

**News Release**  
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**Christmas comes early for children in children's hospices**  
**The Freemasons' Grand Charity donates £150,000 to Lifelites**  
**Education and recreational technology helps care of terminally ill children**

Christmas has come extra early for children in children's hospices this year thanks to a very generous donation of £150,000 from The Freemasons' Grand Charity to Lifelites - the charity providing education and recreation technology for children in hospices.

Lifelites is the only charity in the country providing a fully managed package of home education and recreation technologies for every children's hospice in the country completely free of charge. Their equipment and services help the children to: do their homework; search the internet; keep in contact with their schools; friends and families, play games with their brothers and sisters; or relax with their parents in front of their favourite programmes. The stills and video cameras provide hours of entertainment for the children, as well as helping the families to making a lasting record of the special time they spend together with their child at the hospice.

"This is an extremely generous contribution to Lifelites which will help to ensure that we can keep the equipment we provide in top order for these children for whom every second counts. Thanks to The Freemasons' Grand Charity we can ensure that the children can surf the web safely, watch Sky TV and if things need to be fixed, it can be done in a hurry," said Simone Enefer-Doy from Lifelites.

Laura Chapman of The Freemasons' Grand Charity commented, "We are very pleased to be able make this contribution which will help Lifelites with their work at children's hospices. This donation forms part of the work we have done to support hospices over the years and we know that it's important for children's health care and well being that they are able to enjoy the time they spend at the hospice."