

# How your money helps



Every day 10 families are told their child has cancer. CLIC Sargent is the only charity that offers them all round care and support.

**£1.50** could pay for a set of colourful storybooks for a child aged under 10, putting cancer and leukaemia into words and illustrations they can relate to. These are an important way of helping children understand and cope with what's happening to them.

**£8.00** could pay for a DVD to help prepare a young person with cancer to return to school. It helps them keep up with their studies and deal with the emotional challenges of meeting friends and teachers after their experience.

**£15.00** could pay for some toys to create a fun, comfortable environment for children in one of our Homes from Home, which offer families free self-catering accommodation close to the main regional children's cancer centres. The atmosphere is relaxed and non-clinical, friendly and welcoming.

**£20.00** could pay for a CLIC Sargent Play Specialist to help a child prepare for and cope with treatment, by using models, toys and photos to explain what will happen. When a child is calm, treatment can be given more easily and can also be more effective.

**£32.00** could pay for a day's meals for a family of four staying at Malcolm Sargent House – our holiday home on the Ayrshire coast. The house offers family-centered breaks and specialist weekends for young people, siblings, and bereaved families. Everyone there is in a similar situation, making it easy for them to share their feelings and experiences.

**£50.00** could pay for a CLIC Sargent Social Worker to be there soon after diagnosis, talking to a family one-to-one. Every family is different, so the social worker will assess their individual needs, and offer them appropriate support and services.

**£90.00** could pay for a support group for brothers and sisters of children on treatment. A CLIC Sargent Social Worker will help them understand what is happening, talk about how they are feeling and share their experiences, which can help them cope during this time.

**£100** could pay for a benefits advisor to help several families apply for state benefits. Cancer can have a huge effect on a family's finances, but the benefits application process can be lengthy and complex, putting an extra strain on the family's relationships and ability to cope at a very difficult time.

**£180** could pay for a bowling session and pizza afterwards for 10 young people with cancer. Activities like this enable young people to come together and share their experiences, helping to reduce isolation and build their confidence.

**£200** could pay for a Community Support Grant to help families meet the cost of any extra support they might need to maintain normal life – like childcare, home help, ironing, shopping and so on. This allows parents to spend more time at hospital with their ill child.

**£250** could pay for a day's professional training for two of our care staff. This will ensure that they are equipped with the right skills, knowledge and understanding to help children with cancer and their families, whatever it takes.

**£300** could pay for a wheelchair for use in one of our Homes from Home, so children who are weak, tired, or disabled can spend time with their family while they're having treatment in hospital.

**£400**

could pay for accommodation for a family at a CLIC Sargent Home from Home for a fortnight. Here they can stay together within walking distance of the hospital where their child is being treated, which is often many miles from their own home. If they are well enough, the child can stay there too.

**£780**

could pay for a CLIC Sargent Youth Development Worker for a week. They help young people maintain a sense of normality, acting as a link with school, college and work. They also plan activities to build young people's confidence and help them live life to the full.

**£950**

could pay for a specialist break for a bereaved family, allowing them to spend time together and with other bereaved families. Talking to people who understand, in a sensitive, supportive environment, can provide real comfort.

**£2,500**

could pay for a discussion day for 20 children and young people with cancer. The children and young people we support are at the heart of what we do, and these structured sessions mean we can ask for their views and develop our services accordingly.

**£4,200**

could pay for a CLIC Sargent Social Worker to support families for a month. Our social workers help the whole family, including siblings and grandparents, to understand and cope with the emotional, practical and financial effects of cancer, from the very moment their child is diagnosed.

**£10,000**

could pay for the running costs and site fees of our holiday caravans for half a year. Families in desperate need of a break can stay in a self-contained caravan in a well-equipped holiday park in Exmouth (Devon), Pagham (West Sussex), Fleetwood (Lancashire) or Filey (Yorkshire). Each caravan has three bedrooms, a modern kitchen and a comfortable lounge.

**£15,000**

could pay for landscaping the garden at one of our Homes from Home, complete with patio, shed, playhouse and children's play equipment, to make it a more homely environment where children can play outdoors and parents relax in the garden.

**£45,000**

could pay for a CLIC Sargent Nurse for a year. Our Nurses provide specialist care in hospital and in the community. Having a nurse visit at home or school to take blood or change dressings means less disruption to a family's everyday life.

**£50,000**

could pay for securing a site for a new Home from Home, close to one of the UK's main children's cancer centres. There are 20 main children's cancer hospitals across the UK, and currently just eight CLIC Sargent Homes from Home, so we need to create more to ensure parents can stay near their children in hospital.

**£350,000**

could pay for our Youth Development Work service for a year, helping young people keep their lives as normal as possible during treatment. Our youth development workers offer emotional support, information, activities, help with getting back to school, college or work, and peer support opportunities.

**£570,000**

could pay for our Homes from Home service for a year, providing free accommodation for families near to UK children's cancer centres. Children undergoing treatment need their parents close at hand to provide loving support. Our Homes from Home save parents the exhaustion of constant travel or the expense of B&Bs during an already difficult time.

**£1 million**

could pay for the complete purchase and refurbishment of a 5-bedroom Home from Home, with all the furnishings and appliances needed to create a comfortable, well-equipped home where families can be together near a child in hospital.

**£4.5 million**

could pay for our Social Work service for a year. Our social workers offer emotional, social and practical help, in hospital and at home, for every member of the family. They help families with necessities like applying for benefits and grants, as well as coping with the emotional stress of caring for a child with cancer.