; can you help us to raise even more this year?

Volunteers out in the Community



The Importance of Mealtimes

We would like to thank one of our fantastic volunteers, Briony Scott for hosting a meal for Rainbow Trust and raising the brilliant sum of **£65** "It really was my pleasure to cook for all you girlies - you all work so hard and it was nice for me to do something for all of you." said Briony. We are keen to hear from anyone thinking of hosting a meal for their friends or family, if you would like to find out more about this campaign, or would like to host your own meal, please contact Amy on **01372 220085** or email amy.ferguson@rainbowtrust.org.uk.

Essex Friends sponsored walk

16 walkers took part in our Essex Friends annual sponsored walk on 19 September. Money is still coming in but they hope to have raised in the region of **£700**.

Fish for Rainbow 2009

We would like to say an enormous thank you to office volunteer Dave Pearson for organising another fishing tournament this year and for raising a fantastic **£3,356**.

Ladies Pink charity Event

Rainbow Trust attended the Ladies Pink Charity Networking Event on Friday 2 October in Essex. The rules said come in pink which allowed Rainbow Trust to have a clothes rail and table with garments and goods all in pink. Any lady not sporting pink was not allowed in without purchasing something pink. So for Rainbow Trust, one of the two charities benefitting from the evening it was a success from the word go. It was a fun evening and a perfect opportunity to tell everyone about the work of Rainbow Trust. Lisa Symons was the perfect hostess, her company Abbey Antiques were the winners of the Excellent Customer Care award at the Essex Countrywide Business Awards 2009.

Forthcoming Events



Lights of Love

**MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER TO
TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER**

This year we are running a Lights of Love celebration alongside our Bookham carol concert to encourage supporters to 'celebrate life' this Christmas. We ask that donations are made in exchange for a lit candle and a message in our special book of celebrations, both of which will be on display at the carol concert.

For more information please contact Amy on **01372 220085** or email amy.ferguson@rainbowtrust.org.uk.

Rainbow Trust carol concert

ST NICOLAS CHURCH, GREAT BOOKHAM - TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER

Tickets are now on sale for our annual carol concert, please join us for a festive evening of carols, readings and warm mince pies. Tickets are £7 for adults and £5 for concessions. We are also looking for a few volunteers to help out on the evening. To purchase tickets or if you would like to volunteer please contact Amy on **01372 220085** or email amy.ferguson@rainbowtrust.org.uk.

Rainbow Trust carol concert, St.Paul's, Covent Garden, London

WEDNESDAY 16 DECEMBER

We are very excited to announce that we will be having a carol concert in London this year, in the beautiful surroundings of St Paul's, Covent Garden. Listen to a beautiful rendition of traditional and modern carols by candle light. Afterwards, soak up the atmosphere of Christmas with a glass of wine and a mince pie. We will be joined by some celebrity guest speakers, as well as a Rainbow Trust family, who will share their story and talk about the support that they have received from Rainbow over the years. For more information, please email judith.osorio@rainbowtrust.org.uk or call Judith on **01372 220042**.