



KIDS CANCER CHARITY

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THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN 2013

Into the future

....we are delighted to announce that following a successful fundraising campaign by the Team at our Appeals Office, a new £30,000 plus luxury caravan will be sited at the Lydstep Beach site near Tenby for the beginning of the charity's UK Crisis Breaks Holiday 2014 Season. The caravan will be fitted with all the latest up to the minute facilities including double glazing and central heating.

- We are indebted to the Companies, Organisations and Grant Givers who have so generously supported this specific project.
- We are also grateful to the Appeals Office Team for all their hard work and commitment in achieving this wonderful new facility.

Grow your giving with Gift Aid

Gift Aid increases the value of your donations and means that Kids Cancer Charity can benefit even more *at no extra cost to you!* If you're a UK Taxpayer, whenever you make a donation, Kids Cancer Charity can reclaim the basic rate of tax on your gift—that's a whopping 25p for every £1 you give.

Higher Rate Taxpayers can claim additional tax benefits for donations they make to charity that can be kept by the individual or passed onto any charitable organisation. Simply indicate how much you have donated when completing your tax self-assessment form.

If you should already be one of our regular supporters and a UK Tax Payer, please ensure that you have completed a Gift Aid Declaration. For those that have already completed a Declaration, please keep us advised of any change in your circumstances or contact details.

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 2012-2013 alone, the Charity arranged:

- Therapy sessions for 404 children & youngsters.
- Befriending activities for 25 people in need
- Dream holidays for 243 children and adults to Disneyworld, Florida along with another additional 36 free passes to the theme parks.
- Trips and holidays for 153 children and adults to the Disneyland Paris experience
- UK holidays for 672 children and adults plus 65 families receiving advice and guidance on specialist travel insurance

All these activities were funded entirely by voluntary help and donations

Introducing Team Member Anne White

Anne is the charity's most experienced Play Therapist having been with the charity now for over sixteen years. Here at Kids Cancer Charity, we offer therapeutic support to children and young people up to the age of 19 years who have been affected by cancer in South and South West Wales. We work with children who have been diagnosed with cancer, the siblings of an 'ill child', a child whose parent or close family member has cancer, or a child who has been bereaved through cancer.

Referrals to our service come from a number of sources who are connected with the well being of the family; the doctor, health visitor, social worker, teacher or even directly from the parent. Although Anne is community based visiting children in their own homes, she is also a member of the Paediatric Oncology Team at the Children's Hospital for Wales, Cardiff.

Children and teenagers can find it difficult to deal with the emotional and psychological elements of what has happened/is happening. Ill children can be frightened about what lies ahead and struggle to cope with their everyday tasks such as sleeping. A sibling may feel frustrated and left out and a bereaved child may feel angry at the injustice of the loss. All these emotions can be very hard to handle alone. Play Therapy to a child is what counselling is to an adult. Play to a child offers a natural means of self expression, a freedom of communication without the difficult words. Anne provides the time and emotional space in which a child can play out their emotions, master their demons and retain self control. Anne's car, bulging with toys, games, craft and painting equipment is a much travelled sight around the length of breadth of the coast and up into the valleys and remote mountainside villages of South and West Wales.

PLEASE KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK BY CONTINUING TO SUPPORT US IN 2014 — a special year as we will be celebrating our 25th Anniversary! Just pick up the phone and give us a call if you are interested in any fundraising ideas. Visit us at our website: www.kidscancercharity.org

To be kept up-to-date with our latest news in the most cost effective way please ensure that we have your e-mail address. Send to: enquiries@kidscancercharity.org

