

How your money helps children with cancer

When a child has cancer, parents often miss work to take them to hospital and to look after them at home. So we offer a **care grant** of **£200** to help out with the extra costs, such as travel, heating and phone bills.

Treatment for cancer lasts for weeks at a time and can go on for years. So when treatment is over, **£150** pays for a young person to take a break on one of our activity weekends. It's a chance to take part in fun **activities** and to **socialise** and make new friends.

Children get treatment in special cancer units, but these can be miles away from their home. CLIC Sargent has houses close to these units – called **Homes from Home** – where families can stay for free while their child is being treated. **£390** pays for one family to stay for 14 days.

*“We were a long way from home and desperately worried. We didn't have time to think about finding somewhere to live we just wanted to get Stella better. Sam's House was a haven, a sanctuary, a home.”
Roberta, Stella's mother*

Finding out that a child has cancer is hard on everyone. CLIC Sargent Social Workers help mums, dads, brothers and sisters to **understand** what's happening. They offer the **care and support** everyone needs at a very difficult time. **£720** will fund one social worker for one week.

*“Esther is really kind and makes you feel better. She made lots of wishes come true for me, like meeting all the Arsenal Team at their training ground!”
10-year-old Ashdon.*

Younger children whose brother or sister has cancer need someone to help out when their parents are at the hospital. **£900** funds a CLIC Sargent Family Support Worker for two weeks. They pick siblings up from school, organise fun activities and help around the home, until parents come home.

*“After a long day at the clinic we come home to someone who understands exactly what we've been through. There should be more little angels like Carolyn around!”
Marianne, Parent*



Just the thought of treatment can seem scary. **£2,000** will fund a CLIC Sargent Play Specialist for one month. They work in hospitals using play, toys, models and photos to explain **what will happen** and talk through children's worries. And if a child is calm, treatment can be easier too.

CLIC Sargent Nurses work on the hospital wards **caring for children**. But unlike other hospital nurses they visit children in their **homes** when they leave too. So children and families get to know their nurse, and care and support stays the same. **£3,300** funds a CLIC Sargent Nurse for a month.

*“Caroline visited us to take blood and clean lines, saving us a two-hour round trip to Edinburgh.”
Fiona, Parent*

For further information, advice and teaching resources on supporting a child at school with cancer or leukaemia please call the Child Cancer Helpline helpline on 0800 197 0068.

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