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**THE HANGING LANTERN COMPANY - SHINING SUPPORT FOR CHESTNUT TREE HOUSE.**

Chestnut Tree House, the children's hospice for Sussex, is delighted to have a new corporate supporter - The Hanging Lantern Company.

The Hanging Lantern Company ( <http://www.hanginglanterns.co.uk> ), based in East Sussex, is a brand new UK business, launched very recently in November 2009. The company are part of the largest lantern business in the US and also have their own factory in China. With around 100,000 lanterns in 150 different designs and colours, The Hanging Lantern Company is the UK's leading supplier of high quality Chinese paper lanterns and accessories.

Rob Payne, from The Hanging Lantern Company, has pledged to donate 3% of all orders to Chestnut Tree House. In addition, he plans to organise fundraising events throughout the year in aid of the charity. He has also offered to provide the hospice with lanterns to add colour and spectacle at the House and at fundraising events.

Rob said, "I am delighted to have the opportunity to support a local charity and to get involved with bringing even the smallest joy to a child's life."

Chestnut Tree House is thrilled to be receiving The Hanging Lantern Company's support. Corporate Fundraiser, Sarah Arnold, said, "Thanks to the generosity of The Hanging Lantern Company, we will be able to help more children and young people with life-limiting illnesses, not just in East Sussex, but across the whole county."

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**Press Release**

## **Notes to Editors**

### **Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice**

Chestnut Tree House is the only children's hospice in Sussex and cares for children and young adults from 0-19 years of age with progressive life-limiting and life-threatening illnesses from all over the county.

Completed in 2003, the hospice provides a 'home from home' environment with 10 children's bedrooms plus 8 family rooms, a wet and dry play area, computer and music rooms, a multi sensory room and hydrotherapy pool. The house is set in beautiful gardens within an area of outstanding natural beauty.

There are potentially 400 families with life-limited children in Sussex. Chestnut Tree House offers support for the whole family including psychological support, care in bereavement therapy, end of life and respite care and sibling support.

It costs approximately £2 million per year to provide our care services. Families are not charged for their care and the hospice receives hardly any government funding at all, so it relies completely on the generosity, help and support of the people of Sussex.

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