Dear Trevor,

Thank you for sending the wonderful donation of £3333 on behalf of Weymouth Crematorium to support a family with the challenges of caring for a seriously ill child.

It is a sad reality that there are poorly children in Dorset and South Wiltshire with complex, life-limiting conditions, who are unlikely to see adulthood. These children require constant care and attention and the strain that this places on the whole family can be beyond measure. This is why Julia's House not only cares for the child, but provides flexible support and respite for parents and siblings, too.

Your donation will help a family like Ben's. Ben is a little boy who was born with a chromosomal abnormality. Although Ben is four and a half, he is small enough to wear baby clothes because he is growing very slowly. He has feeding and breathing difficulties and a heart defect, alongside many other complex conditions. There are periods of time when Ben's family feel they are spending more time in hospital than at home.

Mum, Dad and Ben's brother, Jack, all need support to cope with the demands of looking after Ben, 24 hours a day. We provide respite and therapies to help Ben's development at our hospice in Corfe Mullen, and we are also there for the family in their own home to offer care and support with everyday living.

This year, we need to raise £3.9 million to continue to help around 100 families like Ben's. With less than 8 per cent of our funding coming from the government and with the costs of care continuing to rise, we are reliant upon the generosity of our local community more than ever before. Thank you once again for your kind donation which will make a real difference to a family who, without Julia's House, would have very little support.

Kind regards

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