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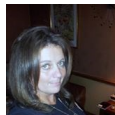
We need your support to help us to provide the much needed specialist equipment and activities for the children and young people with disabilities or life limiting illnesses.

Thank you to all our donors for your kind generosity. Enquiries are always welcome from any organisation or individual who would like to support our charity or anyone who feels that their child may benefit from our services.

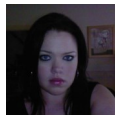
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### DO MALE CARERS GET ENOUGH OF THE RIGHT SUPPORT?

A Dads Story – “Where has my confidence gone, I often find myself asking!”

Being a father and a full time carer for your disabled child, should make you feel important, empowered and in control. Unfortunately in my experience, this is far from how I feel and in reality, I feel lonely, isolated and worthless. Society, seems to be so far behind when it comes to my own experience. In the years that I have been in a caring role, I have only ever met two other male carers. Why is this?

I know through research alone that nearly half of all carers are male, so where is everybody hiding? Support networks, professional and socially seem to be so well tailored for mums and female carers. Over the years I have been to many support groups and get together groups, but I am always only the male person there. Don't get me wrong, I have received some amazing advice, support and reassurance. I have met some amazing mums. However, I do feel that some of my needs as a male are different to those of a female.

This is why Blessing in Disguise with help from myself want to raise awareness of how men may feel as a carer. We are hoping to raise more support for men so that the male carers within the community can find support and help when and where needed.

If you have any questions about support for male carers please get in touch with us at [blessingindisguise.office@gmail.com](mailto:blessingindisguise.office@gmail.com)

See our Facebook or Website for our Events.

<https://www.blessingsindisguise.co.uk/events>

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**Blessing in Disguise**



**December 2019**

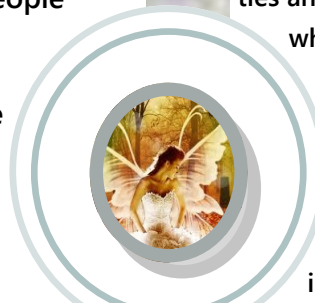
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Everyone deserves a Blessing in Disguise....

Blessing in Disguise Children's Charity is a not-for-profit organisation that enriches the lives of disadvantaged children and young people throughout the UK.

Blessing in Disguise creates a positive focus on enabling freedom to enjoy treasured memories to share with family and loved ones and provides a range of life enhancing experiences helping to improve the quality of life for children and young people with disabilities or life limiting illnesses.



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In Disguise*

We are a socially responsible organisation, providing much needed support to many children, young adults & their families / carers by providing, free of charge, a range of life enhancing equipment, activities and social/ recreational opportunities for the whole family. Through personal experience, we know that it can often be difficult on other family members, who perhaps unfortunately miss out, but we will endeavour to encourage them to achieve positive changes. With the right funding we have the potential to increase the number of vulnerable people that we support each year, providing much needed equipment to more families across the UK and making a significant difference.

## What we do...

We fundraise all year round to provide much needed support to children & young people, their families/carers by:

- Providing FREE specialist equipment
- Organising VIP Exclusive & Inclusive events & fun activities
- Working in partnership with other community groups & charities
- Creating treasured memories
- Promote social inclusion by hosting networking coffee mornings



**2019  
Blessing in  
Disguise  
Christmas  
Party**

**Thursday 5th  
December**



## **Blessing in Disguise**

**“Creating positive changes to improve life's misfortunes, everyone deserves a Blessing in Disguise”**

**Three year old Lana has a condition called Pyruvate Dehydrogenase Deficiency resulting in seizures and several development delays.**

**Due to her complex nature she is unable to access many mainstream activities. Lana gets a lot of pleasure being outside in her chair with her parents.**

**She requires a transparent rain shield for her chair allowing her to enjoy treasured memories with loved ones.**

With your kind support, Blessing in Disguise have provided the following equipment/services:

Various equipment for the home; various bedroom furniture; specialist beds & bedding; various safety equipment; special needs wheelchairs, buggies & accessories & high chairs; Easter eggs & toys; dark dens & sensory equipment; communication aids; wheelchair covers & foot muffs; ICE badges, lanyard and wristbands; safety aids & monitoring equipment for autistic children with epilepsy; 'Swim-Ability' disabled swim therapy sessions; family respite breaks, , family days out & tourist attractions, specially adapted fun fair and exclusive access for disabled children.. plus much, much more...