

CRY for Matthew Newsletter

Spring 2017

Welcome to our newsletter

We have now raised **over £112,000** since setting the CRY for Matthew fund up in 2012, following Matthew's death on 19 July. We have screened 1,226 young hearts in total and 71 have been found to have issues they knew nothing about.

That's nearly 6%, which says to me that screening is worthwhile and we need to continue fundraising to offer this service to young people aged 14-35 in Shropshire and Cheshire for as long as we can.

Sue Dewhirst
(Matthew's mum)

This year we have 5 days of screening planned:

6 & 7 May 2017 *Oswestry School*

17 & 18 June 2017 *Wrekin College, Telford*

4 November 2017 *Brine Leas School, Nantwich*

Appointment times for these dates will be advertised at www.testmyheart.org

Book now!

Events for your diary

Meet OSKA, 8 March 6.30pm

A night of fashion, food & fizz at The Boathouse, Ellesmere.

OSKA will be showcasing their Spring / Summer range of clothes and there will be plenty of retail therapy too with everything from stockings to hats, lingerie to cosmetics and flowers to jam on sale – something for everyone! Tickets are £10 and include a welcome drink, canapés and raffle ticket.



If you would like to come along to this fantastic event, please call Sue on 07789 415242 or email mail@CRY-for-matthew.org.uk



Kilimanjaro Challenge 2017

In September 2017, 20 intrepid trekkers are climbing Kilimanjaro to support **CRY for Matthew** along with RedShift Radio, Mid Cheshire Hospitals and The Wingate Centre, Nantwich.

As part of their training, they will be testing themselves with three trial climbs in the UK. If you are interested in taking part in these we would really welcome your support in helping us to fundraise.

Corporate Sponsorship packages are also available. Please get in touch for further details and for dates when the Snowdon and Sandstone Trail training climbs are taking place.

To find out how you can sponsor or donate, please call Sue on 07789 415242 or email mail@CRY-for-matthew.org.uk

Tales from the Salon

Monday 24 April, Mere Court Hotel,
nr. Knutsford.

Please join us for an afternoon of fun and frolics with
Cake & Coiffures for CRY.



In 2015 we were fortunate that award winning celebrity hairdressers Royston Blythe and his partner Nick Malenko agreed to hold a fundraising event for us in Shropshire.

We are so lucky that due to the success of 'The Real Housewives of Cheshire' they have offered to repeat the experience in Cheshire.

There will be additional treats from Jennie Miles Photography and loads of fantastic shopping stalls. Ticket price includes a glass of prosecco on arrival, and full afternoon tea, a speciality of the Mere Court Hotel.

This event sells out quickly. Tickets are on sale now at £25, call or email Sue on the contact details below to buy tickets.



The CRY for Matthew Wemyss Pig

We have been able to persuade the potters at Wemyss to create a pig for us to raise funds. The 'Heartsease Pig' will be a limited edition and will be available from the end of March 2017. Money from the sale will go straight into the CRY for Matthew fund. Each piggy will be numbered and will come complete with his own birth certificate.

Wemyss Pottery is based in Fife, and Griselda Hill, the Wemyss painter, has designed this just for us. Wemyss was collected by the late Queen Mother and in years to come, your CRY for Matthew piggy will be a real heirloom, so please invest in one now.

They are priced at £95 each, with £10 from each sale being donated to CRY for Matthew. To buy yours visit www.wemyssware.co.uk



An update from CRY

"When CRY was founded in 1995, it was widely believed that the condition, ARVC affected 1 in 5-7million of the population. Through research (screening and expert pathology) we now know that figure to be closer to 1 in a 2-3,000 – and we are also much better able to identify those at potential risk.

Research – whether genetic testing or whether working with evidence provided by tens of thousands of heart tracings and pathology reports from the past 20 years – is the answer to preventing these devastating sudden deaths, alongside a UK wide screening programme.

We must all work together – and that includes the Government – to ensure that the risk and incidence of young sudden cardiac does not grow but instead becomes a rare tragedy."

Help CRY for Matthew to reduce the number of 12 young people who die per week by giving your support however you can.

We are so very grateful to everyone. Thank you.

Sue Dewhirst
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For more information about CRY visit www.c-r-y.org.uk
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