



The Lily Foundation for research into Mitochondrial Disease and other metabolic disorders

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Dear Mike

Thank you very much once again for the NFDC's generous donation to the Lily Foundation. This donation will go towards the costs of our Golf Day and will sponsor the prizes. We will display your banners in the dining area. Your continued support of the Lily Foundation is very much appreciated and your support really makes a difference.

The Lily Foundation was set up in memory of my daughter Lily who died of mitochondrial disease in April 2007. Our first challenge for the charity is to fund a gene testing programme, using 'chip technology'. This will enable doctors to speed up diagnoses for patients and if possible to start treatments. To date The Lily Foundation has raised £200,000 and the money that we have donated so far has paid for the design of the chip and for the scientists to begin the trials. The Lily Foundation also sponsors a family room in the Ronald McDonald House which provides housing for families with very sick children in hospital.

The Lily Foundation has surpassed all expectations in our first year and a half. We have been contacted by a number of families who have either lost their children to a mitochondrial disease or have a child living with this condition, knowing that their child does not have a long future but with no idea as to how long they will live for. We want to provide answers and support for those families who have lost their children and hope and a future for those living with and those who will be affected by this condition.

Once again thank you so much for your support.

Kind regards

Liz Curtis
The Lily Foundation and Lily's mum