

McMullen's Brewery has been supporting the **BraveHerts Children's Appeal** in aid of Keech Hospice Care since 2016.

The appeal was developed following the outcome of a review of services supporting palliative care for children and young people in Hertfordshire. This estimated that right now 400 children in the county could need the support of Keech Hospice Care. Research also shows that the number of babies, children and young people with life-limiting conditions is increasing.

Through the BraveHerts Children's Appeal, Keech Hospice Care aims to increase their support for Hertfordshire children and families, and reach every baby, child and family that need them.

To date over £200,000 has been raised, McMullen's brewery alone has raised £38,000 towards this appeal.

Fundraising from across Hertfordshire, including this support from McMullen's staff and pubs is enabling Keech Hospice Care to:

- Fund support for more families who need their help now. To increase and maintain a specialist staff team across Hertfordshire ensuring they reach all the children and their families who need them. **Currently the BraveHerts Children's Appeal is funding three additional dedicated specialist children's staff now working across Hertfordshire providing more care in the local community and at home.**
- Introduce services and social support in Hertfordshire based locations to replicate some of the specialism currently provided at the Keech Hospice Care site in Streatley, near Luton. **Since May 2019 these services have been piloted at different locations fortnightly, within Hertfordshire. This has enabled families who previously have not been able to access existing services, the opportunity to meet specialist staff locally and to introduce them to valuable social support.**

In total 187 children in Hertfordshire received support from Keech Hospice Care during 2018/19

THANK YOU !