



**OUR AIM – TARGETING FUNDS TO HELP WITH THE COST OF  
ILLNESS AND DISABILITY.**

**CHARITY REGISTRATION NO: 1136039**

**REGIONAL CONTACT:**

**OUR AIM APPEAL FOR CANCER SUFFERERS AND THEIR FAMILIES**

**DEAR SUPPORTER,**

Thank you for taking the time to consider our appeal and request for a donation. 'Our Aim' is growing year on year and we are running this appeal to help individuals and/or families who have been affected by any form of Cancer.

Since becoming established with social service departments of hospitals, organisations that deal with people who are affected by Cancer, hospices and other institutions it is very apparent that there is a great need for the type of help we provide which is a grant for individuals and families via a simple application process so that they can receive the funds quickly at the time when they are most in need. This help can make all the difference at a very difficult time. There is the initial shock of the diagnosis and the physical and psychological toll to deal with as well as an uncertain future and the worry of a reduced income combined with increased expenses. All of this can be overwhelming and we are committed to helping relieve at least one small part of it.

We provide funding for such things as:-

Day trips, short breaks and holidays often in the case of terminal illness

Travelling and parking expenses for ongoing treatment

Subsistence costs for parents to stay with a child in hospital long term

Clothing, home aids, bedding, footwear

Emergency repairs i.e. boiler, car that is essential for hospital visits/treatments

Payment of bills i.e. for excessive heating in the case of illness, phone installation, rent arrears due to inability to work, funeral costs

The range of requests is wide and varied but the provision of a grant makes a big difference to the individuals and families involved. All of our work would not be possible without the ongoing support and generosity of people and businesses like yourselves and we would like to pass on a very sincere 'Thank-You' on behalf of the recipients of grants and their families who often take the time to write or call and express their gratitude for the help they receive and let us know what a difference it made to them.

Funds raised will go towards meeting applications made from hospitals, hospices, institutions or individuals and families in your area wherever possible. 'Our Aim' is to meet all requests for help as simply and quickly as possible. I do hope that you can help a family or an individual at this very difficult time for them. The 'cost of illness' is far reaching and we are committed to relieving at least one small part of it.

Best Wishes,

Helen Proctor – Trustee

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**OUR AIM RECEIPT CHARITY REG NO: 1136039**

**PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHEQUE PAYABLE TO: OUR AIM APPEALS**

**NAME:**

**COMPANY NAME:**

**DONATION AMOUNT: £**

**DATE:**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND SUPPORT & GENEROSITY IT IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED**

## OUR AIM GRANTS – CANCER

**SCARLET K. AGED 6 YEARS.** This little girl has a brain tumour and has now relapsed following treatment. Currently her care is palliative and a grant was given to purchase a new suitable bed for when she is at home.

**AVA S. AGED 8 YEARS.** This young girl has had major surgery to remove a bone tumour but sadly the disease has spread to her lungs. Her parents and younger brother are staying at a hotel near the hospital which is treating her and a grant was given towards the costs incurred.

**ALBERTA D.** This lady has breast cancer with lung, liver and brain metastases. Radiotherapy has been arranged twice a week to relieve the pressure on her brain but she needs to get a taxi to and from treatments due to her health. A grant was given to cover this expense.

**CLAUDIA B. AGED 6 YEARS.** This little girl was diagnosed with a rare and aggressive brain tumour 18 months ago and is now receiving end of life care. The family are making every effort to do things with her and her siblings to have fun and build memories. A grant was given to help them do this.

**LOGAN S. AGED 3 YEARS.** This little boy has been diagnosed with Leukaemia and is starting on a long and gruelling course of treatment. His family have to travel 120 miles twice a week to the hospital treating him and a grant was given towards the huge cost involved.

**NICHOLAS K. AGED 5 MONTHS.** This baby was diagnosed with a Fibrosarcoma (Cancer) when he was just 3 weeks old. He has been in hospital for several weeks but now he is being discharged but will have to return twice a week for treatment. The journey is 115 miles and a grant was given to help with the enormous cost involved.

**HANNAH T. AGED 16 YEARS.** This young girl was diagnosed with a brain tumour but having been unwell for a year and not being diagnosed at that time the disease has spread to her spine and has progressed too far for successful treatment. A grant was given to fulfil some of Hannah's wishes whilst she is still well enough.

**LARISSA C. AGED 10 YEARS.** This young girl had surgery for a brain tumour that has left her severely disabled and she will require hospital treatment long term. A grant was given towards the enormous cost of her parents staying with her for a long period of hospitalisation and also during her rehabilitation.

**COLIN W. AGED 12 YEARS.** This young boy was diagnosed with bone cancer and has had to undergo an amputation of his leg. He is really struggling to cope after surgery and is facing gruelling chemotherapy treatment. A grant was given towards the cost of his parents staying with him in the hospital and also to purchase aids for when he is able to go home.

**MAISIE G. AGED 5 YEARS.** This little girl has been ill since she was first diagnosed with a brain tumour at a few months old. Due to treatment over the years her care needs are enormous. A rapidly growing second tumour has now been diagnosed and treatment is not an option. A grant was given so that Maisie can have a short break with her family whilst she is well enough and they can build some happy memories.

## OUR AIM EXAMPLES OF THANK-YOU'S

Thank you so much for the grant you have recently awarded to xxxxx and his family. They are extremely grateful particularly as the last few weeks have been exceptionally stressful, and finances have been a major concern. Thank you for your kindness in relieving some of the family's financial burden.

Hilary Hollingsworth, Senior Social Worker, Royal Orthopaedic Hospital, Birmingham.

On behalf of this organisation and my client, thank you very much for this generous donation. Jenny Butterworth, Information Officer, DAB.

On behalf of the Trustees of Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospital may I thank you for the kind donation towards the Young Peoples Fund at the Freeman Hospital. I can see that you have donated previously and your on-going support is very much appreciated. Mike Love, Charity Fund Manager

I am writing to inform you that xxxxx sadly died. Thank you for all of the support that you have offered to his family in the past.

Alison Swift, Oncology Social Worker, RMCH

