

Twinkle Little Santas

Annual Christmas Toys Collection

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**AN AMAZING
ACHIEVEMENT**

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Hospital

*A great
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We are delighted to share with you that Hope with Gaspard, for the 3rd consecutive year, was able to organise a massive toy collections for Christmas 2021.

This year, we decided to partner with local schools and we could not be more touched by the amazing support we received. Thank you to all the families from Larmenier Sacred Heart Primary school, Belleville Wix, St Stephen's, Jacques Prevert and L'Ecole du Parc who donated toys for the sick children.

After spending weeks collecting, sorting, packing, on the 10th of December, with the help of a couple of volunteers, we were able to hand over a little bit over 1,000 toys to Great Ormond Street Hospital, toys that have been distributed to children and their siblings during Christmas in Safari, Lion, Elephant, Giraffe, Fox, Robin and Pelican wards among others.



An unprecedented generosity



Give a toy, give a smile and spread some magic around you

More than 1,000 toys collected

Hundreds of books, games, puzzle, construction and education toys, baby toys have been collected.

- Some children are diagnosed so young, they have barely seen the light of the outside and are learning to walk through the hospital corridors
- Some children have spent more than half their life within hospital and between treatments
- Some children are coming from abroad to be treated and are far away from their home and family
- Some children facing low immunity and intensive treatments have not been able to spend much time in school

More than ever, the festive period has been a tough time for the families dealing with cancer.

Many critically-ill children spent Christmas isolated in hospital away from their families and friends instead of waiting to see Santa.

This is not the way it should be.

This year as per last year, charities are facing an unprecedented situation with the pandemic meaning that they are not able to gather around the children to make it less painful.

That is the reason why Hope with Gaspard decided to make a small but hopefully meaningful difference.

Facts

- Childhood cancers account for less than 1% of all cancers in the UK
- Around 240 children in the UK, aged 0-14 years, lose their lives to cancer every year
- Only 4 new drugs have been approved in the last 20 years to treat childhood cancer
- Only 4% of the billions of dollars the government spends annually on cancer research is directed towards treating **childhood cancer**



OUR STORY

- A few days before Christmas 2018, our son Gaspard, 3 years old then, was diagnosed stage 3 High Risk Rhabdomyosarcoma, a rare childhood cancer. He was given a 50% chance survival.
- We spent a couple of months as inpatients within Great Ormond Street Hospital including the Christmas period. Fortunately, following 2 years of intense treatment, our little boy Gaspard is doing well and closely monitored for any potential relapses.
- This time of year is very emotional for us as it reminds us of the intense journey no parent is ever ready to experience but this period is also a reminder of all the love and support we received from all the people surrounding us at that time, doctors, nurses, play specialists and all the volunteers and we want to give back.