

Welcome to the Foundation's Annual Newsletter, which reflects on 2018. We are delighted to share that we had a really successful year, opening more Bright Spaces than ever before and increasing our fundraising by 36%.

This success was made possible with your support. Whether you bought cake, took part in a Wear it Bright Day, completed an individual or team challenge, participated in an event, shopped through Amazon Smile, or made a corporate donation, it all counted and helped us to make a difference to disadvantaged children in our communities.

We are deeply grateful for your support and hope you enjoy reading about the Bright Spaces we opened, and how we have made a difference as a community.

Bright Spaces

In 2018 the Foundation opened **12** new Bright Spaces, more than we have **ever** opened before! New openings were at Bronzefield Prison; domestic violence refuges in London and Surrey; 3 in Achieving Best Evidence suites for Surrey Police; Inner London Crown Court; 2 for the Depaul homeless charity in London; 2 for Care Afloat Children's homes in Lancashire and at the Lighthouse, the UK's first Child House in London.

We were pleased to extend the range of our partners and beneficiaries with our first Bright Spaces in Care Afloat's children's homes, and to be involved in the Lighthouse project.

Of the two Bright Spaces at Care Afloat, one is located in a sanctuary in the garden of one of the children's homes; it provides a place for residents to relax, talk, meet with their families, participate in therapy sessions, and receive private tutoring, if they are not able to attend school.

The second Bright Space is located at Care Afloat's office, where we have transformed the counselling room and waiting area to provide a welcoming and engaging environment in which counselling sessions and family visits take place. The project was initiated by Gareth Neill who previously worked for Bright Horizons, and was supported by Care Afloat as a child.

We are incredibly excited to be part of the UK's first Child House, the Lighthouse. Based on a Canadian and Icelandic model, the Lighthouse brings together

support for children who are victims of sexual abuse and exploitation. It provides a safe place for children to report abuse, receive therapeutic support and seek the justice they deserve, in one place. We provided all of the children's resources throughout Lighthouse, to help children relax and begin to recover from their experiences.

The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan opened the Lighthouse on 5 December 2018.



Sadiq Khan opened the Lighthouse, a safe house for child sex abuse victims. [View all](#)



2018 Bright Space Gallery



Inner London Crown Court Bright Space in memory of Kerry Wynne



Our first Bright Space to open in 2018 was at Inner London Crown Court. The Bright Space is used by child witnesses prior to entering court, where they can also be interviewed. It provides a child-friendly place where children can be put at ease prior to giving evidence. The Bright Space was opened in memory of Kerry Wynne, from Bright Horizons Teddies Greenwich Nursery, who passed away suddenly from Myocarditis.

In July, we created Bright Spaces at a refuge in Surrey, for children and their mothers who are victims of domestic abuse, whose lives are at risk. The Bright Spaces provide a sanctuary in which mothers and children can enjoy play together without the threat of violence or intimidation..

Surrey Refuge Bright Space



We opened two new Bright Spaces with the Depaul homeless charity in Brent, which are used by homeless single mothers and their young children. They were set up in memory of Lorraine Thompson, who worked in Bright Horizons' nurseries for more than 20 years, and was a passionate supporter of the Foundation. Her sister Karren, her colleagues, friends, and nursery families raised over £9,000 to support the cost of the project, supplemented by a grant from the Bright Horizons Foundation for Children.

Depaul Homeless Refuge Bright Space in memory of Lorraine Thompson



The Bright Space at HMP Bronzefield women's prison was opened in October by Lord Farmer. The Bright Space contains defined play areas, for babies through to teens, and opportunities for children and their mothers to enjoy role play, art, construction, reading, games, and homework activities together. It is used for family visits, and is the only visits area in the prison where mothers are able to freely play with their children.

Surrey Police ABE Suite Bright Space



Karren Thompson with the local Mayor and Depaul Bright Space Partner



Justice Minister, Edward Argar said, "Building and sustaining family ties is not only a vital part of successful rehabilitation but it plays an important role in improving the life chances of the next generation. I am delighted to see initiatives like Bright Spaces helping women in custody maintain their family relationships."

HMP Bronzefield Bright Space



Asquith Teddington, Kew and Cisco nursery communities raised an incredible £6,000 towards this project, and volunteered their time. A wonderful team effort.



Bright Space Impact



In our 2018 annual survey of Bright Space partners:

100% said their Bright Space impacts children and families, with **81%** stating that their Bright Space has a **major impact** on the children and families it supports. Furthermore, **100%** were **very satisfied** with the Foundation as a partner.

“Overall I cannot thank the Bright Horizons Foundation enough. The feedback about the space we provide to families has been astounding and I personally have seen just what a difference this support has made to some of the children that come here. There is nothing better than making a child smile and relax at such a difficult time in their lives. Thank you.” Bright Space Partner

The Foundation benefitted from financial and in-kind donations made by Bright Horizons’ suppliers and contractors who donated time and resources; as well as employers who awarded grants or provided match-funding on their employees’ behalf.

We received a number of grants from other Trusts and Foundations equating to £20,100, up from £16,800 in 2017. Grants were awarded for Bright Spaces at Belmarsh, Isis and Bronzefield Prisons, and Care Afloat Children’s homes.

If you would like to support us in 2019, there are numerous ways you can, which include:

- Fundraising as an individual, team or community
- Creating or supporting a local Bright Space
- Raising FREE donations for us by shopping via Give As You Live and Amazon Smile
- Donating regularly from your salary through your employer’s Give As You Earn scheme
- Nominating the Foundation as your company’s designated charity
- Donating items needed for a local Bright Space
- Securing match-funding for your donations and fundraising from your employer
- Connecting with us on social media to help spread the word

In 2019 we want to make fundraising as easy and fun as possible and will be sharing a Fundraising Toolkit, our website soon.

If you would like to know more, please email emily.harris@brighthorizons.com

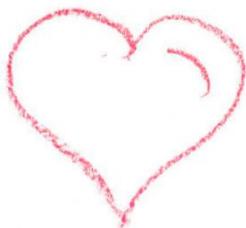
Thank You!

Everything you do to support the Foundation helps us to make a difference to vulnerable children and families in our community.

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Family means everything to me
I've two gorgeous boys as you can see
they come to see me on a visit today
listened to talks and hula hops they did play
they brighten up each day in here
I love them so much um sure it's clear.



A note from a mother using our Bright Space at HMP Bronzefield

Fundraising

You helped us to raise **£135,000** in 2018, a 36% increase on our 2017 fundraising! We really can't thank you enough for your support!

We saw some wonderful fundraising activities, many of which supported our 2018 #DoBrightThings FUNdraising Campaign during October and November. Activities included Wear It Bright Days, sponsored walks and runs, skydives, fetes, art auctions, Halloween events, raffles and bake sales.

Bright Horizons’ suppliers continue to offer their support. Many of our Facilities Contractors joined the Facilities Golf Day in aid of the Foundation which raised over £3,000.