## SUPPORT



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.

Katie Holt Trustee



Sharon Sargent Trustee



Lindsey Aldred Fundraising Officer



Sally Hart Fundraising Officer



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Once again a huge thank you to Westwood Motor Group for the donated van, Firwood Timber Westhoughton for the donation and to W.c.c ltd for the volunteered manpower. Christmas 2022 Blessing in Disguise was once again part of Rock FM Mission Christmas. Without the support from local businesses the charity could not carry out its vital work helping families with children with life limiting illnesses or disabilities.

Applications open all year round for disability equipment or to register.

See our website for information. www.blessingsindisguise.co.uk

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





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Everyone deserves a Blessing in Disguise....

Blessing in Disguise Children's Charity is a notfor-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.

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 dif-

ference.

Blessing In Disguise

Research published for Channel 4 news
November 2022 revealed that nearly 4000 parent
carers that showed 39% of families with seriously ill
and disabled children have cut back or stopped
using essential disability equipment due to rising
energy costs. We have adapted, to help the family's
needs by producing "Cost of living support parcels"

Here's one families feedback....

"I would like to extend our gratitude to the companies and donators working with Blessings in Disguise and hope they realise the impact of their generosity for families like ours. Due to our personal circumstances Christmas for our household would've been an absolute write-off, but, due to donations like the cost of living parcel, it has made things so much more bearable. As a strong-willed, independent mum of 5, it's so hard to admit I need help to support my family, especially with essential goods like fabric conditioner / toilet rolls: which I have been using for the children's clothes only, to save whatever we can, wherever we can, the last 2 years I have had to learn to be savvier than usual with food shopping and essential shopping. Thanks to donations like this, I will be eternally grateful, so, on behalf of my family and I, thank you so very much, you have no idea how grateful we are for the little pockets of sunshine in our lives, that is yourselves and the tremendous and tireless work you do to support us dailv."

Visiting Santa's grotto is something that most families take for granted, for some children it can be a sensory overload and overwhelming. Here are a few of our visitors with additional sensory needs meeting Santa.





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Disguise

**Sensory Grotto** 



## 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

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

Mobility and walking aids, special needs wheelchairs, buggies & accessories; high chairs, low chairs, posture seating; communication aids and adaptations, monitoring equipment; specialist beds & bedding; safety equipment; Lockdown activity and support packs; social links & networking during lock-down; various home equipment, furniture; Christmas grotto, Easter eggs & toys; dark dens & sensory equipment; communication ICE badges, lanyard and wristbands; disabled swim therapy sessions; family respite breaks & family days out; specially adapted fun fair and exclusive access for disabled children... plus much, much more...