

Blessing in Disguise

"Creating positive changes to improve life's misfortunes, everyone deserves a blessing in disguise"

June 2014



What we do...

- Provide much needed support for children, their families and carers
- Holidays / Respite
- Equipment
- Events / Fundraising
- Fun activities
- Community Involvement
- Treasured memories

We are now working in partnership with local authorities and with Embrace Charity (charity no. 1082663)

"It's up to all of us to change people's Perceptions"

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Thank you to all our loyal supporters and donors for their kind generosity throughout 2013 and 2014

Enquiries are welcomed from any individual who feels that a child may benefit from our services.

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**Welcome to
Blessing in Disguise's
June issue**



A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR SUPPORTERS...

Blessings in Disguise has helped a range of families in need of a helping hand. A referral from the Embrace Team of a family living on the poverty line with 4 children including an autistic 8yr old son. Blessing in Disguise helped by providing much needed equipment to improve the quality of life and support this family in an emergency.



The Baxendale family, pictured here on the left of the photo, alongside Blessing in Disguise Directors.

This disabled family of 3 were given a free fun day out at their local Empire Cinema and were able to watch one of their child's favourite movies - The Muppet Show

Blessing in Disguise is a UK based not-for-profit organisation created to enrich the lives of disadvantaged children and their carers.

Blessing in Disguise creates a positive focus on enabling freedom to enjoy treasured memories to share with family and loved ones and providing a range of life enhancing experiences with a significant impact in improving the quality of life for the families and carers of disabled, disadvantaged and terminally ill children and young people between the ages of 0-19 years.

We are a socially responsible organisation helping and supporting lots of children and families by promoting and providing free equipment, activities and themed breaks and social and 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 help many more children, their families/carers, providing much needed equipment to more families across the UK.

Contact us...

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**Don't forget Dads & Grandads this Father's Day
15th June 2014**





Blessing in Disguise in association with Silcock's Fair, one of the largest Fairground & showmen group in the UK, DW Event 17th May 2014

Jenny Harrison

"Thank you very much for Saturday morning with Silcock's Fair. We had such a great morning, my son absolutely loved it. It was such a relaxed atmosphere and all the staff were so helpful. We really can't thank

Donna Lou

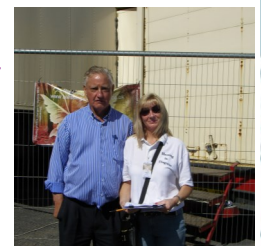
"Big thank you to Blessing in Disguise UK, thanks so much for arranging for us to have a full fun fair for us mums and the children with autism, all free of charge and free from worry and stress of everyday life, what a fantastic 2 hours we've just had, thank you xxxxx" and "Fab morning thanks again really appreciated xx" "Can't describe how good it was this morning to have the full funfair just for us mums with children with additional needs, it's such a relief to not feel like you're being stared at or judged, and not worry about our struggles, so hope we can have more of this, don't want to go back into the real world ever – with Annette Jackson and 5 others."



Blessing in Disguise in association with Silcock's Fair organized a special day out exclusively for all children across the UK with life limiting illnesses, disabilities, special needs, terminally ill or disadvantaged. All the rides on the fairground were slowed right down to make them accessible to children with disabilities for a full two hours they had full V.I.P access to the fairground making it a very special day for all. All the children were also able to enjoy a free candy floss, hotdog and soft drink and as many rides as they could cram in for those two hours. There were lots of side stalls for those unable to access the rides and many of the children came away with the traditional goldfish and other fabulous prizes that they have never been able to enjoy before.

A big THANK YOU to Arthur Silcock (pictured) and his team of showmen who helped us to make this a memorable day for all of the children.

<Pic. Left - Lindsey Aldred, Fundraiser, B.I.D., Arthur Silcock—Silcocks Fair Director and Sharon Sargent, B.I.D. Director. Pic Right > Arthur Silcock and Katie Holt, B.I.D. Director.



More photos from the Fairground Fun Day



Enjoying fun of the fair

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IT is every child's dream to be given free rein over an amusement park – and for one group it became a reality.

Youngsters with disabilities were given VIP treatment

when they visited Silcock's Fair at DW Stadium.

Owner of the fair, Arthur Silcock, had been working with Blessing in Disguise to give disabled children two hours' worth of freerides at their own pace.

Sharon Sargent, who runs the not-for-profit organisation with Katie Holt, said: "Half of these children have never had the chance

to go on rides because it is too crowded or they are too fast. "But this was designed specifically for them.

"Silcock's Fair staff were fantastic with the children – the rides were slowed down and the kids just had to stick their hand up if they were too fast and they were slowed even further.

"The youngsters felt in control and they loved it.

"We create a positive focus in enabling freedom to enjoy treasured memories and provide a range of life enhancing experiences, improving the quality of life for families and their carers of disabled, disadvantaged and severely ill children and young people.

"We help terminally ill children's dreams come true, such as going to the fair, so it was great to see these children

enjoy such magical moments. It really has made a difference and we want to say thank you to Arthur Silcock and his staff for making this event special. Children came from all over the borough and surrounding areas, from organisations such as Embrace and Derian House."

For more information visit www.blessingsindisguise.co.uk

Just some of the local organisations that joined us on our special day out at Silcock's Fair DW Event.

