

HOLIDAYS/GRANTS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS WITH CANCER

Barretstown is a specially-designed camp that provides Therapeutic Recreation programmes for children with serious illnesses, and their families. Excellent, unobtrusive medical supervision helps children with cancer and other diseases forget illness, learn to have fun and rebuild their confidence and self-esteem. Our programmes take place at a fairytale castle in the beautiful foothills of Ireland's Wicklow Mountains.

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Camp Quality UK - Free holidays for children with cancer from 5 to 16 years of age. Two age groups - 5 to 10 years and 11 to 16 years, with separate holidays for each group.

Activities vary but include such favourites as abseiling, sailing, archery, canoeing, rock climbing, swimming, horse riding, and hot air balloon rides. Less strenuous pursuits include board games, crafts, entertainments, and visits to leisure parks. All activities are supervised by properly trained and qualified staff.

The programme is always structured in such a way as to cater for all abilities and disabilities.

Camp Quality UK
PO Box 217
Sidcup
DA15 0BL
Tel: 07983 563747

Email: delyth.thomas@campquality.org.uk

Website: www.campqualityuk.org.uk

Christian Lewis Trust - UK breaks at 4 static caravans on specially chosen sites situated on the coast in Wales.

Both Walt Disney World Resort in Florida and Disneyland Paris have linked up with the charity to provide a unique programme of supervised and special facilities.

Christian Lewis Trust, Children's Cancer Charity

62 Walter Road, Swansea, SA1 4PT

Tel: 01792 480500

Email: judith.may@christianlewistrust.org (UK Breaks)

or sharon.gosney@christianlewistrust.org (Disney Breaks)

Website: www.christianlewistrust.org.uk

CLIC Sargent – Malcolm Sargent House in Ayrshire offers family breaks and specialist weekends for young people, siblings, and bereaved families. All meals are provided. There are a wide range of indoor and outdoor activities for all ages - including cycling, arts, crafts and team games organised within the house.

Families can also opt for one of our luxury self-contained caravans in Exmouth (Devon), Pagham (West Sussex), Fleetwood (Lancashire) and Filey (Yorkshire). They are located on well-equipped holiday parks, close to beaches and small towns. Each caravan has three bedrooms and sleeps up to six people.

CLIC Sargent
London Office Griffin House
161 Hammersmith Road
London W6 8SG

Child Cancer Helpline: 0800 197 0068

Website: www.clicsargent.org.uk

For information on CLIC Sargent Holidays, contact the CLIC Sargent Holiday Administrator on 01292 671233 or send an email to malcolmsargenthouse@clicsargent.org.uk

Donnas Dream House – Provides holidays provides free holidays in Blackpool throughout the year for terminally ill children and their families. With the magnificent playroom and the four themed apartments Donna's Dream House brings a sense of fun into children's lives. These children would be those who are unable to take holidays in Florida, or will be recommended for placement by Hospice staff, The Kensington Foundation, Hospitals and many other sources.

There is also now a new teenage unit offering holidays for older patients.

Donna's Dream House
39/41 Chapel Street
Blackpool Central
FY1 5AW

Tel: 01253 752222

Fax: 01253 753450

Email: lencurtis@btconnect.com

Website: www.donnasdreamhouse.org

The Ellen MacArthur Trust

The Ellen MacArthur Trust takes young people aged between 8-18 sailing to help them regain their confidence, on their way to recovery from cancer, leukaemia and other serious illness for four day periods.

The boats used are 38ft to 45ft cruising yachts, ideal for carrying groups of children, each night the boats stay at a different port and the children and crew live and sleep on board.

Each voyage is lead by experienced, professional sailors who are used to working with children. There is a high adult to child ratio - at least three adults to five children. For medical support, a nurse travels with the children, with on-shore back-up from a paediatrician with experience of oncology practice.

Registered office

Coniston
Victoria road
Freshwater Bay
Isle of Wight
PO40 9PX

For Further Information please contact Frank Fletcher:

T: 0870 0636774
or email frank.fletcher@ellenmacarthurtrust.org

The Joshua Foundation - provide holidays and experiences for children and their families where the child is diagnosed with terminal cancer. The Joshua Foundation effectively 'adopts' children and their families providing them with on-going experiences and memories not just a one-off experience.

UK Head Office: 13a Station Road, Llanishen, Cardiff, CF14 5LS

Tel: 029 2075 7020 / 029 2075 6675

Fax: 029 2075 7021 / 029 2075 7029

Website: www.thejoshuafoundation.co.uk

The Kensington Foundation - The Daisy Chain Project offers accommodation for respite breaks to families caring for a sick or disabled child, families coping with limited means in difficult circumstances and families rebuilding their lives after the loss of a child.

Tel: 01253 761444

Email: kentrust1@hotmail.com

www.kensingtonfoundation.com

Over the Wall Gang Camp – for children affected by cancer and other serious illnesses. It is the only residential Camp in the UK modelled after Paul Newman's renowned The Hole in The Wall Gang Camp. OTW gives children one glorious week of having fun, making friends, meeting new challenges and rebuilding confidence.

The Over the Wall Gang Camp
Alderney House
58 Normandy St
Alton
Hants GU34 1DE

Tel: 01420- 82086
Email: info@overthewallgangcamp.org.uk
Website: www.overthewallgangcamp.org.uk

Youth Cancer Trust - charity based in Bournemouth. It provides free, fun activity based holidays for young people (aged 14 to 25) suffering with cancer or any malignant disease from anywhere in the UK or who are patients of any UK hospital.

Tracy Ann House, 5 Studland Road, Alum Chine, Bournemouth, BH4 8HZ

Tel: 01202 763591

Email admin@yct.org.uk

Website: www.yct.org.uk

Not specifically cancer charities but other organisations provide holidays including:

Camp Simcha – providing family retreats, special wishes and support for Jewish children with serious illnesses.

Camp Simcha
Pearl House, 746 Finchley Road
London NW11 7TH
Tel: 020 8731 6788
Fax: 020 8458 6819
Website: www.campsimcha.org.uk

Happy Days Children's Charity – UK holidays provided if the family claims state benefits.

Happy Days Children's Charity
Clody House
90-100 Collingdon Street
Luton
Bedfordshire
LU1 1RX

Tel: 01582 755999

Email: happydayscharity@yahoo.co.uk.

Website: www.happydayscharity.org

HCPT The Pilgrimage Trust – Provides holiday to Lourdes for 2000 children with special needs or disabilities during Easter Week.

The Pilgrimage Trust, Oakfield Park, 32 Bilton Rd, Rugby, Warwickshire CV22 7HQ
Tel: 01788 564646
Fax: 01788 564640
Minicom: 01788 564642
Email: hq@hcpt.org.uk

Website: www.hcpt.org.uk

Katie's Ski Tracks – providing skiing holidays for children from disadvantaged backgrounds, be it through a terminal illness, sickness, disability or extreme social problems.

Website: www.katiesskitracks.org

Wish-granting charities in the UK

Children's Wish Foundation International - www.childrenswish.org

Dreams Come True - www.dctc.org.uk

Dreamflight - www.dreamflight.org

Make a Wish Foundation UK - www.make-a-wish.org.uk

Rays of Sunshine Children's Charity www.raysofsunshine.org.uk

Round Table Children's Wish - www.rtcw.org

Starlight Foundation - www.starlight.org.uk

When you wish upon a Star - www.whenyouwishuponastar.org.uk

Willow Foundation (for ages 16-40) - www.willowfoundation.org.uk

Other forms of support

Cyclists Fighting Cancer – provides bicycles for children who have had cancer and their siblings and children of adults who have been battling the disease. - www.cyclistsfc.org.uk

The Family Fund - provides grants to families with severely disabled or seriously ill children.

The Family Fund: Unit 4, Alpha Court, Monks Cross Drive, Huntington, York, YO32 9WN.
Tel: 0845 130 4542

Minicom users 01904 658085

Email: info@familyfund.org.uk

Website: www.familyfund.org.uk

Whizz-Kidz - customised wheelchairs, tricycles and other specialised mobility equipment - www.whizz-kidz.org.uk