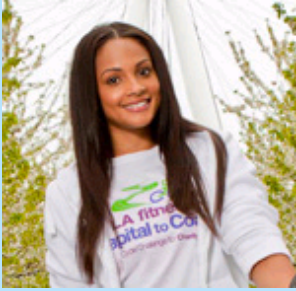


Our celebrity supporters

Over the years many celebrities have supported the work of Norwood. Read on to find out what some of them have said.

2012

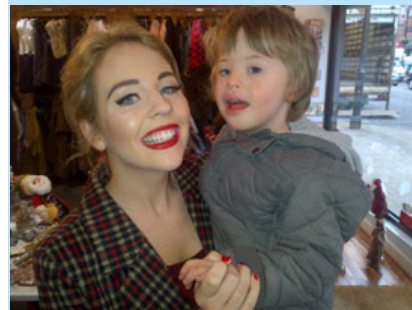


"The LA fitness Capital to Coast bike ride is an opportunity to be part of something very special – 2000 riders of all abilities cycling to Brighton for two amazing charities - Norwood and Down's Syndrome Association, helping people with learning disabilities live full and rewarding lives. So get on your bikes on 1st July and make a difference."

Alesha Dixon

For me, Norwood is one of the best charities that I've come across in Britain. I think it does an absolutely brilliant job for all sorts of people who need help."

Rt Hon George Osborne MP,
Chancellor of the Exchequer



"Norwood and the Down's Syndrome Association are amazing charities and provide a lifeline to countless families around the country."

Lydia Bright, star of ITV's
The Only Way is Essex.

"I know first hand about the amazing work of Norwood and the Down's Syndrome Association and recommend everyone gets into gear in aid of these worthy causes."

Matt Barbett, 5 News Presenter



2010



"While I am more used to posing the questions, rather than answering them, I was happy to be put under the spotlight by Richard. I have known about Norwood's excellent work for several years, and was delighted to lend my support to such a wonderful cause."

Piers Morgan - Journalist being interviewed by Richard Desmond

"I know that I speak on behalf of all the RD Crusaders when I say how delighted I am to see the inspiring work taking place at the RD Crusaders WorkHub, which is helping so many people with learning disabilities to feel included in society. It has been great to have been able to play a part in the success of this initiative and I hope that it goes from strength to strength."

Roger Daltrey, lead singer of legendary rock band The Who speaking at the launch of Norwood's RD Crusaders WorkHub



"I've been very impressed with the way Norwood helps to change lives, and I believe we should all try and help change lives by doing what we're good at ourselves. For example, I think I have a talent for entrepreneurship, so I try and change lives by helping people to become entrepreneurs."

Sir Stelios Haji Ioannou, founder of easyJet and easyGroup

2009

"I'm delighted to help out for such a wonderful cause."

Ronnie Corbett, actor and comedian



"Norwood does great work to help change the lives of people with learning disabilities and children and families in need."

Myleene Klass, singer, musician and presenter

"Norwood is a great charity that supports people to reach their potential in life. Whether it's about finding a place to call home, finding a job, or just doing everyday things that most of us take for granted, like going shopping, Norwood is there to make it possible."

**Theo Paphitis,
entrepreneur and
Dragons' Den judge**



"It's so important that Norwood is helping children deal with problems. Children are being given understanding and being listened to, they are having counselling and being shown some of the softness that I could have done with when I was growing up."

Marco Pierre White, chef and restaurateur

"At Norwood, we understand that every single person, whatever their ability, is valuable as a human being. Norwood is there day by day to support people who want to keep their family together, for people who want their children, whatever their ability, to fulfil their full potential."

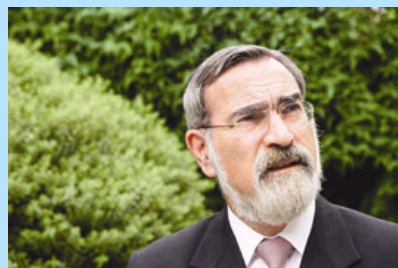
Cherie Blair QC, Norwood's Patron of Children's Services



"I would like to commend this remarkable organisation on the theme it has chosen for its campaign: 'Change a life.'

Every time Norwood supports, nurtures and give someone wings to fly, it fulfils the highest ideals of Jewish charity: giving people dignity and self-respect by helping them towards a more independent life."

Chief Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks



"To change a life. Wow, that's quite a statement. What an honour it must be for those of you that support this fantastic charity."

Lulu, singer

"Cycling's my passion and I'm delighted to support the Capital to Coast Cycle Challenge, which is open to people of all abilities and raises funds for such worthy causes."

Bradley Wiggins, Olympic cycling triple gold medallist



"Hi. We're Diversity. Our lives have been changed this year thanks to Britain's Got Talent. But that's small fry compared to the way Norwood and all you wonderful people help to change lives. Thank you for making us a part of this great organisation. Change a life."

Diversity, dance group

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"To change a life you need very special people. Norwood people."

Darcey Bussell, ballerina



"The Capital to Coast Cycle Challenge for Charity is a fantastic event. Why not join in the fun this year, get fit and enjoy a wonderful day's cycling while raising vital funds for charities in London and nationwide?"

Boris Johnson, Mayor of London

"Anyone that supports Norwood can be very proud of what they do, because it really changes lives."

Chaka Khan, singer



"I have had so many amazing moments in my life and I have been so lucky to bring music to many people's lives, but to change a life is truly a gift. I think what Norwood does is remarkable."

Anastacia, singer

“If I can get on my bike and really enjoy the pleasure of cycling a challenging distance, so can you. Remember, it’s not just you who benefits.”

Fern Britton, TV presenter



“Having completed this route as a teenager, I know that the Capital to Coast Cycle Challenge is a tough challenge to take on but an effort made for a very worthy cause.”

Rebecca Romero, Olympic cycling gold medallist

“Norwood is a great charity. The work you do with children and families is tremendous. The scope of what you do is awesome and everyone involved with Norwood should be very proud... Organisations such as Norwood provide magical moments to those parents who need your help...I’d like to thank you for all that you do.”

The Right Honorable David Cameron



2008

“Charities carry out extraordinary work and I like to support them as much as possible. Through my friend, Richard Desmond, I have learnt a lot about Norwood and I understand why you’re all here. I’m a great believer that we have to support British charities and I’m very happy to support this cause.”

Simon Cowell, music executive, TV producer and entrepreneur

"It gives me great pleasure to support Norwood."

Nicholas Parsons, actor and presenter

"I very much enjoyed the opportunity to learn in more detail about the vital work Norwood carries out with children and families in the community."

Bernie Ecclestone, CEO Formula One Management

Norma Brier, Bernie Ecclestone, Tanya Bryer, Richard Desmond

2007

"Norwood is a remarkable charity which is like an extended family, helping children and families to cope with living with learning disabilities. We will deliver on improvements for the property sector, all I ask for in return is that you in the property sector, are generous in giving to charities like Norwood."

George Osborne, Norma Brier, Richard Desmond

The Right Honorable George Osborne, Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer

"Norwood and M&S share some important common values. We listen to our customers and find out what they want and continue to be innovative and keep listening. Norwood is committed to making real change in people's lives."

Sir Stuart Rose, CEO, Marks & Spencer

"I am delighted to support Norwood, which is a fantastic charity that carries out important work with vulnerable children and families."

Caprice, model and actress

"I am really happy to have been involved with supporting Norwood.."

Anna Park, designer

Katie Conroy, Anna Park and Caprice at Norwood Ladies Lunch

2006

“I think what Norwood does is remarkable. I am taken to a place of envy to a community which still treasures and supports the extended family and still offers support to those less fortunate within it.”

Jon Snow, journalist and presenter

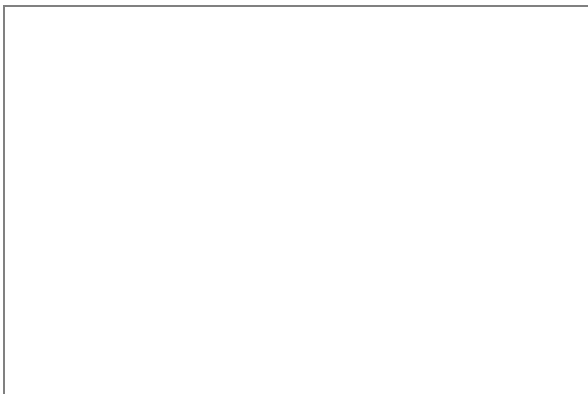
Stephen Treisman, Jon Snow & Jackie Andresier

“I am glad to support so worthwhile a cause as Norwood.”

**The Right Honorable Ann
Widdecombe**

Other Norwood supporters include

Harvey Weinstein, film producer
Piers Morgan
Henry Grunwald QC
Lord David Trimble, Nobel Laureate
Alan Dedicoat, radio announcer and 'Voice of the Balls' on the National Lottery show



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