

Mr N Witham  
Banyan Retreat



**Demelza**  
Hospice Care for Children

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Dear Nic and everyone at Banyan Retreat,

**Helping those who may not live a long life, to live a full life.**

A huge thank you to you all for raising an incredible £1,700 from your latest online event. I am in awe of the generosity of your customers and the fact you are able to continue to raise such fantastic amounts despite moving your services online. This now takes the total you have raised to an incredible **£13,250!** I really cannot thank you enough for your fantastic support!

As 2021 draws to a close, we wanted to share our gratitude for all the amazing support we have received this year. Thanks to you, we have been able to deliver the care and support our children and families have needed during another challenging year. We have had to work creatively, collaboratively and flexibly to make this happen, and we hope you are proud to have been part of this fantastic #TeamDemelza effort!

This week, our Festive Grotto has been running at Demelza Kent, where families were welcomed with arts and craft fun, refreshments, a trail through our beautiful gardens and plenty of Christmas joy with a visit to Father Christmas himself. For those unable to join us, our Festive Wishes Elf team have been busy wrapping presents, which our Practical Support Volunteer drivers will start to deliver on Sunday across Kent, East Sussex and South East London.

It is so important to help our families have the best festive season possible this year, and we couldn't do this without an army of generous supporters and incredible volunteers. We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Thank you so much for all you do for Demelza: your kindness means the world to us.

Very best wishes,

**Claire Battersby, Community Fundraising Executive**

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