

SERIOUS MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS



**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.

Recently, Camp Simcha has extended its criteria to work with families who have a child with a serious mental health condition. This service has initially been offered to families in the London area.





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 support families across the spectrum of Jewish observance.

We currently help children with over 50 different conditions that are life-limiting, life-threatening or life-changing. These include degenerative or congenital conditions, cancer, chronic conditions, serious mental health conditions and children with medical conditions caused by an accident. We also support premature babies.

When Camp Simcha was founded 25 years ago, we initially supported families who had a child with cancer.

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

HOW WE SUPPORT

MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS

In 2020 we extended our support to include families with children suffering from serious mental health conditions, in response to a need within the Jewish community, reflecting society at large.

Camp Simcha offers a bespoke package of care to families, with support directed at the parents and siblings of the child suffering with their mental health. Our Social Work assessment allows us to ensure that Camp Simcha's support can have a positive impact on the family.

Camp Simcha is only able to begin helping a family after they are actively engaged with a professional team around the child.

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.



FAMILY SUPPORT



Camp Simcha's practical support services help reduce the strain on a family when a child is suffering with a serious mental health condition, enabling them to maintain some sense of normality at home.

THERAPEUTIC SUPPORT

Whether it's through counselling or therapeutic activities, we find a way to help parents and siblings to process the emotions they are struggling with.

EVENTS AND OUTINGS

Bringing fun and laughter to siblings impacted by the day-in, day-out stresses of living with a sibling with a serious mental health condition, 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 Big Sisters.



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My son has been in hospital for 2 years now. Prior to this looking after him at home has had devastating effects on my husband's health and mine. We are so grateful for the 1-1 support from my Family Liaison Officer, especially during lockdown when we couldn't visit the hospital. The family days out and arts sessions for my younger son were a lifeline, plus the art and relaxation programmes for me were life-changing, a real emotional boost.

OUR SERVICES

FAMILY SUPPORT

Respite care
Hospital transport
Home school tuition
Family Liaison Officers
Benefits and grants advice
Crisis household support
Big Brothers and Big Sisters

THERAPEUTIC SUPPORT

Counselling
Art, music & drama
Pet assisted therapy

EVENTS & OUTINGS

Summer experiences
Outings & parties

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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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