

# THE CARE NECESSITIES

## A hug from home

**The Care Necessities 'Hug from Home' project was inspired by the experience of one of our Camp Simcha families.**

In 2014, Samuel Van Emden was diagnosed with cancer at the age of just four and was treated at Great Ormond Street Hospital. Samuel finished treatment in 2018 and is thankfully doing brilliantly.



Working with Camp Simcha, his mum Charlie decided to set up Care Necessities. The project provides suitcases with everything a family would need for the two to three week stay in hospital that comes with the initial admission, in the hope of making this very difficult time slightly easier. These cases are for every family, of all denominations and none.

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**When Samuel was diagnosed, our whole world fell apart. We were blue lighted to Great Ormond Street with just the bag on our back and thrown into the scary, unfamiliar world of hospitals and treatment. We were devastated and totally unprepared for the daunting prospect of being in hospital for at least 3 weeks, with no time to pack a bag or the head space to think what we would need for such a stay.**

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**When a child is diagnosed with cancer the nurses fill out a form and send it to Camp Simcha – with their age, slipper size, favourite toys and so much more. Within a few days a suitcase arrives full of items for the patient and also the parents – who are often reduced to tears when they receive it.**

Michal Korman, specialist nurse in oncology at Great Ormond Street Hospital



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**This care package will include all the essentials a child and parent will need on those first terrifying weeks in hospital including\*:**



**Blanket**



**Toiletries**



**Pyjamas**



**Snacks**

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