

Little Hearts Matter AGM 2023 Profiles of proposed Trustees

Election of Kim Botham as Trustee

Kim lives in Rotherham with her partner and dog. She was diagnosed with transposition of the great arteries, double outlet right ventricle, VSD and pulmonary stenosis at a few months old, undergoing her Glenn at the age of 3 and having a Fontan and then a pacemaker at 18.

Kim has worked within education for over 10 years as a teacher, SENDCo and a member of the Special Educational Needs Assessment and Review Team. She is passionate about ensuring access to education for those with additional needs. LHM became particularly important to Kim during the coronavirus pandemic and she found the charity's support invaluable during that time, especially as she lived alone.



Election of Sophie Green as Trustee

Sophie was born in 1997 with Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome. She has been a member of Little Hearts Matter since she was born was part of the LHM Youth Council from 2008-2016.

LHM has always been an important part of Sophie's life, providing her with important knowledge growing up and allowing her to connect with others with Single Ventricle Heart Conditions as a source of comfort.

Sophie is married and lives in Farnham, where she works full-time as a Primary School Teacher. As a Trustee, she hopes to help younger members with the struggles they may face growing up.



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Re-election of David Baumber as Treasurer

David is a Chartered Accountant and Senior Finance Manager with E.ON having previously worked at PricewaterhouseCoopers. He brings financial skills to the charity in terms of accounting, budgeting, forecasting and cost management.

David has a son, Matthew (born June 2002) who has Tricuspid Atresia (a right-sided single ventricle condition), a daughter Rachel, who has a healthy heart but has a genetic condition called achondroplasia (a form of dwarfism), and another son, Thomas.

Matthew has had all three stages of surgery. He was very ill as a baby, with breathing difficulties caused by a paralysed diaphragm which needed additional surgery, together with feeding problems meaning that he was tube-fed until he was nine months old. He also had a difficult time in hospital for his Fontan but he is now learning to cope with his condition combined with the rigours of growing up.



Election of Warren Manger as Chair

Warren Manger and his wife Verity have been members of Little Hearts Matter since 2016. Their son Haydn was diagnosed with left atrial isomerism, Hypoplastic left ventricle, and double outlet right ventricle (DORV) during pregnancy and underwent his first open heart surgery at 12-days-old.

Warren joined the LHM trust board to help raise awareness about the charity and CHD. He is an award-winning journalist and public relations specialist with 15 years' experience covering health news and features, including the Daily Mirror's campaign to introduce an opt-out organ donor register.



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