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Dear all the team at Mewburn Ellis LLP,

As we celebrate the launch of our charity partnership, I would like to say a huge thank you for your donation of £15,000.00 and for your continued support to East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH). We are so excited to be named Mewburn Ellis' Cambridge Charity of the Year for 2020 and 2021 and extremely grateful to mark the launch of this partnership with such a generous donation. This gift will very quickly start to help local children and families when they need care and support most. Thank you.

As you may know, EACH offers practical, emotional and spiritual support to life-threatened children and their families. You may not know that we only receive approximately 17% of our funding from statutory sources, so we rely on support from the local community. It's thanks to businesses like Mewburn Ellis that we've been able to continue supporting families throughout the Covid-19 lockdown.

During lockdown, EACH had to suspend many of our regular face-to-face services, whilst prioritising urgent care requests such as emergency crisis care, end of life care, and bereavement support. However, our care team have adapted quickly, supporting families by phone and online, and developing wellbeing resources that can be used at home. Kirsty has appreciated the phone calls from Care Assistant Anna, since her two-year-old daughter Libby lives with Bohring-Opitz syndrome, and requires constant care.

"She just checks to see how we are, what's been happening and if there's anything she can help us with in any way. Just hearing a familiar voice makes everything seem that little bit better and lets us know we haven't been forgotten." - Kirsty

Many of us will empathise with the isolation felt during the pandemic, but for families caring for a life-threatened child, this is even more challenging. Many of them are shielding, and coping single-handedly with their child's intense 24/7 care needs. This has led to many families reaching a crisis point and needing emergency short break care. A donation of £15,000 could pay for 15 emergency short break care sessions. These short break care sessions can provide parents the opportunity to rest, and to do so in the knowledge that their child is being cared for by EACH's specialist Care team. These invaluable short break care sessions provide specialist care for a life-threatened child at a difficult time, and also help parents and grandparents to understand that they are not alone.

Thank you again so much for your wonderful support and for choosing EACH as your Cambridge Charity of the Year for 2020 and 2021. The support of Mewburn Ellis is hugely appreciated, and I look forward to continuing to work with you.

Yours sincerely,

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