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ellenor staff at the Frozen 2 premiere

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ellenor get the red-carpet treatment at Disney's Frozen 2 premiere

Children's hospice workers were given the Queen of Arendelle treatment on Sunday as a special thank you for their incredible work with seriously ill children and their families in hospices across the UK.

Disney UK's partnership with Together for Short Lives, the national charity making a difference for seriously ill children, sees it create hundreds of Moments That Matter for seriously ill children and those closest to them, and for the lifeline children's hospices that are there for them.

Disney UK and Together for Short Lives said a special thank you to children's hospice Moment Makers from **ellenor** at a dedicated reception and by offering them a well-earned place on the Frozen 2 red carpet at the Central London premiere. Together for Short Lives' Patron Holly Willoughby attended the premiere with her family and enjoyed meeting some of the Moment Makers.

Each and every day dedicated care and service staff from **ellenor** are caring for seriously ill children and helping them and their families to make memories that will last a lifetime.

Children's hospice staff from **ellenor** relished the chance to create their own special moments and memories with their own families whilst celebrating the release of *Frozen 2*.

Rebecca Scalzo, Head of Children's Services said: "I am delighted for our staff to be given the opportunity to attend such an exciting event. The team are enormously passionate about supporting children with life threatening or life limiting illness. They dedicate every working day to making each moment as special as possible, for the children and families who use **ellenor**'s services. It is lovely to see their hard work acknowledged on this special evening."

Together for Short Lives CEO, Andy Fletcher said:

"There are 49,000 babies, children and young people living in the UK with health conditions that are life-limiting or life-threatening. Many of these children have complex conditions and need specialist care 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The amount of work that goes on behind closed doors at children's hospices to make sure these families get the help and support they desperately need is enormous. We are thrilled that these efforts were recognised and celebrated, and the amazing children's hospice staff who do so much to support families were given a well-deserved chance to shine at Disney's Frozen 2 premiere."

Sara Hanson, Director of Charitable Programmes at Disney, said:

"We were so pleased to have the opportunity to create a special moment for those who dedicate their lives to families with children facing life-threatening or life-limiting conditions. We're very proud of our partnership with Together

for Short Lives, and while we dedicate much of our efforts to creating Moments that Matter for seriously-ill children and those closest to them, we thought the Frozen 2 premiere was the perfect opportunity to recognise those who create shared moments for families every day through their local hospices. We hope they and their guests had an amazing time!”

Meet the Moment Makers

Introducing some of the incredible hospice staff who were honoured at the Frozen 2 premiere:

Sophie Fetterplace, HR & Education Administrator, said:

“I am so privileged to be working for **ellenor** the way that everyone works as a team to contribute to the care of children is truly remarkable. Providing care to children can be very challenging however within **ellenor** the support that colleagues provide to each other to help them through each day is incredible. While at the *Frozen 2* premiere with Together For Short Lives, it was so amazing to meet people from all over the UK that have the same passion for providing excellent standards of care to children and it was an honour to be able to meet these people and hear their backgrounds. The work that all of these charities put into children’s care is astonishing and being able to be a part of it all is a true privilege.”

Harvinder Malhi, Senior Staff Nurse (Care home support team) said:

“It was a lovely evening enjoyed by everyone that attended – adults and children. It was a lovely honour for Disney to recognise the work of children’s hospices. In our hospice we try to support staff across the different services and departments, working together to take every opportunity to do the best for all of our patients.”

Disney’s *Frozen 2* continues the story of the Academy Award® and BAFTA®-winning *Frozen* which became a global phenomenon following its release in 2013. *Frozen 2* is one of the most anticipated animated features of all time and asks the question of why Elsa was born with magical powers? The answer is calling to her and threatening her kingdom. Together with Anna, Kristoff, Olaf and Sven, she’ll set out on a dangerous but remarkable journey. Award-winning filmmakers Chris Buck and Jennifer Lee return to direct *Frozen*

2 which also features the voices of Kristen Bell, Idina Menzel, Josh Gad and Jonathan Groff and is released in cinemas on November 22nd 2019.

About Together for Short Lives

When a child's life is expected to be short, there's no time to waste. Together for Short Lives is here to make sure the 49,000 seriously ill children across the UK can make the most of every moment they have together, whether that's for years, months or only hours. We stand alongside families, supporting them to make sure they get the vital care and help that they need.

About TWDC's Social Responsibility Commitment

As well as being a responsible business, The Walt Disney Company is dedicated to delivering comfort and inspiration for families around the world and recognizes it takes a team to make a significant impact. The Walt Disney Company, through all its affiliated brands, helps realise more than 10,000 wishes a year for children facing serious illnesses around the world. Since Disney granted its first wish request in the early 1980s, it has helped wish-granting organisations to fulfil more than 130,000 wishes.

This collaboration with Together for Short Lives is part of Disney UK's social purpose programme; working with others to help build emotional resilience. Bringing the power of its brand, stories and characters to inspire and create Moments that Matter for children and those closest to them, when they need it the most. For more information www.thewaltdisneycompany.eu

About Together for Short Lives and Disney's partnership

The partnership began in 2017 when Together for Short Lives were delighted to be selected as one of their four strategic charity partners, where they work

in partnership with others to help build emotional resilience. They bring the power of their brand, stories and characters to inspire and create Moments that Matter for children and those closest to them when they need it the most. Over the past two years, Together for Short Lives are grateful to have been able to join Disney in the excitement of celebrating their new releases and together raise awareness, funds and create memorable moments.

We are **ellenor**, a charity funded by the generosity of our local community, offering the best care and support to families facing terminal illness in Kent. We are the **only** charity in the county that provides hospice care for people of all ages – babies, children and adults - and their families. This includes pain and symptom relief, end of life care, respite, bereavement support and emotional and spiritual care.

Our Children's Hospice Care, formerly known as chYps, is provided in the comfort of the family home and spans across North and West Kent and the London Borough of Bexley. Adults living in Gravesham, Dartford and Swanley, receive care in their place of choice, including their own homes, at our Hospice in Gravesend and in local care homes.

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