**Everything you need to know about Shooting Star Children’s Hospices for your First Give project…**

**Who we are**

Shooting Star Children’s Hospices is a leading children’s hospice charity caring for babies, children and young people with life-limiting conditions, and their families.

Whether lives are measured in days, weeks, months or years, we are here to make every moment count. We support families from diagnosis to end of life and throughout bereavement with a range of nursing, practical, emotional and medical care.

**Our background**

Shooting Star Children’s Hospices began as two children’s charities; CHASE and Shooting Star. In April 2011 Shooting Star and CHASE merged and became Shooting Star Chase. In February 2019, we changed our name to Shooting Star Children’s Hospices which enabled our communities to more easily recognise, remember and understand us, including those families who so desperately need our support.

**Where we’re based**

Shooting Star Children’s Hospices provides vital support to over 700 families in Surrey and London.

Our two hospices are Shooting Star House in Hampton and Christopher’s in Guildford.

We have over three hundred volunteers and seven charity shops (Hampton Hill, Shepperton, Teddington, Weybridge, Guildford, Cobham, and Godalming).

**What we do**

Our bespoke support is free of charge to families and available 365 days a year. Our care service includes short and emergency respite breaks, therapies and counselling, symptom management, family events, end-of-life care, bereavement care, support for young people transitioning to adult care services, and a comprehensive range of therapies and support groups for the whole family.

**The money**

It costs £10 million a year to maintain our current level of care. Around 30% of our income comes from government funding so we rely on our supporters’ generosity to keep our service running. What’s more, we know there are many more families desperate for our vital support, so it’s crucial we raise more funds to provide more care.

**What it could pay for:**

£250 could pay for one of our monthly teenage youth groups to enable teenagers to enjoy activities together.

£500 could pay to facilitate one of our Grandparent’s Days, where grandparents can share experiences with each other.

£500 could pay a day of Sparkle Day Care for five children.

£900 could pay for one of our memory days, where families return to the hospice and join together to remember their child that died.

£1,000 could pay for an activity day for bereaved siblings, including venue, equipment, supplies and catering. These days contain fun activities and provide vital opportunities for bereaved siblings to explore and share their feelings in a safe environment.

£1,500 could pay for a night’s emergency stay at one of our hospices.

**Did you know?**

**86p of every £1 goes directly to providing vital care for the families we support.**

Need further info? Then just contact us on **01932 823100** or email **community@shootingstar.org.uk**.