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Rolls-Royce Motor Cars employees pick Families of Ocean Ward as new house charity for 2020

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Rolls-Royce Motor Cars employees have picked Families of Ocean Ward as their 2020 house charity. Image credit: Families of Ocean Ward

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Rolls-Royce Motor Cars has named Families of Ocean Ward as its house charity for this year after the British automaker's employees voted on the choice in a time-honored tradition.

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The charity of choice supports children with heart conditions who have gone through or are currently undergoing treatment and their families on Ocean Ward, Southampton General Hospital in England.

"My nephew Ozzy has been a frequent visitor to Ocean Ward since his diagnosis of Williams Syndrome and last year stayed on the ward after open heart surgery," said Hetty Smith, leathershop associate at Rolls-Royce and one of those who nominated Families of Ocean Ward, in a statement.

"My nephew is a ray of sunshine he can melt hearts with his beautiful eyes and smile but in his three short years he has had to overcome huge obstacles already," she said.

"This has been made that little bit easier by the great care and services that he and his parents were provided on Ocean Ward, with much made possible by the Families of the Ocean Ward charity. It is wonderful that the money we raise this year will go a long way to making sure those children who are admitted to the ward, and their families, will have a more comfortable visit."



Rolls-Royce Motor Cars apprentices at the automaker's plant in Goodwood, England. Image credit: Rolls-Royce Motor Cars

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Families of Ocean Ward bridges the gap between home and hospital by putting families in touch with others whose child has a similar condition and issues.

This service is critical as the pediatric cardiac unit in Southampton treats children not only in the local area, but also kids with heart conditions as far as Devon and Cornwall, across to West Sussex and Wiltshire.

The **Rolls-Royce** house charity is picked each year via a company-wide nomination process. The winning organization is supported through a number of company-initiated efforts.

Last year's house charity was Home-Start Arun. BMW Group-owned Rolls-Royce concluded its support Feb. 29 with a "Vintage FUNdraiser" for 130 guests at the company's Goodwood manufacturing plant.

"Our employees go to great lengths to support the house charity every year and we look forward to seeing what creative initiatives they come up with for Families of Ocean Ward in 2020," said Andrew Ball, head of corporate relations at Rolls-Royce Motor Cars, in a statement.