

Alex's Story

Alex Mullins and her daughter Zuleika raised £550 at a Christmas event after hearing how a close friend's son, Louis, had met the Giggle Doctors...

"When Louis was first being treated, my daughter was aware from Louis' mum that the Giggle Doctors cheered him up enormously. Even when he was in A&E and the family didn't know what was wrong, Louis had already had a visit from a Giggle Doctor at Lewisham Hospital!

My daughter wanted to do something to help Louis and other children like Louis, who end up in hospital lots of times in pain, having to have all sorts of treatments. Louis really inspired us: his experience was something positive out of all the negative.

We decided to put on crafts activities for children. In the end we had about 55 children and at least 50 parents. The children would come up, pay a pound to do the craft activities and would also have their parents there to help them. In the kitchen area we sold tea, coffee and cake and we also ran a raffle, with the prizes donated. They included some toys, a hamper from Budgens and a signed book from an author called Pippa Goodheart.

We didn't take the costs back ourselves but we made sure to run the event so that if we had wanted to recoup our costs, we



Louis and his homemade Giggle Doctor coat with Dr Yoho and Dr Geehee

still would have made money. People really got why we were there; we had leaflets out so people could learn more about the Giggle Doctors and everyone was incredibly generous.

Louis arrived and was wearing a Giggle Doctor coat that he had made and said to his mum after, "it was nice to be famous for a little bit". I think the family were really touched.

It was nice to do a positive thing. It is easy to be incredibly negative and depressed about the situation but because of the Giggle Doctors, there is something that can help and has such an impact on people.