



28th October 2013

Dear Karen,

Thank you for your email and for the lovely photograph you sent through from our visit with the Teenage Cancer Trust to Addenbrookes hospital. I so admire all the hard work and dedication you are putting into ALDlife. It must be incredibly tough for you and please know that we are all here to support you.

I was so honoured that you asked Eugenie and I to become a Patron of ALDlife. Unfortunately, I am not able to take on any additional Patron roles with charities at this time as I would be unable to fulfil the role to the level I would like to, and could not do it justice. My daughter Eugenie is focusing on her career at the moment, she has just moved to New York to start a new job with an online art auction company. Being abroad she would not be able to give the high level of input required of a Patron.

I understand that you have spoken to Martin and you are aware that although I cannot accept an official patronage, I would, however, like to work as an Ambassador to ALDlife and would like to help raise awareness and support you when and where I can. I see from your website that you opened a fourth charity shop last week. This is such great news! Please do let me know if we can help with donations for your shops... I can help by tweeting for example, just let me know your thoughts on how best I can help as an Ambassador.

Please know that I am thinking of your family, and send Cameron lots of love.

With love Sarah
The Duchess of York