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# £100,000 milestone in memory of Ollie

## ➤ Foundation raises cash to fund research

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A CHARITY set up in memory of a little boy who died from a brain tumour has hit its first fundraising target of £100,000.

The Ollie Young Foundation (OYF) will now fund three years of research into the specific type of tumour suffered by five-year-old Ollie before his death in February last year.

The foundation was set up by his parents Sarah and Simon, of Woosehill, 14 months ago.

Announcing the "monumental achievement", Mr and Mrs Young paid tribute to the people of Wokingham, describing them as "our heartbeat".

Mrs Young said: "We are stunned to find ourselves at this milestone point with the Ollie Young Foundation in such early days of our organisation and we are so proud to be able to put wheels in motion to start research in Ollie's name."

The £100,000 has been raised thanks to donations from clubs, businesses and from people living in and around Wokingham who have been moved to organise cake stalls, pub nights, quizzes, sponsored exercise sessions and much more for the foundation.



**Fundraisers have reached the £100,000 milestone in memory of Ollie Young**

Mrs Young added: "The fundraising is a testament to the compassion of

all those who have put money into our collecting tins, participated in sponsored activities, bought tickets to one of our events or supported us by wearing our merchandise.

"Everyone can share in the success of what we have done to help fund brain tumour research. I'm just overwhelmed."

Ollie's father added: "We've said it before so many times, but 'thank you' just doesn't cover what we want to say.

"We have had support from far and wide but the people of Wokingham have been our heartbeat, they have been wonderful.

"And we couldn't have a more dedicated committee than those at the OYF - they have all worked so hard at events and behind the scenes too.

"They're a great bunch and we look forward to continuing to work together going forward."

The foundation's second phase of fundraising will fund ongoing research and will support the Helen & Douglas House Hospice in Oxford and CLIC Sargent children's cancer charity.

To support the Ollie Young Foundation visit [www.ollieyoungfoundation.org](http://www.ollieyoungfoundation.org).