



KIDS CANCER CHARITY

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THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN 2014

Time for a change

....aiming to continue building on the success of the last 25 years, we have been focussing our attention on tailoring the charity's services in order to meet the new demands of 21st century living.

- Instead of replacing our aging caravan at the Glan-y-Mor site near Aberystwyth, we are considering using the funds to purchase additional weeks at our other sites to enable more families to benefit from a UK break during school holidays
- We are also considering the operation of the charity's Play Therapy/Bereavement Services in order to offer the best quality of care and support where and when families need it.

We need your support more than ever

We have a lot more to do. Our aim is to build sustainable services that children and families can rely on, now and in the future. To enable us to do this, we have been concentrating this last year on updating our systems infrastructure, with a major investment in new hardware/software to ensure that the charity has a secure operation in its record keeping and financial affairs. Following the successful implementation of the first phase, this project is scheduled for completion by the end 2014.

Grow your giving with Gift Aid

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 2013-2014 alone, the Charity arranged:

- Therapy sessions for 407 children & youngsters.
- Befriending activities for 21 people in need
- Dream holidays for 217 children and adults to Disneyworld, Florida along with another additional 41 free passes to the theme parks.
- Trips and holidays for 149 children and adults to the Disneyland Paris experience
- UK holidays for 570 children and adults plus 38 families receiving advice and guidance on specialist travel insurance

All these activities were funded entirely by voluntary help and donations

Introducing Team Member Sharon Gosney

As with many of our staff members, Sharon's role involves wearing more than one hat - juggling her time between managing the day to day operation of the charity's financial affairs as Finance Officer, to co-ordinating the Disneyland Paris Programme, plus handling any fundraising enquires, as well as being a part of the Operational Management Team and all that entails.

All these individual tasks require a different skill base, from being firm with a member of staff who has not submitted a receipt for any charitable expenditure, to enthusing and motivating fundraisers to raise the much needed cash, to having the empathy and quiet professionalism needed to help a family organise a visit to Paris with a child who has a serious life threatening illness. This is a balancing act that Sharon has perfected over the 15 years that she has been with us.

Sharon would be the first person to state that there is never 'a dull' moment at Kids Cancer Charity, but the ones that give her the most satisfaction are those times when she receives lovely 'thank you' letters from grateful families that contain photographs of sick children enjoying their time with Mickey and all his friends in France.

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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