

HOLIDAYS AND WISHES



When your child is having any type of treatment for retinoblastoma it's a challenging time for the whole family, so it can help to unwind and spend time together away from the hospital. There are many organisations which offer holidays to families whose children are having - or have had - treatment for cancer, or have a visual impairment. Holidays are often subject to availability so check each organisation's criteria before applying.

GENERAL BREAKS

4 CANCER GROUP

4cancer.org/

Part of the 4 Cancer Group, the Group organises days out and short breaks for families affected by cancer in the UK and Europe. Financial contributions may be required.

Contact 0300 030 4444
or via website

CALUM'S CABIN

calumscabin.com

Offers holiday facilities in stunning surroundings on the Isle of Bute and in Ayrshire, Scotland.

Contact 07544 979538
or enquiries@calumscabin.com

CRACKERJACKS CHILDRENS TRUST

crackerjacks.org.uk

Respite holiday accommodation in Somerset for families

of children under 17 that have a registered disability.

Contact 0300 124 0122 or
info@crackerjacks.org.uk

FAMILY FUND

familyfund.org.uk

Offers a range of grants which can be used for breaks in the UK (eg Butlins, Haven) and abroad (eg Inspire).

Contact 01904 550055
or info@familyfund.org.uk

FULFIL THE WISH

fulfilthewish.org/

Organised group holidays for families of any child aged 5-17 with a lifelong complex disability that has not had a holiday wish granted by any other charity, and not been to Disneyland Paris before is eligible to apply.

Contact 07967 727 111
or info@fulfilthewish.org

HANNAH'S APPEAL

hannahsappeal.org

Email -

support@cheet.org.uk

Lena - London

07706 919 996

Sarah - Birmingham

07526 594 762

Office -

020 7377 5578

Fun breaks for children with cancer and life-limiting illnesses at camps on Hayling Island and in the New Forest area

Contact 023 9226 7899 or
pam@hannahsappeal.org

JAK'S DEN

teamjak.org.uk

Offers events, activity days, teen days and so on at five sites in Scotland to children and young people age 0-25 with cancer and related illnesses, their family, friends.

Contact 01506 412302
or info@teamjak.org.uk

KIDS CANCER CHARITY

kidscancercharity.org

Offers holidays in luxury caravans in Wales and the New Forest, trips to Disneyworld Florida and three-day breaks at Disneyland Paris.

It's advisable to speak to your support worker first as it may impact on your ability to apply for a Wish at a later stage.

Contact 01792 480500
or enquiries@kidscancercharity.org

LENNOX CHILDREN'S CANCER FUND

lennoxccf.org.uk

Offering respite breaks in a lodge in the New Forest and a cottage on the Norfolk Broads

Contact 01708 734366
or info@lennoxccf.org.uk

LOOK

look-uk.org

A charity supporting visually impaired children and their families. Members can hire a two bedroom holiday flat in Scarborough at low cost.

Contact 07464 351 958
or info@look-uk.org

HALLIE'S HIDEAWAY

hallieshideaway.co.uk

They provide a beautiful holiday home, with the main aim to allow families precious time away from home and hospital, to make their own memories to last a lifetime.

Contact 07576 609141 or enquiries@hallieshideaway.co.uk

SUNNY DAYS

sunnydaysfund.org.uk

Holiday homes at Haven Orchard's Holiday Park, Essex, for families of children with serious medical conditions. Applications usually via support worker, but can be direct.

Contact 01376 528 376 or trustees@sunnydaysfund.org.uk

THE OLIVER CURD TRUST

theolivercurdtrust.co.uk

Provides fully equipped holiday caravans in East Sussex for children with cancer and their families.

Contact 07856 119 151 or enquiries@theolivercurdtrust.co.uk

THE THOMAS BALL CHILDREN'S CANCER FUND

thomasball.org.uk

Offers free holidays in Hampshire to children suffering from cancer and their families, as well as three-day trips to Disneyland Paris.

Contact 01494 890157 or tomballcharity@aol.com

TORBAY HOLIDAY HELPERS NETWORK

thhn.co.uk

Provides complimentary holidays to families who have children living with serious illness, bereaved families who have lost a child or parent and to families who have a terminally ill parent. Referrals must be made by your support worker.

WISHES AND SPECIAL DAYS

For families of children who are being treated at the Royal London Hospital, Wishes are organised through the play specialist.

Families of children who are being treated at Birmingham Children's Hospital can apply through their support worker.

CYCLISTS FIGHTING CANCER

cyclistsfc.org.uk

The charity helps children and young people living with cancer across the UK regain their physical fitness, improve mental wellness and reduce social isolation by giving them adapted bikes.

Email awards@cyclistsfc.org.uk

FATBOYS CHARITY

fatboyscharity.co.uk

A small charity that provides gifts to children suffering from cancer and other life threatening illnesses. Nominations via the Facebook page.

FREE KICKS FOUNDATION

freekicksfoundation.org

Provide football-related activities for ill, bereaved and disadvantaged children, giving them a day to remember with their favourite football club. Referral via your support worker.

LES HOEY MBE DREAMMAKER FOUNDATION

leshoeymbedreammakerfoundation.org

Grants wishes for children and

their siblings in Scotland going through treatment for life threatening illnesses, and offers holiday homes at Craig Tara holiday park in Ayr.

Contact 01698 372 052 or contact@leshoeymbedream-makerfoundation.org

MAKE A WISH

make-a-wish.org.uk

Grants wishes to enrich the lives of children aged 3-17 years, fighting life-threatening conditions. Referrals can be made direct or via your support worker.

Contact 0118 304 3368 or referrals@makeawish.org.uk

RAYS OF SUNSHINE

raysofsunshine.org.uk

Offers children a chance to make a dream come true through granting wishes and organising outings and events for children with illnesses. Referrals for children aged 3-18 years can be made by your Rb team or direct. Contact 020 8782 1171 or wishes@raysofsunshine.org.uk

Check out other wish charities at bdfa-uk.org.uk/wish-granting-organisations

HOLIDAYS FOR OLDER CHILDREN, TEENS AND ADULTS

BARRETSTOWN IRELAND

barretstown.org

Free, specially designed family, teen and sibling camps for children (infant to 17) and their families living with a serious illness.

Contact 00 353 4586 4115 or info@barretstown.org

BEN SAUNDERS FOUNDATION

bensaundersfoundation.org/

Supporting young people aged 16-24 with cancer to have a holiday in one of three holiday homes in the Cotswolds.

Contact bensaundersfoundation@hotmail.com

ELLEN MACARTHUR CANCER TRUST

ellenmacarthurtrust.org

Rebuilds confidence after cancer, using sailing to support, empower and inspire young people aged 8-24 in embracing their future with optimism. Contact your support worker for information.

Contact 01475 672770 or info@emcancertrust.org

OVER THE WALL

otw.org.uk

Offers residential activity camps for children and young people aged 8-17 currently receiving treatment for a range of serious conditions.

Siblings and family camps are also available.

They also run Camp in the Cloud, an innovative online

camp for families who have a child or young person aged from 0 to 17 years, who is either currently having treatment or have finished treatment in the last 3 years. One child in the family must be aged 6 to 17 years.

Contact 02392 477110 or info@otw.org.uk

REVITALISE

revitalise.org.uk

Provides short breaks and holidays (respite care) for disabled people and carers aged 18 or over.

Contact 0303 303 0145 or bookings@revitalise.org.uk

TEENS UNITE

teensunite.org

Provide activities and meet-ups for young people aged 13-24 who have had cancer. They also offer free residential 'Activity Stays' for over 18s. As well as monthly events specifically for parents and siblings of the young people they support.

Contact info@teensunite.org or 01992440091.

WILLOW FOUNDATION

willowfoundation.org.uk

Willow works with seriously ill people aged 16-40 to arrange uplifting and unforgettable Special Days. To be eligible you must be receiving treatment for a life-threatening illness.

Contact 01707 259777 or info@willowfoundation.org.uk

YOUTH CANCER TRUST

yct.org.uk

Offers free, activity based holidays in Dorset for people aged 14-30 with cancer, or in

remission for up to five years, or living with the late effects of having had cancer as a teenager or young adult.

Contact 01305 584 064
or admin@yct.org.uk

GENERAL SOURCES OF INFO

There are other sources of supported breaks you can find, such as hospital and local charities. Some of the treatment hospitals have associated cancer charities which support local children. A number of these support groups also have caravans which you can use, so it is worth finding out what your local cancer charity can do. You can find more local trusts and charities offering support on the Turn2Us website: [grants-search.turn2us.org.uk/](https://www.turn2us.org.uk/grants-search)

Other possible sources of information about funded or reduced cost breaks include:

- Your local authority website
- Your trade union or military association
- RNIB has a guide to holidays for blind and partially sighted people www.rnib.org.uk/living-with-sight-loss/community-connection-and-wellbeing/leisure/holidays/

Please bear in mind that holiday/wish offers and criteria can vary due to a charity or organisation's financial status.

Some charities offer a complete package but with others you may have to contribute towards the costs - for example you may need to organise and buy your own flights, arrange holiday insurance or make travel arrangements. Often the organisation can assist in doing this so it's worth asking about all of their services. CHECT is unable to recommend specific organisations and is not responsible for the content of their websites. For more information, please speak to your CHECT support worker.

www.chect.org.uk

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