

HOW WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE



**MAKING A
DIFFERENCE
FOR SERIOUSLY
ILL CHILDREN**

WHAT WE DO

Camp Simcha makes a difference by bringing hope, joy and practical support to Jewish families devastated by serious childhood illness.

Our mission is to ensure that no such child or their family anywhere in the UK has to cope without our support.





Camp Simcha are a family's saviour when they can't go on, they help you survive to see a brighter future for the whole family.

WHO WE SUPPORT

We are here for everyone in the family, supporting people across the spectrum of Jewish observance.

We currently help children with over 50 different conditions that are life-limiting, life-threatening, life-changing, degenerative or congenital, as well as premature babies and children with medical conditions caused by an accident.

Mental health conditions - after extensive consultation and advice from experts in the field, we have launched a pilot programme to reach families of children with serious mental health conditions. The pilot project is being rolled out to reach families where their child's mental health condition has resulted in an extended period of school absence or hospitalisation.

75% of our referrals are for conditions other than cancer.

HOW WE SUPPORT

Camp Simcha offers a bespoke package of care to more than 1,200 family members across the UK and reaches another 12,000 children through our hospital outreach programme.

OUR SERVICES

We are there for parents whenever they need us.

Our trained Family Liaison Officers (FLOs) build a relationship with parents designed to identify and respond to their needs in a relaxed, informal and personal way.

Each year our 13 FLOs provide 10,000 hours of care.

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It has been hard enough to cope with the enormity of Ben's condition and the day-to-day impact on all of us, but without sleep it feels impossible. Knowing we have that night's respite to regain our strength keeps us going.

FAMILY SUPPORT



THERAPEUTIC SUPPORT

Whether it's through counselling or therapeutic activities, we find a way to help each member of the family to process the emotions they are struggling with.

EVENTS AND OUTINGS

We believe that tomorrow's treatment should be more important to our children than today's treatment.

Bringing fun and laughter to children dealing with serious illness and their siblings, makes a huge difference and can give them strength to face the daily challenges ahead. These services are delivered with the support of our specially trained Camp Simcha volunteer "Big Brothers and Sisters" who bring fun and laughter to children.



SUPPORT GROUPS

When parents are facing the unimaginable, only other parents going through something similar can understand how that feels.

Our support group for parents of children with diabetes was set up to offer them a place to share their experiences, in a safe and supportive environment.

We also run art support groups for siblings to give them a space to share their feelings.



COMMUNITY

We bring smiles to seriously ill children in hospitals, regardless of faith.

We deliver Camp Simcha balloons and monkeys throughout the year and seasonal gifts to over 10,000 children in 120 hospital wards during our annual Toy Drive.

We run training to ensure that hospital staff are aware of Jewish practice and traditions.

Our health awareness evenings are designed to educate the community about childhood illness.

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Our daughter spent over 50 days in hospital in a six-month period. The Camp Simcha transport service was a lifeline for us.

OUR 23 SERVICES

FAMILY SUPPORT

Respite care
Hospital transport
Home school tuition
Family Liaison Officers
Benefits and grants advice
Specialist equipment
Support for premature and sick babies
Crisis household support
Big Brothers and Big Sisters

THERAPEUTIC SUPPORT

Counselling
Art, music & drama
Pet assisted therapy

EVENTS & OUTINGS

Children's retreats
Family retreats
Summer experiences
Outings & parties
Camp in America

SUPPORT GROUPS

Support for siblings
Support for parents

COMMUNITY

Hospital support
School support
Toy Drive
Health information events

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You gave us something so precious, family time. This, in turn, brings an even rarer commodity for families likes us ... a sense of normality.

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**It's like being surrounded by a duvet of love
- the love and care that Camp Simcha gave
our family made a huge difference.**

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