

Will you do something marvellous?

# Fantastic Mrs Dahl

Marvellous President Sir Quentin Blake joined Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity at a party held in honour of founding trustee Felicity "Liccy" Dahl.

Following Mrs Dahl's decision to retire from the board of trustees at the end of 2013, she now joins Quentin as our Marvellous President in 2014. Quentin presented her with a special drawing of the charity's mascot Marvin the Marvellous Crocodile. He said:

**"Liccy's determination, passion and inspiration has helped improve the lives of hundreds of thousands of seriously ill children and their families around the UK."**

Friends old and new gathered together to celebrate Liccy's marvellous achievements, including our first Roald Dahl nurse Anne, and our latest Roald Dahl nurse Jodi. The nurses came with some of the children they care for, like Bradley whose story you can read on the back page.

Liccy explained: "It's long been my dream to see the Marvellous Children's Charity become the Enormous Marvellous



Charity Co-Presidents Felicity Dahl and Sir Quentin Blake

Children's Charity. I'm very excited about the future of the charity, especially the fact that we will achieve a milestone of 50 Roald Dahl children's nurses in 2014. Yet there is still much to do!"

Thank you very much to our hosts at Taylor Wessing's London office and supplier ColourPoint, making the evening possible with their gift-in-kind catering, venue and printing.

## Reading for Good

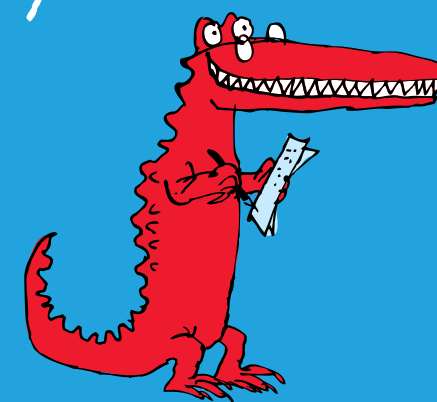


Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity is proud to be one of the chosen charities supported by Readathon, the sponsored reading scheme in schools. Founded 30 years ago by Brough and Gail Girling, Readathon encourages children to read for pleasure and to raise money to help children less fortunate than themselves. This winning combination has proved a success year on year, and was backed by Roald Dahl himself who was a great advocate of Readathon and its first Chairman. Following Roald's death in 1990, Readathon began to support Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity (which was known back then as the Roald Dahl Foundation) so that we could continue to support seriously



ill children. We are extremely grateful to Brough and Gail, and to the whole team at Readathon for their ongoing support. To find out more visit [www.readathon.org](http://www.readathon.org)

Get in touch



Don't forget to sign up for our Oompa-Loompa skydive on Saturday 13th September – Roald Dahl Day.



Whether you want to fundraise, donate, apply for our help or ask us a question, get in touch with our team on the contact details below.

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# Bradley and Tracey's Story

Bradley and his mum Tracey tell us about their special Roald Dahl nurse, Anne.



Bradley is diagnosed with tuberous sclerosis, which causes epilepsy due to three tumours in his brain. For Bradley this has caused disruption to his schooling and frequently prevents him from going out during the day. At 15, he still finds the complexity of the medication scary. What has helped him through is his Roald Dahl specialist nurse, Anne Sweeney. Anne has been with Bradley and his mum, Tracey, since before he was born.

Tracey met Anne, the original Roald Dahl nurse and first ever specialist epilepsy nurse in the UK, when she visited her at home and explained who she was and how she was going to help. They have formed a very close relationship, with Anne not only helping Tracey to look after Bradley but giving her emotional support through other life issues that she has faced.

**"If I ever need her, she's there 24/7."**

With Bradley, Anne gives him all the information he needs and more importantly explains it all. She acts as a translator. She explains to him about his seizures and how best to manage them, about life and about the medication. She's there to answer any questions Bradley might have. Tracey tells us,

**"Her speciality is how she deals with kids."**

When Bradley is admitted to hospital, Anne will ensure she makes contact with Bradley and Tracey, either by visiting them personally or telephoning them to find out how they are.

**"She's special."**

Bradley and his mum are lucky to have the support of Anne, who understands Bradley's condition, but sadly not all children have access to this type of specialist care. We are continuing to create more nursing and healthcare professional posts so that we can support the children who need our help.

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# Marvellous News

## Making life more marvellous

### Welcome to your brand new newsletter.

We are hugely grateful for your support and we want to make sure you know what we're up to and how we turn your generosity into a better life for thousands of seriously ill children.

### Changes at the charity

Over the past year lots of exciting developments have been happening at Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity. As well as helping children and young people with brain or blood conditions, we now support those with any serious long term condition. We prioritise those children and young people with the greatest needs. This might be because they have a serious rare condition, be living in poverty or not have any family at all.

Our new **Family Resilience** programme works with 13 marvellous partners to find creative new ways to help the whole family cope emotionally with their child's condition. Our **Roald Dahl Nurses** programme goes from strength to strength, with our 50th nurse to be appointed soon and exciting plans for creating new posts even faster. Our **Fantastic Families Fund** continues giving direct support to families in financial hardship but with a new focus on creating a lasting change for the family.

Over the next couple of years we will be adding more programmes which help families to manage various aspects and stages of their child's condition, but at all times taking the perspective of the children and young people themselves – just like Roald Dahl did – and making every single £1 work as hard as it can.



Helping children like Claire to live life to the full

We remain committed to our belief that every child has the right to a more marvellous life, no matter how ill they are or how short their life may be.

*"We would like to express our great gratitude for your kindness, having such practical help takes some of the burden away from a struggling family. Thank you so much."*

Family helped by our **Fantastic Families Fund**

That's Marvellous News...



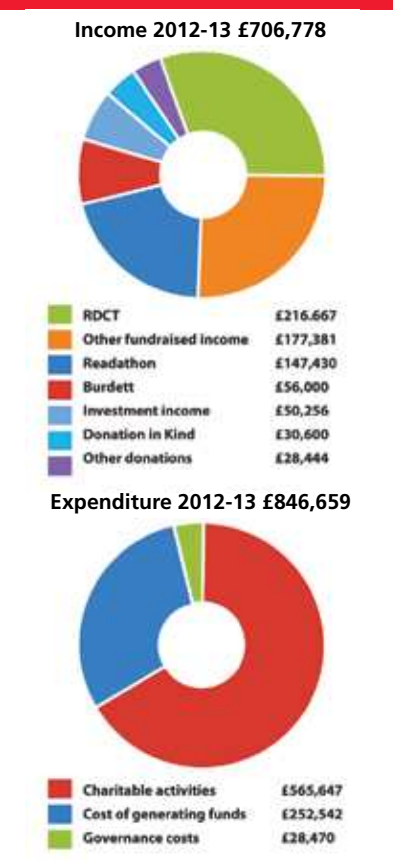
ROALD DAHL'S  
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Children's Charity



## Did you know?

Last year we provided practical direct help to 323 families in financial hardship who have a child, or children, with a serious health condition.

The charts below show how we raised and spent our funds last year.



Visit our website to download the full annual report.

Our latest Roald Dahl nurse, Jodi Betts, recently started at Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge, which brings the total number of Roald Dahl healthcare professionals to 49.



## Innovative developments for families in need

Our recently launched Family Resilience programme aims to find new ways to help families cope with the emotional impact of their child's condition.

The programme, which will run for two years, consists of 13 innovative projects delivered with partner charities. Our programme will help seriously ill children by improving the ability of their whole family to cope emotionally with their illness or disability.

The funded projects are incredibly varied. Some will look at a particular stage of the journey, for example Together for Short Lives will look at helping young people come to terms with the fact that their condition is severe enough to shorten their life. Others will focus on a particular group, for example Sebastian's Action Trust will use the funds to help support fathers of seriously



Fun and support at a family weekend

ill children over a one year period. We will keep you up to date about this important work in the coming years.

## Nurse inventions leading the way

Inspired by Willy Wonka's Inventing Room, where amazing creations are dreamed up and turned into reality, Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity has its own Marvellous Nurse Inventing Room.

Since 2010, in partnership with the Burdett Trust for Nursing, we have supported 22 specialist children's nurses in the UK to explore new ideas, create new resources and work in new ways. The programme helps to improve the standards of care for seriously ill children not only in the UK but on a global scale.



We have recently launched the second phase of the programme which also develops skills in leadership, research and project management for nurses - find out more at [www.roalddahlcharity.org](http://www.roalddahlcharity.org)

## Holy Buckets! It's raining Oompa-Loompas



Oompa-Loompa, do-ba-dee-doo We've got a perfect event for you. Oompa-Loompa, do-ba-dee-dee, Do a skydive, it's for charity!

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the publication of Roald Dahl's *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and here at Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity we will be celebrating in style with a unique event.

On September 13th 2014 - Roald Dahl Day - the skies over Oxfordshire

will unveil a phenomenon that must be believed to be seen. Strike that. Reverse it. Open your eyes, gaze up to the skies and witness the awesome sight of Oompa-Loompas plummeting to earth, as our marvellous team of green-wigged daredevil fundraisers join in the biggest Oompa-Loompa skydive ever undertaken.

We are looking for at least 50 brave Oompa-Loompas to get dressed up, get sponsored and help us to reach our

fundraising target of **£50,000** to make life better for seriously ill children and young people. This could fund a whole new Roald Dahl specialist children's nurse for a year.

If you are interesting in taking part in this fabulous day get in touch with our fundraising team on **01494 890 465** or email us at [fundraising@roalddahlcharity.org](mailto:fundraising@roalddahlcharity.org) Get your fizzy lifting drinks at the ready for a spectacular take-off!

## Charlie and Marvin Strike a Chord

We are delighted to have been chosen as the principal charity partner for the West End production of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory - the Musical*. We launched our partnership last year with a Marvellous Gala evening and the musical continues to raise money for us.

Our charity mascot, Marvin the Marvellous Crocodile, went along to a recent performance to meet the cast. Star of the show Douglas Hodge, who plays Willy Wonka, made a speech on stage which prompted generous audience members to donate over **£4,000** at the end of the show, bringing the total raised to over **£28,500**.

Our grateful thanks to all the marvellous cast and crew, and the show's producers Warner Bros. Theatre Ventures, Langley Park Pictures and Neal Street Productions.

If you'd like to find out how your company can work with us, please contact our fundraising team on **01494 890 465** or email us at [fundraising@roalddahlcharity.org](mailto:fundraising@roalddahlcharity.org)



Marvin meets members of the cast

## Marvellous events

### Marvellous Music in concert

Sunday 11th May 2014, Royal Festival Hall, London.



FUNharmonics – Noses: a concert and activities for all the family.

Hear Benjamin Wallfisch's new pieces based on Roald Dahl's timeless, absurd verse in *The Ant-Eater*. Especially commissioned by the London Philharmonic Orchestra. To find out more or book tickets visit [www.lpo.org.uk](http://www.lpo.org.uk)

### Sing-along-a Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory

Sunday 29th June 2014 at 1pm Prince Charles Cinema, Leicester Square, London.



A very special charity fundraising event celebrating 50 years of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, this is your chance to sing along with the 1971 movie *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*. This film is brought to you with on-screen lyrics, free magic moment packs and plenty of interaction. To book tickets visit [www.princecharlescinema.com](http://www.princecharlescinema.com)

### Join Team Marvellous for the British 10k

Sunday 13th July 2014, London.



The UK's most prestigious and sought after road race. The British 10k London Run will take you through the heart of central London and some of its major historic landmarks. We have limited guaranteed places available to join Team Marvellous for this year's event – contact us for more information at [fundraising@roalddahlcharity.org](mailto:fundraising@roalddahlcharity.org)

### Dahlicious Dress Up Day

Friday 26th September 2014, your school or workplace.



Dust off your Fantastic Mr Fox tail and measure out your Marvellous Medicine, it's time for the return of the Dahlicious Dress Up Day. Over the past three years marvellous schools and organisations nationwide have raised over **£225,000** by donating to dress up as a Roald Dahl character. Take part this year on 26th September or whenever you like. **To register for your fundraising pack and for costume ideas visit [www.dahliciousdressupday.org](http://www.dahliciousdressupday.org)**

## Our fantastic fundraisers

Sam Wheeler, mum to Daisy (nicknamed Pud), set up Pud's Pot in 2013 raising over £5,000 to help other children like Pud who has a rare form of epilepsy. Pud's Pot team members Ian and Matt's latest challenge is to cycle from London to Paris. Read their inspirational story at [www.justgiving.com/teamdaisy2013](http://www.justgiving.com/teamdaisy2013)



Kate was looking to do something wonderful for a children's charity and found us. She has raised over £1,200 by selling knitting patterns for marvellous mittens through her magazine Knit Now! **Thank you Kate!**

Emma was inspired by the children she works with to take up the challenge of running the Virgin London Marathon for the very first time. **Good luck Emma!**



## Yes! I would like to:

- Make a single donation.  Set up a regular donation.
- Receive fundraising and events information.

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*giftaid it* By signing this declaration you will increase the value of your gift by up to 25%.

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### Declaration:

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give.

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**Donate by credit/debit card.** To make your donation online, please visit: [www.roalddahlcharity.org/donate](http://www.roalddahlcharity.org/donate)

### Regular donation

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