

ECHO Impact Report 2018



Introduction

I want to thank each and every one of our supporters and volunteers for the difference they have made to the lives of children with heart conditions and their families, as we reflect on our impact in 2018.

Here are some of the ECHO highlights from 2018:

- Welcoming 220 new parents to ECHO who needed emotional, practical or social support, plus their children and extended families
- Providing 148 parents with a bespoke ECHO cardiac antenatal class for parents whose baby has been diagnosed with a heart condition during pregnancy
- Continuing for the third year to provide vital support from our dedicated cardiac support worker to cardiac families in hospital, at home and in the community
- Launching our first Teen Hub events specifically for heart teens aged 11-17 to meet others with heart conditions and feel more confident as they transition to adult services

We are looking forward to supporting more families, as our membership is growing and we continue to support children, parents and their extended families.

We have continued to support families within the Evelina London Children's Hospital networks who are not members with our softer support such as our toy chest, resources for families, care bags, cardiac family support worker and our ward visits and events.

Once again I want to thank our members, volunteers and supporters - you work with our small team to achieve so much.

I love meeting people linked to ECHO who believe in our vision: "A world where the emotional, social, financial and medical needs of heart families are met." With your help, we will continue to work hard trying to get closer to our vision.

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2018 in numbers



**New parents
welcomed to ECHO**



**Online support
group members**



Events held



Volunteer hours given



**Heart teens and siblings
who attended events**



**Fantastic ECHO
fundraising individuals**



Total income



**Parents attended the
ECHO antenatal class**

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