



FRIENDS & FAMILIES

Grants and Funding Booklet
September 2022

**OUR VISION IS A WORLD
WHERE FAMILIES AND
THEIR CHILDREN,
IRRESPECTIVE OF
THEIR DISABILITY OR
IMPAIRMENT, CAN
REACH THEIR FULL
POTENTIAL AND THRIVE.**

Friends and Families was established 20 years ago to support and empower families with disabled children. We offer practical advice, support, and fun activities to children with a disability or impairment and their families in and around Plymouth. Our services include:

- Free and confidential information, advice, emotional support and advocacy for parents and carers.
- Social and leisure events for the whole family as well as specific groups aimed at children, young people, or their siblings.
- Educational workshops for parents and carers to develop knowledge and skills relevant to their child and their impairment or disability.

This booklet details various grants families can apply for to help ease the cost and ensure their child has the support to reach their full potential.

The grants listed will fund equipment, essential items, educational aids, day trips, short breaks or respite, wish making grants, and equipment to buy or loan.

We hope this booklet helps you find the right grant for your family. We are here to support your application and answer any questions you may have. Just email us at info@friendsandfamilies.org.uk or call 01752 204369, and we will be happy to help.



**EMPOWERING
FAMILIES!**

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A-Z OF GRANTS

Able Kidz

ablekidz.org

Able Kidz works to make a disabled child's educational journey a fulfilling and positive experience. They provide specialist equipment, computers and software to the child or school and also assist in funding the extra tuition needs of a child.

To apply you must send a letter of application alongside a letter of support from a teacher or educational professional to:

The Grants Officer
Able Kidz
124 City Road
London EC1V 2NX

The Adamson Trust

theadamsontrust.co.uk

The trust provides financial support with costs of holidays or respite breaks for disabled children between the ages of 3 and 17 with physical, mental or emotional impairments.

The application form can be downloaded from their website.

AFK

my-afk.org

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BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme

familyfunds.co.uk/emergency-essentials/

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Applications are made through a registered referrer.

The current registered referrer is:

Holly (holly@friendsandfamilies.org.uk)

The Boparan Charitable Trust

theboparancharitabletrust.com

The Boparan Charitable Trust aims to improve young people's lives with funding for children with disabilities, life-limiting illnesses and those who are in extreme poverty across the UK.

They will provide grants for specialist equipment not available on the NHS such as wheelchairs, trikes, and sensory toys, as well as treatments such as speech and language therapy.

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Buttercup Children's Trust

buttercupchildrenstrust.org.uk

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Buttle UK
buttleuk.org

Buttle UK helps children and young people across the UK. They provide small grants for items intended to make a positive impact where the child's health or development is at risk. They can fund items and activities to support learning and development such as laptops, books, 12 months of broadband, educational toys, tuition, clothing and school uniforms, social, sporting and leisure activities, family activities, items for children/young people's bedrooms, and other household items that are not available from sources such as Emergency Essentials or Local Authority welfare schemes, etc.

Applications must be made on behalf of the child or young person by a professional who works with the child or young person.

Calvert Trust
calvert-trust.org.uk

The charity offers a wide range of accessible activities at its three different centres; Exmoor, Calvert Kielder, and Lake District. They aim to create accessible outdoor adventures everyone can enjoy. They can offer short breaks with accommodation tailored to your needs and offer activities such as horse riding, canoeing, climbing, zip wire and so much more.

Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)
ccsplymouth.org.uk

They provide an Essentials Grant Programme to relieve the urgent material needs of children, young people and families by providing essential household items and clothing, such as cookers, washing machines, beds and school uniforms. They can support any family

living within Plymouth and caring for a child under the age of 16.

Applications can be found on their website. A reference form also needs to be completed by a professional who knows the family such as a social worker or health visitor.

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Caudwell Children aims to improve the lives of disabled and autistic children by providing diagnosis, equipment, services and support. For households earning less than £45,000 a year and having a child between the ages of 4-11, they can provide an 80% charity-funded autism assessment. They will also provide funding for life-changing equipment for children with a wide range of disabilities or chronic illnesses. This includes mobility, sports and sensory equipment.

The application form can be found on their website.

Child Brain Injury Trust
childbraininjurytrust.org.uk

They provide small grants of up to £125 for social activities for the child and sibling with Acquired Brain Injury. The grant can also be used for equipment and items that will make life more comfortable for families. They have funded dance lessons, weighted blankets, family outings, and music lessons.

The application form can be found on their website.

Children Today
childrentoday.org.uk

Children Today helps children and young people with disabilities up to the age of 25 years in the UK by providing specialised equipment. This includes things such as adapted buggies, car seats, trikes, power packs for wheelchairs, and sensory equipment.

To apply you must call them on 01244 335622.

The Children's Hope Foundation

childrenshopefoundation.org.uk

They aim to improve the lives of children and young people affected by illness, disability or poverty up to their 25th birthday. They will provide funding for specialist medical or mobility equipment, educational equipment, holidays, respite breaks or days out to help improve their health and wellbeing and/or quality of life opportunities and to help fulfil their full potential.

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Crackerjacks Children's Trust

crackerjacks.org.uk

Crackerjacks provides grants to disabled children and young people throughout the UK. It can offer grants up to a maximum of £700 for specialised equipment. This might include a specialised wheelchair, bikes and trikes and sensory toys. They also provide respite breaks to their 'Ray's Sunshine Holiday Home' for families with a child under the age of 17 with a registered disability.

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The Elifar Foundation

elifarfoundation.org.uk

The Elifar Foundation aims to improve the care, facilities and equipment available to profoundly disabled children and young adults both at home or in residential care. They provide grants for items such as electronic wheelchairs, specialised seating, eating aids, adapted beds, trikes, hoists, communication aids, sensory equipment and specialist holidays.

The application form can be found on their website.

Family Fund

www.familyfund.org.uk

Family Fund helps families with a disabled or seriously ill child or young person under the age of 17 across the UK. They provide grants to help with essential items such as washing machines, fridges, clothing, as well as sensory toys, equipment, family breaks, and computers.

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Family Fund Mobility Support

familyfund.org.uk/mobilitysupport

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- High levels of pain or physical condition that impacts their

- mobility needs, or
- An unstable condition requiring frequent unexpected emergency inpatient treatment, or
- A significant number of frequent appointments at multiple different treatment centres, related to their condition.

To apply you must contact their team at:
mobilitysupport@familyfund.org.uk

Fashion & Textile Children's Trust ftct.org.uk

Fashion & Textile Children's Trust supports families struggling financially. They will provide funding for essential items such as clothing, bedroom furniture, and appliances as well as mobility equipment and educational support for families where the parent or carer has worked in the UK fashion and textile industry. This includes retail and wholesale, design and manufacture, sportswear and outdoor clothing, supermarkets selling clothes, laundry and textile services, textile production, soft furnishings and interiors, carpets, distribution, haberdashery, footwear, and mattress manufacture.

To apply you must complete an online enquiry form to check your eligibility. From there they will send you an application pack.

Florence Nightingale Aid fnaist.org.uk

The charity provides life-enhancing grants to help people of all ages who are ill, convalescent or disabled in the UK. The grants will fund medical and household aids to alleviate sickness and help their ability to manage at home and live as independently as possible. This includes items such as wheelchairs, mattresses, mobile hoists, sensory equipment, and communication aids. They can also provide grants towards respite and convalescent breaks in nursing and convalescent homes and organised specialist breaks for children and young adults to give the carer at home a well-

earned rest. The application form can be downloaded from their website and must be completed by an organisation supporting the family e.g. occupational therapist or social worker.

Happy Days Children's Charity happydayscharity.org

The charity will fund family day trips and holiday breaks for families who have a child or children with special educational needs, who have been victims of abuse or who have a life-limiting condition, and are aged 3-17.

The application form is on their website and can be completed by the parent/carer, relatives or someone who knows the applicant well e.g. GP or social worker.

Honeypot honeypot.org.uk

Honeypot provides respite breaks and ongoing outreach support for young carers aged 5-12. Applications must be made by a referrer such as a social worker.

Independence at Home independenceathome.org.uk

The charity provides grants for people of all ages who have a physical or learning disability or long-term illness and are in financial need. They can provide grants towards mobility and travel equipment, special disability equipment, home adaptations, communications equipment, house repairs, kitchen equipment, beds and bedding, and general furnishings.

The application form can be found online and must be completed by an organisation supporting the family.

Jessies Fund
jessiesfund.org.uk

Jessies Fund can provide grants of up to £500 for children up to the age of 19 with disabilities or long-term illness for therapy with fully qualified music therapists.

The application form can be found on their website.

Linking Help with Hope
lhh.org.uk

Linking Help with Hope provides grants to those on low incomes with a physical or diagnosed mental health condition, learning disability and carers or an adult or child with a disability. They can provide one-off grants of £250 towards essential household items and specialist equipment and towards a carers break.

The application form can be found on their website and must be completed by an organisation supporting the family.

Lifeline 4 Kids
lifeline4kids.org

The charity will provide equipment to help improve the quality of life for children with a disability up to the age of 18. They can provide electric wheelchairs, mobility aids, specialised computers, and sensory toys. They can also help organisations such as schools to have a soft play area and multi-sensory equipment.

To make an application you must send an email to appeals@lifeline4kids.org with a description of your child and their condition, what you will ask them to provide, and how it will help your child.

The Matthew Trust
matthewtrust.org

The Matthew Trust provides grants to those experiencing mental

health difficulties aged 8+. Grants are provided when all other avenues of funding have been exhausted. They will provide grants for counselling, medical equipment, household goods, clothing, and respite breaks.

Applications should be made in a letter by a health professional to the trust outlining the support needed. The address is found on their website.

Merlin's Magic Wand
merlinsmagicwand.org

Merlin's Magic Wand provides days out to one of their Merlin Attractions for the immediate family of the child. The child must be aged 2-18 years, have a serious/long-term illness or disability, be terminally ill, or impacted by domestic abuse, or be a carer.

The application form can be found on their website.

Naval Children's Charity
navalchildrenscharity.org.uk

The charity supports children and young people up to the age of 25 who have at least one parent who has served/serving in The Royal Navy, The Royal Marines, Women's Royal Navy Service, The Reserves of those Forces, The Royal Fleet Auxiliary, or The Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service. They have an Emergency Essentials Grant Scheme to provide items such as clothing, beds, furniture, white goods, and buggies. They will also provide funding for assessments for educational needs. They will also purchase medical equipment for the child.

To receive an application form you must contact them on 023 9263 9534 or caseworkers@navalchildrenscharity.org.uk

Newlife
newlifecharity.co.uk

Newlife provides equipment grants to disabled and terminally ill children in the UK. Grants can be for wheelchairs, buggies, seating systems and more. They can also offer a free loan of emergency equipment for children at significant risk of injury, and in urgent need because of unstable life-threatening/limiting conditions or terminal illness. They can also deliver Play Therapy Pods of specialist toys.

An application form can be found online.

The Nihal Armstrong Trust
nihalarmstrongtrust.org.uk

The charity provides grants for equipment, communication aids, or specialist services for a child up to the age of 18 with cerebral palsy. You must receive means-tested benefits and be able to provide evidence of this. To apply you will need a supporting letter from a physical therapist, occupational therapist, or speech and language therapist depending on the equipment/service needed.

The application is done online through their website.

Pyramid Educational Trust
pyramideducationaltrust.org

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Applications must be made in writing to:

Linda Dolan (Trustee)
Pyramid Educational Trust
Unit 4

Westergate Business Centre
Westergate Road
Brighton
BN2 4QN

Pirate FM
planetradio.co.uk

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The application form is found on their website.

REACT Charity
reactcharity.org

The charity works to improve the quality of life for children with life-limiting illnesses living in financially disadvantaged households throughout the UK. They will fund specialist equipment, domestic items, educational aids, respite breaks, hospital travel, and end-of-life/memorial costs.

The application form can be downloaded on their website.

Sailors Children's Society
sailorschildren.org.uk

The charity provides financial assistance to children of seafarers in full-time education and facing severe financial difficulties. One of the parents must have served at least 6 months in the Royal or Merchant Navy or the fishing fleets, have a child under the age of 18, and in receipt of means-tested benefits to be eligible. They can provide grants for children to attend social activities, clothing, help towards food and heating during school holidays, heating

grants, furniture, and travel grants towards one of their caravan holiday sites.

To apply you must fill out an enquiry form on their website.

Sandcastle Trust
sandcastletrust.org

The Sandcastle Trust supports families living with a rare genetic condition in the UK to build lasting positive memories. They will fund respite breaks, annual attraction passes, and day trips.

To apply you will need to register as a 'Sandcastle Family' on their website and download their application form.

Sunny Days Children's Fund
sunnydaysfund.org.uk

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variety.org.uk

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Well Child
wellchild.org.uk

Well Child works with teams of volunteers to create safe, accessible and sensory garden and bedroom spaces for children and young people with complex health needs.

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Whizz-Kidz
whizz-kidz.org.uk

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Applications must be made on behalf of the child or young person by a professional who works with the child or young person.

Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)

ccsplymouth.org.uk

They provide an Essentials Grant Programme to relieve the urgent material needs of children, young people and families by providing essential household items and clothing, such as cookers, washing machines, beds and school uniforms. They can support any family living within Plymouth and caring for a child under the age of 16. Applications can be found on their website. A reference form also needs to be completed by a professional who knows the family such as a social worker or health visitor.

Family Fund

familyfund.org.uk

Family Fund helps families with a disabled or seriously ill child or young person under the age of 17 across the UK. They provide grants to help with essential items such as washing machines, fridges, clothing, as well as sensory toys, equipment, family breaks, and computers.

The application form is found on their website.

Fashion & Textile Children's Trust

www.ftct.org.uk

Fashion & Textile Children's Trust supports families struggling financially. They will provide funding for essential items such as clothing, bedroom furniture, and appliances as well as mobility equipment and educational support, for families where the parent or carer has worked in the UK fashion and textile industry. This includes retail and wholesale, design and manufacture, sportswear and outdoor clothing, supermarkets selling clothes, laundry and textile services, textile production, soft furnishings and interiors, carpets, distribution, haberdashery, footwear, and mattress manufacture.

To apply you must complete an online enquiry form to check your eligibility. From there they will send you an application pack.

Linking Help with Hope

lhh.org.uk

Linking Help with Hope provides grants to those on low incomes with a physical or diagnosed mental health condition, learning disability and carers or an adult or child with a disability. They can provide one-off grants of £250 towards essential household items and specialist equipment and towards a carers break.

The application form can be found on their website and must be completed by an organisation supporting the family.

The Matthew Trust

matthewtrust.org

The Matthew Trust provides grants to those experiencing mental health difficulties aged 8+. Grants are provided when all other avenues of funding have been exhausted. They will provide grants for counselling, medical equipment, household goods, clothing, and respite breaks.

Applications should be made in a letter by a health professional to the trust outlining the support needed. The address is found on their website.

Naval Children's Charity

navalchildrenscharity.org.uk

The charity supports children and young people up to the age of 25 who have at least one parent who has served/serving in The Royal Navy, The Royal Marines, Women's Royal Navy Service, The Reserves of those Forces, The Royal Fleet Auxiliary, or The Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service. They have an Emergency Essentials Grant Scheme to provide items such as clothing, beds, furniture, white goods, and buggies.

They will also provide funding for assessments for educational needs, and purchase medical equipment for the child.

To receive an application form you must contact them on 023 9263 9534 or email caseworkers@navalchildrenscharity.org.uk

Pirate FM

planetradio.co.uk

Their Cash for Kids Grant is available for children up to the age of 18 across Cornwall who are vulnerable, come from disadvantaged backgrounds or are living with an illness or disability. They can fund specialist equipment, laptops, tablets, essential items, music lessons or therapy, specialist therapy, respite breaks, vouchers for fuel poverty, and assistance dogs.

The application form is found on their website.

Sailors Children's Society

sailorschildren.org.uk

The charity provides financial assistance to children of seafarers in full-time education and facing severe financial difficulties. One of the parents must have served at least six months in the Royal or Merchant Navy or the fishing fleets, have a child under the age of 18, and in receipt of means-tested benefits to be eligible. They can provide grants for children to attend social activities, clothing, help towards food and heating during school holidays, heating grants, furniture, and travel grants towards one of their caravan holiday sites.

To apply you must fill out an enquiry form on their website.

Well Child

wellchild.org.uk

Well Child works with teams of volunteers to create safe, accessible and sensory garden and bedroom spaces for children and young people with complex health needs.

The application form is found on their website.

Grants for Educational Aid

Able Kidz

ablekidz.org

Able Kidz works to make a disabled child's educational journey a fulfilling and positive experience. They provide specialist equipment, computers and software to the children or school and also assist in funding extra tuition needs of a child.

To apply you must send a letter of application alongside a letter of support from a teacher or educational professional to:

The Grants Officer
Able Kidz
124 City Road
London EC1V 2NX

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The Children's Hope Foundation

childrenshopefoundation.org.uk

They aim to improve the lives of children and young people affected by illness, disability or poverty up to their 25th birthday. They will provide funding for specialist medical or mobility equipment, educational equipment, holidays, respite breaks or days out to help improve their health and wellbeing and/or quality of life opportunities and to help fulfil their full potential.

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Jessies Fund

jessiesfund.org.uk

Jessies Fund can provide grants of up to £500 for children up to the age of 19 with disabilities or long-term illness for therapy with fully qualified music therapists.

The application form can be found on their website.

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Pyramid Educational Trust
pyramideducationaltrust.org

The charity supports people with Autism and communication difficulties to learn and communicate through Picture Exchange Cards (PECS). They will provide grants for PECS training for parents/carers, home visits by a Pyramid Educational Consultant, a consultation, and PECS summer school.

Applications must be made in writing to:

Linda Dolan (Trustee)
Pyramid Educational Trust
Unit 4
Westergate Business Centre
Westergate Road
Brighton
BN2 4QN

REACT Charity
reactcharity.org

The charity works to improve the quality of life for children with life-limiting illnesses living in financially disadvantaged households throughout the UK. They will fund specialist equipment, domestic items, educational aids, respite breaks, hospital travel, and end-of-life/memorial costs.

The application form can be downloaded on their website.

GRANTS FOR DAY TRIPS, SHORT BREAKS OR RESPITE

The Adamson Trust

theadamsontrust.co.uk

The trust provides financial support with costs of holidays or respite breaks for disabled children between the ages of 3 and 17 with physical, mental or emotional impairments.

The application form can be downloaded from their website.

Buttercup Children's Trust

buttercupchildrenstrust.org.uk

The Buttercup Children's Trust supports children under the age of 18 within the UK who suffer from a wide range of life-hindering illnesses including, but not limited to, Leukaemia, The Deaf, The Blind, Cystic Fibrosis and all other serious or terminal illnesses. They will provide grants to help with hospital travel, respite, medical equipment, and travel expenses.

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Calvert Trust

calvert-trust.org.uk

The charity offers a wide range of accessible activities at its three different centres; Exmoor, Calvert Kielder, and Lake District. They aim to create accessible outdoor adventures everyone can enjoy. They can offer short breaks with accommodation tailored to your needs and offer activities such as horse riding, canoeing, climbing, zipwire and so much more.

Child Brain Injury Trust

childbraininjurytrust.org.uk

They provide small grants of up to £125 for social activities for the child and sibling with Acquired Brain Injury. The grant can also be used for equipment and items that will make life more comfortable for families. They have funded dance lessons, weighted blankets, family outings, and music lessons.

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The application form can be found via their website.

Crackerjacks Children's Trust

crackerjacks.org.uk

Crackerjacks provides grants to disabled children and young people throughout the UK. It can offer grants up to a maximum of £700 for specialised equipment. This might include a specialised wheelchair, bikes and trikes and sensory toys. They also provide respite breaks to their 'Ray's Sunshine Holiday Home' for families with a child under the age of 17 with a registered disability.

Applications are found on their website.

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Florence Nightingale Aid

fnaist.org.uk

The charity provides life-enhancing grants to help people of all ages who are ill, convalescent or disabled in the UK. The grants will fund medical and household aids to alleviate sickness and help their ability to manage at home and live as independently as possible. This includes items such as wheelchairs, mattresses, mobile hoists, sensory equipment, and communication aids. They can also provide grants towards respite and convalescent breaks in nursing and convalescent homes and organised specialist breaks for children and young adults to give the carer at home a well-earned rest. The application form can be downloaded from their website and must be completed by an organisation supporting the family e.g. occupational therapist or social worker.

Happy Days Children's Charity

happydayscharity.org

The charity will fund family day trips and holiday breaks for families who have a child or children with special educational needs, who have been victims of abuse or who have a life-limiting condition, and are aged 3-17.

The application form is on their website and can be completed by the parent/carer, relatives or someone who knows the applicant well e.g. GP or social worker.

Honeypot

honeypot.org.uk

Honeypot provides respite breaks and ongoing outreach support for young carers aged 5-12.

Applications must be made by a referrer such as a social worker.

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lhh.org.uk

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Merlin's Magic Wand

merlinsmagicwand.org

Merlin's Magic Wand provides days out to one of their Merlin Attractions for the immediate family of the child. The child must be aged 2-18 years, have a serious/long-term illness or disability, be terminally ill, or impacted by domestic abuse, or be a carer.

The application form can be found on their website.

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planetradio.co.uk

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To apply you must fill out an enquiry form on their website.

Sandcastle Trust

sandcastletrust.org

The Sandcastle Trust supports families living with a rare genetic condition in the UK to build lasting positive memories. They will fund respite breaks, annual attraction passes, and day trips.

To apply you will need to register as a 'Sandcastle Family' on their website and download their application form.

Sunny Days Children's Fund

sunnydaysfund.org.uk

Sunny Days Children's Fund provides small grants to help children under the age of 18 with a wide range of adverse medical conditions including Leukaemia, Cerebral Palsy, the Deaf and Blind, terminal illnesses, and all other life-hindering conditions.

Grants you can apply for are day trips, medical equipment, respite, hospital travel, or making children's remaining time as comfortable as possible, to include where achievable, children's

last wishes. They also have two holiday homes which you can apply for a week-long break.

To receive an application form contact Sunny Day's Children's Fund on 01376 528376 or email margaret@sunnydaysfund.org.uk.

Wish Making Grants

Barrie Wells Trust
barriewellstrust.org

The charity provides VIP experiences for seriously ill and disabled children through their Box4Kids initiative. They work with clubs, companies and individual businesses across the UK, inviting children from local hospitals to watch their favourite sports team or concert from the comfort of an executive box.

Dial a Dream
dialadream.org

Dial a Dream aims to make the dreams of children between the ages of 3-18 with a life-threatening or limiting illness become reality.

Applications are found on their website.

Dreamflight
dreamflight.org

The charity takes children with a serious illness or disability on a holiday of a lifetime to Orlando.

Nominations must be made through their website.

Dream Makers
dreammakerschildrenscharity.com

Dream Makers grant dreams from small requests of TVs and bedroom makeovers to holidays of a lifetime to Disney World Florida, swimming with the dolphins therapy trip, Lapland, holidays in sunnier climates, and opportunities to meet pop stars.

They are not limited to who they grant dreams to. They

offer holidays to children who are disabled, terminally ill, underprivileged or have special needs.

The application form is found via their website.

Dreams Come True dreamscometrue.uk.com

The charity delivers dreams to children aged 5-18 who are living in the highest areas of deprivation in the country and are living with a disability, a serious illness, or a life-limiting condition. They will do home makeovers, community makeovers, and UK holidays.

Dreams Come True will only accept referrals from medical, healthcare, educational, or social care professionals.

The Dream Factory yourdreamfactory.org

The Dream Factory aims to brighten the lives of children and young people aged between 3-25, who have life-limiting or life-threatening conditions and/or severe disabilities by granting wishes and dreams. This has included magical trips away, meeting celebrities or sporting heroes, and having the latest phone.

To request a dream you will need to download an application form from their website.

The Dream Team thedreamteamcharity.co.uk

The charity aims to grant the dreams and wishes of sick, disabled and terminally ill children in the UK. To nominate a child you will need to contact the charity and they will send you an application form. They can be contacted by writing to their office:-

THE DREAM TEAM
1st Floor,

The Tyrells Centre,
39 Seamore Avenue,
Thundersley, Essex SS7 4EX
Or on 01268 569096 or dreamteamcharity@btinternet.com

Kids in Need kidsinneed.uk.net

The charity grants wishes to children between the ages of 3-19 who are terminally/seriously ill or who suffer from multiple disabilities. Wishes can vary from meeting celebrities, sponsoring holidays, sensory equipment, being a princess for a day, or a ride in a Ferrari.

A wish application can be downloaded online.

Make a Wish make-a-wish.org.uk

Make a Wish grants wishes to children and young people aged 3-17 with a life-limiting or life-threatening condition. Wishes have been starring in a film, feeding a tiger, meeting a celebrity hero, and redecorating their bedroom.

To apply for a wish, the child's health, social, or educational professional needs to submit a referral on their behalf.

Promise Dreams promisedreams.co.uk

The charity helps to make the dreams of terminally or seriously ill children up to the age of 18 come true. Dreams include holidays, meeting their hero or a celebrity, and essential or adapted equipment. The application form is found on their website.

Rays of Sunshine

raysofsunshine.org.uk

Rays of Sunshine is a national charity that grants wishes and provides ongoing support in hospitals for seriously ill children between the ages of 3-18. Wishes have included meeting a fireman, being a mermaid or princess, being a train driver, or meeting their favourite celebrity.

The application form can be found on their website.

Round Table Children's Wish

rtcw.org

The charity grants handcrafted wishes to children and young people aged 4-17 with life-threatening illnesses. Every wish is chosen by the child, it can be a trip away or meeting their hero or a celebrity.

The application form can be found on their website.

Starlight

starlight.org.uk

Starlight uses the power of play to make the experience of illness and treatment better for children and their families. They hold Starlight escapes, days, and breaks throughout the year. This has included boat parties, summer fetes, concerts and breaks away at Centre Parcs.

To apply the child must be between the ages of 3-17, and undergoing treatment for illness resulting in the deterioration of their quality of life and that of their families.

The application form is on their website. If successful you will be welcomed into the Starlight Community and invited to their escapes, days and breaks.

When you Wish Upon a Star

whenyouwishuponastar.org.uk

The charity grants wishes to children aged 4-16 with a life-threatening illness. Wishes have included being a princess for the day, meeting celebrities, and a trip to Disneyland. They also organise days out such as a Harry Potter experience and a sleigh ride in December in Lapland.

The application form is found on their website.

Willow

willowfoundation.org.uk

Willow supports adults aged between 16-40 years with life-threatening conditions. They provide unforgettable moments and experiences for each family. They will provide days and short breaks tailored to each individual.

Applications must be submitted by a medical professional on behalf of the patient.

Equipment to Buy or Loan

CALL South West callsouthwest.org.uk

CALL South West provides communication aids for speech impaired people in Plymouth and West Devon.

Fledglings fledglings.org.uk

Fledglings is part of the Contact charity. You can buy a variety of products such as swimwear & accessories, body vests, sleepwear, clothing, toileting products, sensory toys, communication aids, and so much more.

Friends and Families friendsandfamilies.org.uk

The charity has a Lending Library of various sensory toys and equipment available to borrow at a low cost. Items include weighted blankets, a beach wheelchair, a tomato buggy and so much more.

Plymouth Parent Carer Voice plymouthpcv.co.uk

Plymouth Parent Carer Voice has a library of various sensory toys and equipment.

To borrow an item you will need to become a member.

Rompa rompa.com

Rompa provides a range of sensory products and can help build a sensory room at home.

Wizzybug designability.org.uk

Wizzybug is an innovative powered wheelchair provided free of charge for physically disabled young children. It is intended for preschool children with a minimum age of 14 months and holds a maximum weight of 20kg.

The application can be found on their website.

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