

Make Them Smile Children's Charity

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An Autism support dog for Kieran.

Kieran is diagnosed with Autism, ADHD Anxiety (associated with Autism), hypermobility and Sensory Processing Disorder. Some of the effects of his condition mean that the daily life for this family is incredibly challenging. The main concerns are that Kieran escalates into meltdowns very quickly and can be physical towards his siblings. He does not adhere to boundaries and he does not understand sharing. Kieran shows echolalia tendencies and lacks the understanding of language. He finds it extremely hard to cope with change and this has worsened since the National Lockdown in March 2020. Kieran's behaviour is deteriorating fast, and his parents are finding it increasingly harder to cope with his aggression. Mum and Dad are desperate to be able to enjoy family activities with all the children.

The main positives of having an Autism Support Dog will be: Reduction in Kieran's controlling behaviour, a more positive siblings relationships with the ability to go out together as a family, All the above outcomes are achievable by having a therapy dog to support Kieran and the whole family. Some results will be immediately apparent, and some will develop and show over time. A variety of training for the whole family and one to one training will be included as well as Liaising with Kieran's school to introduce the dog to the school environment.

The cost of purchasing and then training an Assistance Dog to the required level, is £7,900.00

An Innwalk for McKenzie

We wish to purchase an Innwalk for 5-year-old McKenzie, who is diagnosed with type 1 SMA. His parents really want to get him into an Innwalk as soon as possible so that his wonderful personality trait can shine. An Innwalk will help him to move and stand independently which will release pressure on his lungs enabling him to breathe better, this in turn will strengthen his respiratory system allowing him to move his muscles, thus preventing irreversible deterioration, in addition to giving him the independence he visibly needs and wants. An Innwalk will help him to interact socially and allow him the freedom and independence it provides. It is the versatility and adaptability of an Innwalk that the family are confident will improve his standard of living. Without one they are concerned he will not achieve the developmental milestones he needs to have as a young child. At this point in his life, it is key that he does not feel inhibited by his disability and it starts with becoming mobile and independent like his peers. The total cost of an Innwalk Pro is £13,000.

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Hydrotherapy Sessions

We are currently funding Hydrotherapy Sessions for 3 families,

These vary from between £25.00 and £50.00 per session Hydrotherapy is a form of physiotherapy which makes use of the natural buoyancy, heat and resistance of water to help bring about a number of therapeutic effects.

This can be a great way to provide a fun and engaging environment to help stimulate a child's recovery.

Hydrotherapy can be used to treat all the main areas of physiotherapy including musculoskeletal, neurological and respiratory conditions.

Please help us to fund more families with these life changing sessions.

During the Covid pandemic we have purchased a spa which we loan out to families that cannot attend their regular hydrotherapy sessions due to pool closures.



Respite Breaks

A short break away is often key for the survival of family relationships during the roller-coaster ride of childhood illnesses.

For this reason we feel it is important to give families the quality time together that they need, away from hospitals, doctors and treatment.

Our holiday homes are situated at Haven's Golden Sands Holiday Park, Mablethorpe

We can now provide respite for between 95 and 100 families each year Golden Sands Holiday Park has amenities to suit all ages whether rain or shine The Holiday Park is wheelchair friendly and our Holiday Homes are within close proximity to all the amenities



Our holiday homes are equipped with:

Wheelchair access ramp, Hoist in Main Bedroom, Adapted Wet Room, Lowered work surfaces, Lowered light switches and sockets, Wheelchair access to each room Extra wide sliding doors, fully accessible throughout, Central Heating, Double glazing, External Electric sockets for charging mobility scooters

Completion Date

5/16/2021