



Holiday Information for families with children with disabilities

Possible funding sources for holidays

The Family Fund

This organisation may be able to help towards holiday costs for families who include a child who is severely disabled (aged under 16 years). Grants vary in size and can be used towards family holidays with or without the disabled child.

Contact :- 0845 130 45 42

The Family Fund, P.O. Box 50, York, YO1 2ZX.

Website :- <http://www.familyfundtrust.org.uk/>

The Family Welfare Association

This organisation may be able to assist an adult or child have a holiday in the UK. It will accept referrals from a social worker or voluntary agency.

Contact :- 0207 254 6251

The Family Welfare Association,
The Grants Administrator
501-505 Kingsland Road
Dalston
London
E8 4AU

Website :- <http://www.fwa.org.uk/>

Family Holiday Association

This organisation may be able to provide funding for a holiday (one week only) in the UK. Application should be made between October and November for the following year as funds tend to be spent by March. For a copy of the application form and guidelines please apply to the address below with an SAE.

Contact :- 0207 436 3304

Family Holiday Association
The Holiday Charity for Families in Need
The Grants Officer
16 Mortimer Street
London
W1T 3JL

Website :- <http://www.fhaonline.org.uk/>

Pearson's Holiday Fund

The fund provides small grants to help make it possible for children and young people (aged 4 to 16 years) of families on benefit-level income to have holidays or outings. Applications for grants may only be submitted by appropriate third party referring agencies (e.g. social workers, health visitors, teachers etc). Applications must be in the form of a letter and accompanied by a Stamped Addressed or Prepaid Envelope for their reply.

Pearson's Holiday Fund, PO Box 3017, South Croydon, Surrey, CR2 9PN

Website :- <http://www.pearsonsholidayfund.org/>

The Child Brain Injury Trust (CBIT)

The Trust is a UK-wide charity offering support, information and training on acquired brain injury in children. Amongst its support services, small grants are available for various items including holidays. The grants are paid to a third party e.g. Social Services, NHS Fund or firm supplying a service and not paid directly to the family.

Contact :- 0845 6014939

e-mail :- helpline@cbituk.org

Website :- <http://www.cbituk.org/>

Charities providing subsidised holidays for disabled children

Help

Help is a registered charity run by volunteers (who are or have lone parents themselves) to provide low-cost holidays for lone parents and access parents with Pontins and Haven. They also have their own caravans on three sites

Holiday Endeavour for Lone Parents. HELP.

Address, P.O. Box 244, Gainsborough, DN21 9AQ

Tel/Fax 01427 668717

e-mail :- janice@help.fslife.co.uk

Website :- www.helphols.co.uk

Membership fee. £5 yearly + cost of holiday

Eligibility :- a lone parent with a child under the age of 18.

The Harriet Davis Trust

This charity provides properties in seaside locations suitably constructed or adapted and equipped to enable disabled children, their families and carers to enjoy the benefits of seaside holidays.

For General Enquiries

contact :- 01834 814645

Email : admin@harriet-davis.freeserve.co.uk

For Bookings

contact :- 01834 845197

Helen Lees-Griffiths, Harriet Davis Trust, Tenby Observer Offices, Warren Street,
Tenby, Pembs, SA70 7JY, UK

e-mail :- helen@harriet-davis-trust.freeserve.co.uk

Website :- <http://www.harriet-davis-trust.org.uk/>

Phab

Phab organises an annual summer programme of Integrated Living Experiences – residential projects at purpose built activity centres for disabled and non disabled children aged 9-18. At centres on Exmoor and the Lake District. Applicants do not need to be a member of a PHAB club and referrals from social workers are welcomed.

Phab Office, Summit House, 50 Wandle Road, Croydon, Surrey, CR0 1DF

contact :- 020 8667 9443

email : info@phab.org.uk

website :- <http://www.phabengland.org.uk/hols.htm>

Birmingham Phab camps is an independent charity which organises 8 holidays each summer for children aged 8-18, they also have a holiday for young adults aged 18 to 25 years

contact :- Maxine Wallis on 0121 440 5757 e-mail :- info@bhamphabcamps.org.uk

The Ty Glyn Davis Trust

This trust offers a fully accessible self-catering holiday centre for children and young people with special needs.

It is situated in Ciliau Aeron, Ceredigion, West Wales and sleeps up to 16 people in 9 bedrooms. There are three bathrooms, one drive-in for wheelchair users, one en-suite shower room and a new purpose-built bathroom with overhead hoist, air bath, powered shower and a changing bed.

Contact :- Louise Hutchings, Centre Organiser, Ty Glyn Davis Trust, Hafod, Llanarth, Ceredigion, Wales, SA47 0QB

contact :- 01545 580708 (normal office hours) Website :- <http://www.tyglyndavistrust.co.uk/>

Nancy Oldfield Trust (Activities for Disabled)

This organisation offers water and land based activities for mentally and physically disabled people of all ages on a residential or day visitor basis. The Centre, a bungalow set in one and a half acres, has a wet dock giving access to Barton Broad and the Norfolk Broads beyond, has a large sitting/lecture room, a disabled friendly kitchen, four bedrooms and three toilet/shower rooms. Wheelchair access throughout.

Contact :- 01692 630572

Robin Slatter, The Warden, The Nancy Oldfield Trust, Irstead Road, Neatishead, Norwich NR12 8BJ

e-mail :- info@nancyoldfield.org.uk

Website :- <http://www.nancyoldfield.co.uk/>

The Kensington Foundation

This is a Blackpool based Charity and The Daisy Chain project offers accommodation in Blackpool for respite breaks to any family caring for a sick or disabled child. Referrals are needed from Hospices, Hospitals, Social Workers and other Agencies and are welcome from anywhere in the UK.

The Project Director, The Daisy Chain Project, Kensington Foundation Resource Centre, The Lodge, 216 Whitegate Drive, Blackpool, Lancashire FY3 9JL

Contact :- 01253 761444

e-mail :- kentrust1@hotmail.com

website :- <http://www.kensingtonfoundation.com/>

The St Vincent de Paul Society

The SVP provides breaks for children and families who would not otherwise be able to have a holiday. The Society organises and runs Children's Camps, Caravans and the Ozanam holiday centre in North Wales which has full disabled facilities.

Contact :- 0207 407 4644

SVP National Office, The St Vincent de Paul Society, 5th Floor

291-299 Borough High Street, London SE1 1JG

e-mail :- info@svp.org.uk

Website :- <http://www.svp.org.uk/02whatwedo/holidays.htm>

The Cobweb Foundation

The organisation provides holidays for families in Scotland where a member of the family is either chronically sick or disabled.

Contact :- 01358 724145

e-mail :- enquiries@cobwebfoundation.org

website :- <http://www.cobwebfoundation.org/>

The Childrens Adventure Farm Trust

Based around a beautiful 17th century farmhouse, in the heart of Cheshire countryside, the Charity offers free adventure breaks and activities to children who are terminally ill, chronically sick, disabled and disadvantaged from all over the Northwest of England.

Contact :- 01565 830447

CAFT, Booth Bank Farm, Reddy Lane, Millington, Cheshire, WA14 3RE

website :- <http://www.childrensadventurefarm.org/>

SSAFA

This organisation can assist with providing holidays for the children (with disabilities and their siblings) of serving or reserve military personnel

Contact :- The Childrens Holiday Project Organiser 07920 586178

Website :- <http://www.ssafa.org.uk/downloads/childrenHolidays09.pdf>

Charities granting wishes which can include holidays

Happy Days Children's Charity

Contact :- 01582 755999

Clody House, 90-100 Collingdon Street, Luton, Bedfordshire, LU1 1RX

e-mail :- happydayscharity@yahoo.co.uk.

Website :- <http://www.happydayscharity.org/>

Dreams Come True Charity

Contact :- 01730 815 000

Freephone: 0800 018 6013 (supplied by MCI Worldcom)

Knockhundred House, Knockhundred Row, Midhurst, West Sussex, GU29 9DQ

e-mail :- info@dctc.org.uk

Website :- <http://www.dctc.org.uk/index.php?contentId=33>

When You Wish Upon a Star

Contact :- 0115 979 1720
Futurist House, Valley Road, Basford Nottingham NG5 1JE

e-mail :- nottingham@whenyouwishuponastar.org.uk

Website :- <http://www.whenyouwishuponastar.org.uk/>

The National Children's Charity, Dream Makers

Contact :- 0121 711 8982

Dream Makers, 37 Malborough Road, Castle Bromwich, Birmingham B36 0EH

Website :- <http://www.dreammakerschildrenscharity.com/>

Many of the charities related to a specific disability or condition can assist with holidays so it is worth approaching those that might be appropriate to your own circumstances. For example:-

Sense

Sense organises 25 summer holidays each year for people of all ages who are deafblind or who have either a visual or hearing impairment plus additional disabilities.

Contact :- 0845 127 0060

101 Pentonville Road, London N1 9LG

e-mail :- info@sense.org.uk

website :- http://www.sense.org.uk/about_us/our_services/holidays/holidays.htm

Possible local authority assistance through holiday grants.

Some local authorities can offer a small grant towards holiday costs for people with disabilities through social services. This is not uniform throughout the UK but it is worth contacting your local office to see if your area provides this, you might need to ask them to enquire about it as not all social workers are aware it exists.

Please note that some of the organisations included on our fact sheet of 'accommodation and care provided' are also applicable for children and young people

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