

Hello and welcome to our latest e-newsletter - we hope you find it interesting. Click on the links for more info:

GBSS Raffle 2009 - We only do one national fundraising campaign each year, and this is it! And we **so** need your support – all charities are affected by the recession and we are no exception. Please contribute if you can. The GBSS Christmas Draw 2009 is on Saturday, 12 December 2009. Our top three prizes are: 1st prize £500, 2nd prize £250 and 3rd prize £100. Last day for returned raffle tickets stubs and money is Friday, 4 December 2009 (money received after this date will be treated as donations. Non-cash raffle prizes will only be sent to UK addresses). Please let us know if you'd like us to send you some raffle tickets to buy or sell to friends, colleagues, family.

Can you help us with corporate fundraising? As we seek new ways of generating funds for our vital work, we are looking at organisations both large and small to see if they might donate to us. Lots of organisations only give to charities where a member of staff supports the charity. If you are involved with an organisation which donates to charities and you are happy to put us in contact with the right person, please do get in touch. James and Lorna, based in our offices on Mondays, are very keen to do all the necessary leg-work – all you need to do is tell us who to write to and send a quick email to that person saying you support our cause. James has successfully secured corporate support for other charities – now it's our turn! Please do get in touch at fundraising@gbss.org.uk if you can help.

Poetry 4 you – The www.mypoetry4u.co.uk website is dedicated to raising money for UK charities by asking poets and visitors to make donations to charity – Alan Weston will publish your poetry on his website free of charge, with a link to your favourite charity. Please contact Alan at info@mypoetry4u.co.uk to feature on this site.

GBSS News – Are you a member of the charity? If so, you'll be receiving our latest GBSS News in the post very soon. It's just back from the printers and will soon be winging its way to all our members. If you're not a member, then please consider joining. You can do so online at www.gbss.org.uk or call us on 01444 416176 between 9 am and 3 pm any week day.

GBSS Christmas cards & gifts – Lots of options here: Please order direct from our range at <http://www.gbss.org.uk/shop>. For personalised Christmas cards, with a choice of greeting and your own photograph, and still supporting GBSS, then visit <http://www.charitycards.co.uk/charities/gbss>. If you want to send eCards, then ours are free (though donations are always welcome) at <http://www.gbss.org.uk/shop> or there's a wider range at <http://www.everyclick.com/christmas> (minimum spend of £5 for up to 100 cards)

Do you have a story to tell? Would you be able to tell your GBS story in 100-200 words and send it, and a photo, to us at GBSS? We'd like to include some stories in a variety of places – on our website, in our printed newsletter and in funding applications. And would you be able to say how GBSS has been able to help you (if we have, of course)? This can be a powerful way of raising awareness of group B Strep and supporting our work. If you would like to help, please email Jane Plumb at jplumb@gbss.org.uk – and we promise we won't use your story/quote without your express permission

Twitter & Facebook - You can now become a fan of GBSS on facebook <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Group-B-Strep-Support/98947320307>. You can also follow us on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/GBSSupport>. Each of these where we'll keep you up to date with what's happening at the charity, published articles and fundraising news. It's early days and we're still learning about Twitter and facebook, but we'd love you to join (and help us)!

That's all for now – we'll be in touch again in a few weeks time.

With best wishes from all of us here,

The GBSS Team

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Group B Strep Support

preventing life-threatening group B Strep infection in newborn babies

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