



## **Holiday Information for Families with Children with Disabilities**

This fact sheet has been compiled as a result of many requests for funding information for fully accessible holidays for families with children with disabilities.

### **Possible Funding Sources for Holidays**

#### **The Family Fund**

P.O. Box 50, York, YO1 2ZX

This organisation may be able to help towards holiday costs for families who include a child who has severe disabilities (aged under 16 years). Grants vary in size and can be used towards family holidays with or without the child with disabilities.

Tel:- 0845 130 45 42

E-mail:- [info@familyfund.org.uk](mailto:info@familyfund.org.uk)

Website:- <http://www.familyfundtrust.org.uk/>

#### **Family Action**

Grants Service, Family Action, 501-505 Kingsland Road, London, E8 4AU

This organisation may be able to assist an adult or child to have a holiday in the UK. It will accept referrals from a social worker or voluntary agency.

Tel:- 020 7241 7459

E-mail:- [grants.enquiry@family-action.org.uk](mailto:grants.enquiry@family-action.org.uk)

Website:- <http://www.family-action.org.uk>

## **Family Holiday Association**

The Holiday Charity for Families in Need, The Grants Officer, 16 Mortimer Street, London, W1T 3JL

This organisation may be able to provide funding for a holiday (one week only) in the UK. Applications should be made between October and November for the following year as funds tend to be spent by March. For a copy of the application form and guidelines please apply to the address above with an SAE.

Tel:- 0207 436 3304  
E-mail:- [info@fhaonline.org.uk](mailto:info@fhaonline.org.uk)  
Website:- <http://www.fhaonline.org.uk/>

## **Pearson's Holiday Fund**

PO Box 3017, South Croydon, Surrey, CR2 9PN

The fund provides small grants to help make it possible for children and young people (aged 4 to 16 years) of families on benefit-level income to have holidays or outings. Applications for grants may only be submitted by appropriate third party referring agencies (e.g. social workers, health visitors, teachers etc). Applications must be in the form of a letter and accompanied by a Stamped Addressed or Prepaid Envelope for their reply.

E-mail:- [general.secretary@pearsonsholidayfund.org](mailto:general.secretary@pearsonsholidayfund.org)  
Website:- <http://www.pearsonsholidayfund.org/>

## **The Child Brain Injury Trust (CBIT)**

Unit 1, The Great Barn, Baynards Green Farm, Nr Bicester, Oxfordshire, OX27 7SG

The Trust is a UK-wide charity offering support, information and training on acquired brain injury in children. Amongst its support services, small grants are available for various items including holidays. The grants are paid to a third party e.g. Social Services, NHS Fund or firm supplying a service and not paid directly to the family.

Tel:- 0845 6014939  
E-mail:- [helpline@cbituk.org](mailto:helpline@cbituk.org)  
Website:- <http://www.cbituk.org/>

**Active Foundation**

Unit G, 41 Warwick Road, Solihull B92 7HS

One-off grants and recurrent grants towards activity holidays for adolescents being treated for various chronic illnesses. Contact the secretary to apply.

Tel:- 0121 440 5855

**The Birchington Convalescent Benefit Fund**

Church Society, Dean Wace House, 16 Rosslyn Road, Watford, WD18 ONY

Small one-off grants to help children who are chronically ill, or recovering from hospital treatment or a long-term illness and their families to take a holiday. No grants towards expensive or overseas holidays. Applications must be made by a third party, such as a doctor or social worker, or give you a reference. Download an application form from the website, or contact the Church Society.

Tel:- 01923 235111

E-mail:- [enquiries@churchsociety.org](mailto:enquiries@churchsociety.org)

Website:- [www.churchsociety.org/aboutus/managed/Fund\\_Birchington.asp](http://www.churchsociety.org/aboutus/managed/Fund_Birchington.asp)

**Bruce Wake Charity**

Ayston, Rutland LE15 9AE

One off grants of up to £2,000 towards short breaks and holidays. Applications will only be accepted through a charitable organisation or equivalent recognised body, and submitted together with appropriate financial information to Mrs Wake.

Tel:- 0116 247 1434

Website:- [www.brucewaketrust.co.uk](http://www.brucewaketrust.co.uk)

## **Camp Quality UK**

98 Kingsbury Road, Birmingham, B24 8QJ

Camping holidays for children with a potentially life-limiting conditions, Include siblings whenever they can, but cannot guarantee a place for a sibling. Every holiday is funded entirely by Camp Quality UK and is provided free of charge to each child. Includes group holidays: abseiling, sailing, archery, canoeing, rock climbing, swimming, horse riding, box games, crafts, entertainments, and visits to leisure parks. They try to let children do what they and their medical team feel they can do. Each camp has a camp director and camp doctor - responsible for the whole camp, 24 hours a day. Apply online. You will need details of your child's consultant, medical condition and hospital where treated.

Tel:- 07717 542376

Website:- [www.campquality.org.uk](http://www.campquality.org.uk)

## **The R L Glasspool Charity Trust**

Second Floor, Saxon House, 182 Hope Street, Walthamstow EH17 4QH

One-off grants including holidays. Applications must be made through social services, or relevant welfare agency. Form available from the trust. Applications should include full names, ages, address of family, income and expenditure, family circumstances and need, what other charities have been approached and with what result. Payment is made to the referring agency so the name of the payee should be included. If applying for a holiday provide details of proposed holiday, other charities contacted, whether Social Fund/social services have been approached and result.

Tel:- 020 8520 4354

## **Sunshine Society Fund**

c/o Bryson House, 28 Bedford Street, Belfast BT2 7FE

Holidays for children in need (families with children under the age of 18, who are ill, disabled or facing financial hardship). Applicants must be resident in Northern Ireland. Only 12 grants are given each year. Apply in writing by a social worker – and considered within a week of submission. Must include background information on the applicant, how a grant will benefit them, details of income and expenditure, benefits received and other sources of financial assistance.

Tel:- 028 9032 5835

## **The National Holiday Fund for Sick Children**

PO Box 44 Belvedere, Kent, DA17 6WT

Provides holidays (not grants) for children aged 8-18 years who are chronically or terminally ill, or temporarily or permanently physically disabled to Florida, with medical care, allowing parents/carers to have a break while the child is away. The child will be allocated a holiday with a small group of children - all with compatible needs. Apply online or call for more information. When you've made an application they will ask for the child's full medical history from their hospital consultant and GP.

Tel:- 01493 731235

E-mail:- [nhfoffice@aol.com](mailto:nhfoffice@aol.com)

Website:- [www.nhfcharity.co.uk](http://www.nhfcharity.co.uk)

## **Charities providing Subsidised Holidays for Children with Disabilities**

### **Help (Holiday Endeavour for Lone Parents)**

25 Brook Street, Hemswell, Gainsborough, DN21 5UJ

Help is a registered charity run by volunteers (who are or have lone parents themselves) to provide low-cost holidays for lone parents and access parents with Pontins and Haven. They also have their own caravans on one site. Website membership fee is £5 yearly + cost of holiday. To be eligible you must be a lone parent with a child under the age of 13.

Tel:- 01427 668717

E-mail:- [janice@help.fslife.co.uk](mailto:janice@help.fslife.co.uk)

Website:- [www.helphols.co.uk](http://www.helphols.co.uk)

## **The Harriet Davis Trust**

Tenby Observer Offices, Warren Street, Tenby, Pembrokeshire, SA70 7JY

This charity provides properties in seaside locations suitably constructed or adapted and equipped to enable children with disabilities, their families and carers to enjoy the benefits of seaside holidays.

For General Enquiries

Tel:- 01834 814645

E-mail:- [admin@harriet-davis.freeseve.co.uk](mailto:admin@harriet-davis.freeseve.co.uk)

Website:- <http://www.harriet-davis-trust.org.uk/>

For Bookings

Tel:- 01834 845197 (Helen Lees-Griffiths)

E-mail:- [helen@harriet-davis-trust.freeseve.co.uk](mailto:helen@harriet-davis-trust.freeseve.co.uk)

Website:- <http://www.harriet-davis-trust.org.uk/>

## **Phab**

Phab Office, Summit House, 50 Wandle Road, Croydon, Surrey, CR0 1DF

Phab organises an annual summer programme of Integrated Living Experiences, which are residential projects at purpose built activity centres in Exmoor and the Lake District for children with and without disabilities aged 9-18. Applicants do not need to be a member of a PHAB club and referrals from social workers are welcomed.

Tel:- 020 8667 9443

E-mail:- [info@phab.org.uk](mailto:info@phab.org.uk)

Website:- <http://www.phab.org.uk>

Birmingham Phab Camps is an independent charity which organises 8 holidays each summer for children aged 8-18, they also have a holiday for young adults aged 18 to 25 years.

Tel:- 0121 440 5757 (Maxine Wallis)

E-mail:- [info@bhamphabcamps.org.uk](mailto:info@bhamphabcamps.org.uk)

Website:- <http://www.bhamphabcamps.org.uk/www/home/home.shtml>

### **The Ty Glyn Davis Trust**

Ty Glyn Davis Trust, Hafod, Llanarth, Ceredigion, Wales, SA47 0QB

This trust offers a fully accessible self-catering holiday centre for children and young people with special needs. It is situated in Ciliau Aeron, Ceredigion, West Wales and sleeps up to 16 people in 9 bedrooms. There are three bathrooms, one drive-in for wheelchair users, one en-suite shower room and a new purpose-built bathroom with overhead hoist, air bath, powered shower and a changing bed.

Tel:- 01545 580708 (Louise Hutchings, Centre Organiser)

Website:- <http://www.tyglyndavistrust.co.uk/>

### **Nancy Oldfield Trust (Activities for People with Disabilities)**

The Nancy Oldfield Trust, Irstead Road, Neatishead, Norwich NR12 8BJ

This organisation offers water and land based activities for people of all ages with mental and physical disabilities on a residential or day visitor basis. The Centre, a bungalow set in one and a half acres, has a wet dock giving access to Barton Broad and the Norfolk Broads beyond, has a large sitting/lecture room, a disability friendly kitchen, four bedrooms and three toilet/shower rooms. Wheelchair access throughout.

Tel:- 01692 630572 (Robin Slatter, Warden)

E-mail:- [info@nancyoldfield.org.uk](mailto:info@nancyoldfield.org.uk)

Website:- <http://www.nancyoldfield.co.uk/>

### **The Kensington Foundation**

The Daisy Chain Project, Kensington Foundation Resource Centre, The Lodge, 216 Whitegate Drive, Blackpool, Lancashire FY3 9JL

This is a Blackpool based Charity and The Daisy Chain project offers accommodation in Blackpool for respite breaks to any family caring for children with sickness or disabilities. Referrals are needed from Hospices, Hospitals, Social Workers and other Agencies and are welcome from anywhere in the UK.

Tel:- 01253 761444 (The Project Director)

E-mail:- [kentrust1@hotmail.com](mailto:kentrust1@hotmail.com)

Website:- <http://www.kensingtonfoundation.com/>

### **The St Vincent de Paul Society**

SVP National Office, The St Vincent de Paul Society, 5th Floor, 291-299 Borough High Street, London SE1 1JG

The SVP provides breaks for children and families who would not otherwise be able to have a holiday. The Society organises and runs Children's Camps, Caravans and the Ozanam holiday centre in North Wales which has full disabled facilities.

Tel:- 0207 407 4644

E-mail:- [info@svp.org.uk](mailto:info@svp.org.uk)

Website:- <http://www.svp.org.uk/02whatwedo/holidays.htm>

### **The Cobweb Foundation**

Parkhead, Drummuir, Keith, Banffs, AB55 5PQ

The organisation provides holidays for families in Scotland where a member of the family has either chronicle sickness or a disability.

Tel:- 01358 724145

E-mail:- [enquiries@cobwebfoundation.org](mailto:enquiries@cobwebfoundation.org)

Website:- <http://www.cobwebfoundation.org/>

### **The Children's Adventure Farm Trust**

Booth Bank Farm, Reddy Lane, Millington, Cheshire, WA14 3RE

Based around a beautiful 17th century farmhouse, in the heart of Cheshire countryside, the Charity offers free adventure breaks and activities to children who have a terminal illness, chronicle sickness, a disability or are disadvantaged from all over the Northwest of England.

Tel:- 01565 830053

Website:- <http://www.caft.co.uk>



## **SSAFA**

19 Queen Elizabeth Street, London SE1 2LP

This organisation can assist with providing holidays for the children (with disabilities and their siblings) of serving or reserve military personnel.

Tel:- 07920 586178 (The Children's Holiday Project Organiser)

E-mail:- [info@ssafa.org.uk](mailto:info@ssafa.org.uk)

Website:- <http://www.ssafa.org.uk/downloads/AdditionalNeeds/CHSS-childrens-holidays.pdf>

## **Charities Granting Wishes which can include Holidays**

### **Happy Days Children's Charity**

Clody House, 90-100 Collingdon Street, Luton, Bedfordshire, LU1 1RX

Tel:- 01582 755999

E-mail:- [happydayscharity@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:happydayscharity@yahoo.co.uk)

Website:- <http://www.happydayscharity.org/>

### **Dreams Come True Charity**

Knockhundred House, Knockhundred Row, Midhurst, West Sussex, GU29 9DQ

Tel:- 01730 815 000 or 0800 018 6013 (freephone supplied by MCI Worldcom)

E-mail:- [info@dctc.org.uk](mailto:info@dctc.org.uk)

Website:- <http://www.dctc.org.uk/index.php?contentId=33>

### **When You Wish Upon a Star**

Futurist House, Valley Road, Basford Nottingham NG5 1JE

Tel:- 0115 979 1720

E-mail:- [nottingham@whenyouwishuponastar.org.uk](mailto:nottingham@whenyouwishuponastar.org.uk)

Website:- <http://www.whenyouwishuponastar.org.uk/>

## **The National Children's Charity, Dream Makers**

Dream Makers, 37 Malborough Road, Castle Bromwich, Birmingham B36 0EH

Tel:- 0121 711 8982

Website:- <http://www.dreammakerschildrenscharity.com/>

## **Caudwell Children**

Minton Hollins, Shelton Old Road, Stoke-on-Trent, ST4 7RY

Dying wish holidays. Write in, call or download an application form from the website. The decision may take between one and six months. Proof of illness or medical condition will be required. Parents can apply direct.

Tel:- 0845 300 1348

E-mail:- [charity@caudwellchildren.com](mailto:charity@caudwellchildren.com)

Website:- [www.caudwellchildren.com](http://www.caudwellchildren.com)

## **Make a Wish Foundation UK**

Head Office, 329-331 London Road, Camberley GU15 3HQ

Grants the wishes of children aged 3–17 years living with a life-threatening illness and who has not had a wish granted by a similar organisation. Anyone who knows a child can make a referral by writing to or filling in the form on the website – they will ask for the child's full medical history from their hospital consultant or GP.

Tel:- 01276 405060

E-mail:- [info@make-a-wish.org.uk](mailto:info@make-a-wish.org.uk)

Website:- [www.make-a-wish.org.uk](http://www.make-a-wish.org.uk)

**Rays of Sunshine Children's Charity**  
No 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 ONP

Make wishes come true for terminally and seriously ill children between the ages of 3 and 18. Application pack downloadable from the website. Anyone can refer a child - contact them for an informal and confidential discussion. There is a simple application process which must be completed by parents/guardians and be signed by the child's paediatrician.

Tel:- 020 8782 1171  
E-mail:- [office@raysofsunshine.org.uk](mailto:office@raysofsunshine.org.uk)  
Website:- [www.raysofsunshine.org.uk](http://www.raysofsunshine.org.uk)

**Starlight Children's Foundation**

Children's Services Department, Room PRW1, PO Box 4267, Reading RG8 0AP

Grants wishes to children who are seriously or terminally ill aged between 4 and 18 years. They must be able to choose and articulate the wish for themselves and not have received a wish from another wish granting organisation. Anyone can refer a child to Starlight by printing off an application form from their website, or contact them to be sent one, and returning it by post or email address. Starlight cannot accept referrals by telephone, but if you have any questions please call the number above and ask to speak to the Children's Services Department.

Tel:- 020 7262 2881  
Website:- [www.starlight.org.uk](http://www.starlight.org.uk)

**Many charities related to a specific disability or condition can assist with holidays so it is worth approaching those that might be appropriate to your own circumstances. For example:-**

**Sense**

101 Pentonville Road, London N1 9LG

Sense organise 25 summer holidays each year for people of all ages who have a visual and hearing impairment or who have either a visual or hearing impairment plus additional disabilities.

Tel:- 0845 127 0060  
E-mail:- [info@sense.org.uk](mailto:info@sense.org.uk)  
Website:- [http://www.sense.org.uk/about\\_us/our\\_services/holidays/holidays.htm](http://www.sense.org.uk/about_us/our_services/holidays/holidays.htm)

## **Diabetes UK**

Macleod House, 10 Parkway, London NW1 7AA

Diabetes UK organise subsidised support holidays and weekends for families who have a child with diabetes. They also offer online help with the application process.

Tel:- 020 7424 1000 Care Events team

E-mail:- [careevents@diabetes.org.uk](mailto:careevents@diabetes.org.uk)

Website:- [http://www.diabetes.org.uk/How\\_we\\_help/Care-events/Childrens-holidays/](http://www.diabetes.org.uk/How_we_help/Care-events/Childrens-holidays/)

## **Shropshire Scope**

22 Crowmere Road, Monkmoor, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY2 5HX

Shropshire Scope is a local charity that would like to help anybody that has Cerebral Palsy (or a more specific diagnosis, but still a derivative of Cerebral Palsy) who lives in Shropshire by providing £250 towards the cost of a holiday, per person with Cerebral Palsy in a family. You can only apply once in a twelve month period and meetings are held monthly (with the exception of August and December) to discuss any grant applications. The charity aim to respond to applicants promptly. To apply for a grant and to find out what information you need to provide with your application, contact Shropshire Scope directly.

Tel:- 01743 368759 (Alan Townsend – Vice Chairman)

E-mail:- [shropshire.scope@talktalk.net](mailto:shropshire.scope@talktalk.net)

## **Possible Local Authority Assistance through Holiday Grants**

Some local authorities can offer a small grant towards holiday costs for people with disabilities through social services. This is not uniform throughout the UK but it is worth contacting your local office to see if your area provides this, you might need to ask them to enquire about it as not all social workers are aware it exists.

**Please note that some of the organisations included on our fact sheet of ‘accommodation and care provided’ are also applicable for children and young people.**

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