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Beating the Blues

The children's centre at the Royal United Hospital is anything but blue today. They are looking forward to choosing play equipment for some of the youngest patients to enjoy as a result of a £300 charitable donation from the Marlborough Tavern.

Owner of the Marlborough Tavern, Joe Cussens says: "January is usually a miserable month and we wanted to find a way of cheering people up. We had the idea of a 'beat the blues' party and organised a special menu, musical entertainment and a raffle. We wanted to make people feel good and you usually feel good when you are helping others.

"£2 from every meal along with the proceeds of the raffle, raised £300 which we are delighted to donate to the children's centre. We hope the children have a lot of fun with the play equipment."

Denise Greenman, sister on the children's ward at the RUH, says: "We are very grateful to Joe and his staff and customers for their generosity. It's lovely to know we are in the hearts and minds of the local community. The children will get a great deal of pleasure from the play equipment and this has made us all feel good."

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Photo opportunity: Tuesday 24 February at 12noon at the children's centre. Please contact the communications office.