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Dear Mrs Scutter,

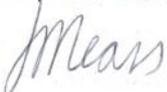
Thanks so much to you and the South Oxford Pedigree Whippet Racing Club for your fantastic donation of £803.51. I'm sorry to read that the club has decided to close, but we are eternally grateful to you all for deciding to leave us this sum of money. Your donation will go towards providing specialist care to our patients and support for their families – we couldn't do it without the generosity of people like yourself and the other club members.

Donations like yours can help to support our highly trained medical team over the festive period. Consultant Paediatrician Dr Emily says, 'Working at Helen & Douglas House throughout the Christmas period is full of contrasts. In the weeks running up to Christmas the houses are full of cheer with pantomimes and reindeer. But the actual Bank Holiday period has seen some of Helen & Douglas House's acute symptom management at its best; both in house and supporting hard stretched community nursing teams.'

Helen House patient Chelsea's condition Metachromatic dystrophy means that she is fully dependent on others. Chelsea's mother Rose speaks about a very special Christmas moment at Helen House, 'They do amazing things at Helen House before Christmas. One year we took our snow machine along and set it up outside so that it just 'happened' to start snowing. And then Father Christmas walked through that snow in to Helen House, and it was amazing! It was just so fantastic for the children; they were saying 'oh, look - his foot-steps', and even the adults were getting all involved with it, and it was an absolutely wonderful time. A really, really special afternoon.'

Without your support we would not be here, and could not help families like Chelsea's. We truly appreciate the generosity of you all.

Very best wishes for 2016,



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