

Your teenage and young adult years should be some of the most exciting of your life with unlimited possibilities. However, every day in the UK, seven young people aged 13-24 hear the devastating news they have cancer.

In London, 292 young people are diagnosed with cancer each year. Without Teenage Cancer Trust, these young people would face unimaginable challenges - rare and aggressive cancers, late and misdiagnosis of symptoms, low survival rates and virtually no specialist support.

The young people we support often fall between adult and children's services provided by the NHS. Teenage Cancer Trust exists to plug the gap and ensure young people receive the specialist care and support they need.

Young people help us design the units so they're packed with everything a teenager might want – pull-out beds for parents to stay over-night and quiet spaces to unwind after gruelling treatments. Being around other young people going through the same thing helps counter the isolation these young people feel on children and adult wards and gives them the positive attitude they need to fight cancer.

We're proud to say we're reaching 56% of young people with cancer in the UK, and in London of the 292 annually diagnosed; we currently reach 174 newly diagnosed young people with our services. However, we urgently need your support to help us reach our goal - to give EVERY young person the best chance of survival by offering access to our units and wider services.

The UCLH in-patient unit, near Euston, was built in 2005 and is one of our busiest units, treating young people with cancer from throughout the capital and elsewhere from the Home Counties. Some young people come from even further afield depending on their diagnosis and the type of treatment that they need.

We have two urgent funding needs in London; our specialised unit staff who give medical and psychological support to young people with cancer, and an upcoming refurbishment project to modernise the unit so that the scope and quality of its facilities continue to meet the needs of young patients and match the standard of our units nationwide.

Examples of how the money could be spent:

- **£2,000** could pay for art and gaming equipment on the unit or 8 off-site social activities such as theatre trips, bowling or enjoying a meal with other young people
- **£10,000** covers the cost of 400 hours of care with a trained teenage cancer nurse specialist, providing vital medical care and support to young people and their families at every step of their journey.
- **£15,000** could pay for **two** single bedrooms and a selection of recreational items such as a pool table, juke box and games consoles
- **£20,000** could provide **three** single bedrooms and a selection of recreational items as outlined above, or a selection of AV equipment.

