



Help us! by becoming a "Friend"

WHAT IS GUCH?

GUCH stands for Grown-Up Congenital Heart disease. We are a national charity to support patients born with complex heart conditions who have survived into adulthood by a combination of the fighting spirits of their parents, the determination of the patients and the efforts of heart surgeons, specialist GUCH doctors and nurses.

In nearly 1 in every 100 live births there is a heart disorder. Many can be "cured" within the first few years of life but others are more complex in nature.

Thanks to advances in the last 50 years there are now many such patients surviving. Once only 15% would have become adults, now 80% - 85% survive. The increase in the GUCH population will continue but the medical expertise has not kept up with their needs or equalled the care they had as infants and children.

A GROWING NEED

The British Cardiac Society estimated that there could be an annual increase in the GUCH population of at least 2500 cases. One issue is that so little investment has been made into this patient group that the actual prevalence is unknown. It is however estimated that there may be up to 250,000 people in the country with congenital heart disease.

PATIENTS ASSOCIATION

Our charity provides much needed support for patients, their families and friends. We have a helpline answered by trained volunteers, produce regular editions of GUCH News, and information guides on a number of important topics.

GROWN-UP CONGENITAL HEART PATIENTS ASSOCIATION

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WHY BECOME A FRIEND?

By becoming a Friend you will not be committing yourself to taking an active role in the charity, you will be helping us support GUCH patients by giving us a donation. We will in turn keep you informed of our activities by sending you a copy of our quarterly GUCH News as well as invitations to our special events for Friends.

We hope by having a lot of Friends we can provide the services our patient group require, which include:

FREEPHONE HELPLINE - 0800 854759

Confidential - offering practical support information and advice on any aspect of living with congenital heart condition.

GUCH NEWS

Quarterly newsletter - a great way for us to keep everyone informed.

INFORMATION GUIDES

Wide range of topics including Travel Insurance, Pregnancy, Welfare Benefits etc.

WEBSITE - www.guch.org.uk

Including a regularly used message board.

• Local Contacts • Workshops & Conferences • Annual Walk •

SPONSORED BY



WE PROVIDE

Advice and support to patients, their family and friends

WE WORK WITH

Healthcare professionals

WE PROMOTE

Awareness wherever it is needed

WE ENCOURAGE

The sharing of experiences, which provides support and comfort

Our support services are free

We rely on donations to enable us to do our vital work

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STANDING ORDER AGREEMENT

(Complete shaded areas only)

To: (your bank name and address)

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From: (your name)

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Account No:

Please pay the following:

Amount: £

On dates: 1st of every year/month
until countermanded by me

In favour of: GUCH Patients Association

Bank: National Westminster Bank plc

Sort Code: 60-21-08

Account: 50552384

Reference:

Signed:

Return in all cases to:
GUCH, 75 Tuddenham Avenue, Ipswich, Suffolk IP4 2HG



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To qualify for Gift Aid, what you pay in UK income tax or capital gains tax must at least equal the amount we will claim in the tax year.

I want GUCH Patients Association to treat as Gift Aid all donations from the date of this donation until I notify you otherwise.

Signature: Date:

Charity Name: GUCH Patients Association
Charity No: 1041866

Please return in all cases to:
GUCH 75 Tuddenham Avenue
Ipswich Suffolk IP4 2HG

**I WOULD LIKE TO BECOME
A GUCH FRIEND**

Please complete in all cases

First name:

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I would like to make a donation of:

£10 £25 £50

£100 Other

Please tick one

per year until further notice (you can spread it over each month or quarter with a standing order)

By: Standing Order (complete form overleaf)
Cheque - made payable to "GUCH"
Credit Card - complete below

Credit Card Donation:
(Mastercard & Visa only)

I authorise the Grown-Up Congenital Heart Patients Association to debit my credit card with the above sum.

Card No:

Cardholders Name:

Expiry date:/.....

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(last 3 digits on back of card)

Cardholders Signature:



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