



KIDS CANCER CHARITY

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THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN 2016

Succession planning has been the focus this year

In acknowledging that people are the charity's most valuable resource, the Board of Trustees recognised that in order to continue the charity's ethos, aims and objectives how important appropriate recruitment was for its future.

Appeals Office

Recruitment, retention and development of the Appeals Team has been the main focus for the charity's fundraising operation. This has not been an easy task with sickness being a major stumbling block. Not to be thwarted however, the Appeals Manager is continuing with her quest. With renewed focus, it is planned that new staff members will be in situ by the end of the year.

Play Therapist

With funding in place, courtesy of a Global Radio Appeal—a magnificent amount has been raised that will enable the recruitment of an additional Play Therapist on a part time basis for an 18 month period. It is planned that the service will be expanded in the new year in order to reach even more children in the South Wales area.

Services

Administrative Staff has been strengthened by the recruitment of two part time members of staff and one full time member of staff. These new members are working closely with experienced, long serving staff members to ensure that the relationships that have been developed between the charity and its service users over the last 27 years continues at the same high level of professionalism, compassion, understanding and care.



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We have been delighted with the response to our Facebook Page. More and more families are interacting by posting messages, sending holiday photographs, liking and updating us on their fundraising initiatives. Join us on <https://www.facebook.com/kidscancercharity> and share your stories. Help us to reach even more families that may like to benefit from our services.

We have also now set the Charity up on Twitter! Please find and follow us @Kidscancer88.

SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS



Kids Cancer Charity

Established in 1989 as
Christian Lewis Trust

Services provided to support
children and teenagers
affected by cancer, and their
families

- *U.K. Breaks*
- *Play Therapy*
- *Counselling*
- *American Experience Programme*
- *Disneyland Paris Experience*
- *Befriending*
- *Bereavement Support*

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More about the Kids Cancer Charity

In 2015-2016 alone, the Charity arranged:

- Therapy sessions for 285 children & youngsters.
- Befriending activities for 31 people in need
- Dream holidays for 303 children and adults to Disneyworld, Florida along with another additional 28 free passes to the theme parks.
- Trips and holidays for 93 children and adults to the Disneyland Paris experience
- UK holidays for 637 children and adults plus 34 families receiving advice and guidance on specialist travel insurance

All these activities were funded entirely by voluntary help and donations

Introducing Team Member—Linda Miles

Linda, whose role as a Young Person's Counsellor, plays an important part of our Therapeutic Team utilising her counselling skills with children who have suffered the loss of a loved one to cancer, or supporting children with ways to help them cope when someone special to them is undergoing cancer treatment or has a terminal diagnosis.

The charity offers children aged 3—19 years of age a safe and confidential environment where they can share their thoughts and feelings. Some like to talk, whilst others find it easier to communicate in a creative way such as painting, poetry, music and play. This freedom of expression helps the child work through and play out the difficulties that they are facing in their lives.

Children and teenagers can find it difficult to cope with the emotional and psychological elements of what has happened/is happening. Children can be frightened about what lies ahead and struggle to cope with their everyday tasks such as attending school, eating and sleeping. A bereaved child may feel angry at the injustice of the loss. All of these emotions can be very hard to deal with alone, but these feelings are normal, necessary and healthy.

At Kids Cancer Charity, Linda also offers children the opportunity to meet as a group with others like them who have suffered similar experiences, aiding them to understand that they are not isolated, that they can have fun again, helping them to master their emotions and achieve their goals. Next year she is planning to hold a family day for families who have lost a parent.

To all the wonderful individuals that run, walk and cycle; fundraise in memory of loved ones or leave gifts in their wills; as well as the companies and charitable trusts and foundations who share and help us realise our vision—thank you from all of us at Kids Cancer Charity.

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