



# Newsletter

May 2020

The **Amelia-Mae**  
FOUNDATION



## From the Chairman.....

As we transition into our 'new normal', at The Amelia-Mae Foundation we are looking at more effective ways to communicate to our supporters. We will be publishing this newsletter monthly initially; we will then review it when we start to enter our new normal as a result of COVID19.

Like many other charities within the UK we are really struggling for donations and our committee are looking at innovative ideas whilst remaining sensitively mindful of the harsh mental, physical and economic impacts of COVID19.

Since we have been in lock down, we have continued to support our families both physically and mentally and have continued to reach out to children and families we were not aware of before to bring under our support umbrella. We have provided flowers and provided financial support for beautiful Caitlin's funeral in Burnley which I would like to thank The Flower House, Norwich and Robbie Gaine who drove from North Wales – Norwich – Burnley – North Wales to ensure the flowers were delivered on time.

The Amelia-Mae Foundation have seen an increase in the requirement for emotional support. Our family support team led by Angie (Amelia's Mum) have offered round the clock support to many of our families during these unprecedented times and we will continue to do this. As a closing note I would like to thank all our supporters and remind everyone that this charity is very much operating as normal as we can, and we still have children and families to support so every penny donated and raised is greatly appreciated.

Yours Aye

John Murray  
Chair of Trustees

## Future Fundraising events:



Unfortunately all of our future fundraising events have had to be cancelled, this includes two of our major events of our Annual Ball, and our team's trek up Kilimanjaro. We will be sure to let you know of any event dates when we are able to confirm them.

However in the mean time if there are any events that you can think of that can be held during these uncertain times, then please get in touch.

## How to Donate

These unprecedented times, and sadly as runs, rides and events have been cancelled, our small charity the Amelia-Mae foundation, like many others, is receiving no funding at all. This coupled with our families needing extra support during these times is leaving us struggling. If you would like to donate to the Charity, here is how to do it



Just Giving:  
<https://www.justgiving.com/ameliamae-foundation>




Paypal:  
<http://paypal.me/ameliamaefoundation>  
Or use the QR Code





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## How to get in touch.

If you want anymore information on the AmeliaMae Foundation or would like more information you can contact us via the following means:

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What is Neuroblastoma?

According to the NHS Website: Neuroblastoma is a rare type of cancer that mostly affects babies and young children.

It develops from specialised nerve cells (neuroblasts) left behind from a baby's development in the womb.

Neuroblastoma most commonly occurs in 1 of the adrenal glands situated above the kidneys, or in the nerve tissue that runs alongside the spinal cord in the neck, chest, tummy or pelvis.

It can spread to other organs, such as the bone marrow, bone, lymph nodes, liver and skin.

It affects around 100 children each year in the UK and is most common in children under the age of 5.

The cause is unknown. There are very rare cases where children in the same family are affected, but generally neuroblastoma does not run in families.

Symptoms of neuroblastoma

The symptoms of neuroblastoma vary depending on where the cancer is and whether it's spread.

The early symptoms can be vague and hard to spot, and can easily be mistaken for those of more common childhood conditions.

Symptoms can include:

- ♦ a swollen, painful tummy, sometimes with constipation and difficulty peeing
- ♦ breathlessness and difficulty swallowing
- ♦ a lump in the neck
- ♦ blueish lumps in the skin and bruising, particularly around the eyes
- ♦ weakness in the legs and an unsteady walk, with numbness in the lower body, constipation and difficulty peeing
- ♦ fatigue, loss of energy, pale skin, loss of appetite and weight loss
- ♦ bone pain, a limp and general irritability
- ♦ rarely, jerky eye and muscle movements

**See a GP or contact NHS 111 if you're worried your child might be seriously ill.**

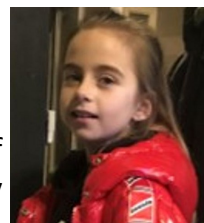


## Fundraising News:



Massive thank you to the Warrant Officers, Senior rates and SNCOs Mess of HMS COLLINGWOOD, for their £855 donation which adds to their £2000 donation last year. As their nominated Charity, Petty Officer Rob Butler and the MWBS Red watch have raised over £4000 now in Bahrain

A very special thank you to The Kendal Middleton Jessop Trust Fund for a donation of £60,000. We are delighted that Kendal one of our Warriors, has now been formally discharged by her consultant as she has been clear of Neuroblastoma for 5 years. In consultation with the Trustee's, Kendal's parents donated £60,000 from the remaining funds, which will be used towards the purchase of a retreat house. More details to follow.



Thanks to [www.virtualrunneruk.com](http://www.virtualrunneruk.com) for their donation of £240 and to the West Ealing Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons for their donation of £376.84

## Our Angels



Caitlin, aged 6 from Burnley gained her angels wings in March 2020. Our thoughts and prayers to her family and friends. We were able to help with the costs of Caitlin's funeral and flowers.



## Meet the Warriors



Meet **Mason**,

Age:

Location:

Mason is one of our new Warriors. As well as having neuroblastoma, Mason has autism. He is not a well little boy and we ask you to keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Meet **Mahlyk**

Age 4

Location Twickenham



Mahlyk is another of our new warriors who we are in contact with. We will keep you up to date on his progress.



Meet **Isla**

Age

Location Essex

Isla is currently having treatment in Barcelona for her 2nd relapse. She will need treatment for 1st relapse and then the vaccine to follow, to hopefully prevent any further relapses. Her family are currently raising funds to take Isla to New York for further treatment if you wish to donate there is a justgiving page, search *Isla Caton's Treatment in the USA for Neuroblastoma*

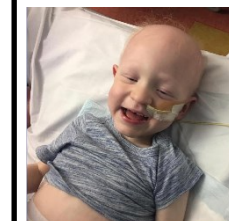
Meet **Lily**

Age: 2

Location: Cheshire



Lily is doing really well and has just rung her end of treatment bell.



Meet **Oilly**

Age 2

Location: Luton

This smiling young lad is doing really well and is coming to the end of his treatment.

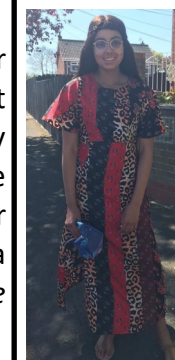
Meet **Dylan**

Aged 11

Location: Manchester



Dylan, a former mascot of the Royal Navy Rugby League Team is not very well at the moment and we keep him and his family in our thoughts and prayers.



Meet **Jasmine**

Age 12

Location Hull

Jasmine has just completed her last treatment and is due to have her scans soon.