



newlife

foundation for disabled children

“Care & Action for Disabled
& Terminally ill Children”



Who we are

The specialists for special children in the UK

Disabled children have been at the heart of the charity since 1991. Since that time we have become, through our work, the specialists for special children. Their needs and the needs of their families and carers, their health and their voices are all central to the work of the charity. Originally the charity focused on the biggest cause of disability in children, inborn conditions. As times have changed and more babies and children survive conditions, accidents and infections etc. we see more children face both enduring and shorter term disability. Regardless of the condition, on a daily basis Newlife Foundation now cares for all disabled and terminally ill children in the UK.

★ Nurse Services

★ Medical Research

★ Equipment Services

★ Campaigns & Awareness

“Newlife’s grant gave us peace of mind to ensure the best treatment for our child. Thank you so much, we can keep our sanity. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you Newlife.”

Family Quote





What you can do

Supporting Newlife is supporting disabled children

Children become disabled every day of the year, we have to be there to help them. Yet we receive no government funding. As an independent Charity, if we don't earn it, or our supporters don't give it or fundraise for it, we don't have it to use to reach out to the lives of disabled children. Our supports include:

- individuals, local volunteers
- trusts, groups
- leisure groups
- companies
- friends of Newlife
- informal organisations
- employees
- social bodies
- and others...
- organisations
- Newlife heroes

We simply could not serve disabled and terminally ill children and families without their help. Our supporters are secure in the knowledge that the interests of the child are first in all we do and that we will honour their activities and gifts and show them how they have helped us help precious children all over the UK.





Nurse Services Telephone

0800 902 0095 (Freephone)

What we do

Nurse Services

Skilled help is just one call away

Just one call or email to a Newlife Nurse and we will begin to understand the needs of the child and family. Whatever the query our experienced and dedicated Nurses will listen to the situation and deliver support and advice using their clinical skills, community experience and vast knowledge gained from dealing with thousands of children.

Many parents/families say that having children with a disability is like going into a restaurant and having no menu, they don't know what's on offer. They don't know what the possibilities are, how to access help or how to do what every parent wants to do - give their child the very best chance in life. If it is information that is needed, our Nurses will supply and support. If it is a referral, we will research and refer. Best of all our Nurses listen, understand and care. Sad and challenging times face many families in this situation and having a dedicated Nurse to rely on gives immeasurable support.

Equipment Services

Practical help for real families

It is often during these early conversations with a caller that we identify a need for equipment. Equipment can help replace lost functions of limbs, can enable children to overcome disability, can relieve pain and stop conditions worsening, it can also keep children safe and help them communicate. Equipment can also play a major part in their daily care by helping their carers to help them. Equipment can revolutionize a child's life. Newlife Nurses understand need and can often offer to purchase the equipment for a child, delivering the help they need - sometimes within days, by working with the children's local professionals. Equipment Newlife can provide includes pain relieving beds, wheelchairs etc to give independence, vital equipment to improve safety and therapy as well as technology and aids to improve communication. Equipment which can cost just a few pounds up to many thousands of pounds that can revolutionize a child's life. Our application process is simple and once agreed we order and deliver to make the process as straightforward as possible for the child and family. Simple, effective and practical help.



Medical Research

Most parents ask ‘why me?’ ‘why my child?’ and we know medical research holds the key. This is why our links to sources of the latest research are crucial in keeping our Nurses up to date with new techniques in testing and both diagnostic and treatment advances. This knowledge comes directly from our own researchers and from leading researchers elsewhere in the UK and overseas. Our research has been successful in many areas including diagnostics, understanding foetal development, basic and clinical science related to conditions, finding relevant genes and understanding causes of conditions.

Campaigns and Awareness

Many parents feel they have to battle to get the help they need and that they are very much alone. Our campaigning and awareness activities show them that we can help them have a voice on important issues, overcome isolation and find improvements in many areas. As a leading charity we are consulted by government and other



statutory and voluntary bodies on major issues around healthcare, services and policy. Our Nurses are in a position to hear the issues affecting the needs of children and their families so we are at the heart of issues and a voice for those who are affected. Our successful campaigning and awareness activities have revealed the challenges faced by many families and children through the media and have prompted government review and Commons debates. We also challenge local policy makers to ensure children and families are supported.

So, one call to one number can make a world of difference. All calls are confidential and some people call us anonymously. Whatever the query, prior to birth or during a child’s life, our services will provide caring, non-judgmental support and direction – no fees, no membership – just great Nurse led help when it’s really needed.

Why we do it

The number of disabled children is increasing

How many disabled children are there in the UK? No-one really knows! That's because understanding the issues, needs and provision of services to disabled children has often been a Cinderella service. Some reports show there are 770,000 disabled children in the UK, but this three quarters of a million is believed to be a vast underestimation of the situation. In the past when children were born premature, when they were diagnosed with cancers, if they had a serious accident or contracted a major infection, the death rate was high. Now thanks to medical advances many more children survive. Fifty years ago the infant and childhood death rate was high. By 2000 infant death rates had dropped by 84% and the childhood death rate (1 to 14yrs) had dropped by 89%. This is a fantastic achievement. However many of those babies and children who survive today do so to face disability, long term learning difficulties and serious health challenges. While many survive past their 14th year, terminal conditions are tragically common. Infant and childhood disability normally falls into the following 5 groups of cause:

Inborn conditions

1 in 16 children will be affected by a syndrome, disability or malformation.

Acquired conditions

Every day 10 children are diagnosed with cancers and undergo treatment. Others need dedicated support as a result of other diseases and disorders.

Infections

From the common to the rare, conditions such as meningitis can damage limbs, damage ability such as communication or learning and can lower immunity.

Accidents and injuries

Affect thousands of children every year, this happens on our roads and at play. Head injuries and loss of ability are common in acute trauma.

Prematurity

As many as 10% of babies are born prematurely. Many of these babies would have died in earlier years. They now survive but many face long term challenges to their health and ability.

That's why Newlife Foundation widened its remit in 2008 and now use the expertise gained in 17 years of pioneering action to reflect the change in society and the health and welfare of UK children. Simply put, more children need our help.

“...Words are not enough to describe what the grant scheme has done for us. Newlife gave us the yes for the car seat within two hours of receiving the application!”

Family Quote

What you need to know

Supporting Newlife is supporting disabled children

We can guarantee that 100% of any gift is used to help an individual child, no admin charge, just real help for real children.

As a Charity we pride ourselves on being innovative in the things we do. Faced in 1993 with the need to raise funds, we developed and set up a company to be a unique recycling service to the retail and manufacturing industry in the UK. Funds are raised by protecting the environment from companies' un-required stock and funds are raised by raw material reclamation and through a superstore in the Midlands. This is a unique enterprise and without it our services and activities would grind to a halt. While successful, this activity alone can't raise enough to help all the children and families who need our support and to ensure we can fund the research and services which are so important.

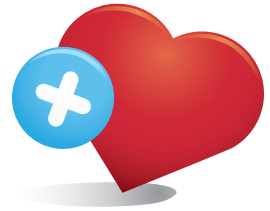
Our supporters and volunteers are the life line that ensure our help is always on hand and children get the help they need. Newlife is one of the few Charities who actively asks supporters/donors to fundraise to make a restricted donation. Restricted means that in law you get to tell us exactly how you would like 100% of your gift to be spent. That is why we have restricted funds so that not a penny can be taken from a gift for administration or costs. When you give to Newlife 100% of your gift reaches a child's needs, a Newlife Nurse delivering care, a dedicated research activity or help for our campaigning action. You choose how you want your gift spent. We believe that this integrity is valued by our supporters and every time they make a restricted gift they get to hear about exactly which child or fund they have helped.

Want to help a child in your county / area? No problem - our revolutionary appeal can designate your gift to help a local child.

There are many ways to help. For more information, visit our website www.newlifecharity.co.uk or call us on 01543 462 777



What you can do



We do it and you help

We have some great ways you can join in and help Newlife to help disabled children. We organise and hold sales, events, activities and have many different opportunities for volunteering.

You do it and we help you

Do you have an idea, a skill, want to have some fun? Can you see an opportunity? Whether you are an individual, a group, a company or you join with colleagues or friends - get in touch and we will help you help disabled children.



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Make it personal

Special birthday coming up, safe delivery of a baby, overcome a challenge? Thankful for love, for a life, or for luck? Give thanks by helping a disabled child get the equipment they need. Many supporters now have a Newlife Thankful Box at home or in the office at work. At Christmas and for Birthdays friends and relatives make a donation to the Thankful Box and we use it to help a child. We can send you a box, a certificate and also tell you about the child you have helped.

Do it now

Want to help right now? Make a donation today, go online to our website or call with a credit/debit card donation. Tell us if you want it used in a particular way or area and we will be pleased to acknowledge your gift. However you can help there are children who need your support and through your efforts you can help us help them.

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