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fundraising adventure

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# Melanie and James' fundraising journey

Our daughter, Lily, was formally diagnosed with Neurofibromatosis Type 1 (NF1) in October 2013 when she was just three years old. As you can imagine, our world came crashing down and we found ourselves not really knowing what to do. Fortunately, Lily's paediatrician put us in touch with Carolyn Redman, our local Neurofibromatosis Support Specialist (supported by Nerve Tumours UK), who was able to explain to us exactly what NF1 was. She has supported Lily (and us!) ever since.

We realised how lucky we were to have Nerve Tumours UK for support and we wanted to give something back so that other families could benefit from the work the charity does too. James signed up to

run the London Marathon and I organised the Butterfly Dreams Charity Ball. Since then, we have held cake sales through James' work, hosted a barn dance and a 70's disco night, I have abseiled down the Spinnaker Tower and James has taken part in Ride London. More recently, we held a quiz night which was a real giggle and very easy to organise and I took part in Race to the Stones (a 100km walk over two days) with my wonderful sister, Emma and my good friend and fellow NF1 Mummy, Sarah. This was one of the hardest and most rewarding things I have ever done and together, we raised just over £3000.

James and I enjoy fundraising for Nerve Tumours UK. It gives us a sense of purpose and we feel good knowing that the money we raise goes towards helping the charity continue to fund their network of Specialist Advisors. We are always thinking of our next challenge and, James has just signed up to Deloitte's Ride across Britain in 2019, I am organising another barn dance and due to popular demand, we hope to hold a second quiz night too!

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