

Charity brings cheer to little Jimmy's life

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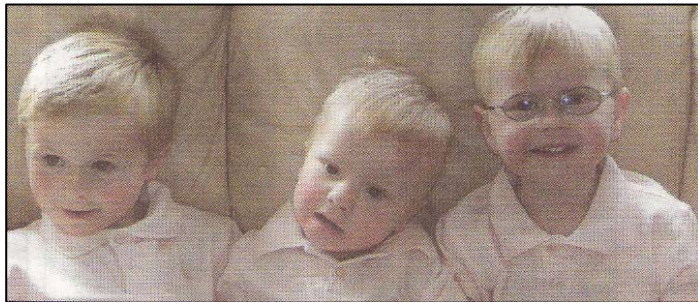
A SMILE has been brought to the face of a severely ill little boy from Waltham Abbey after being presented with equipment allowing him to enjoy outside playtime with his brothers.

Two-year-old Jimmy Davis was born 12 weeks premature and suffers from meningitis, bulbar palsy and is epileptic.

He also has impaired eyesight, hearing loss and is unable to sit, walk or hold his head up.

Despite all his problems, Jimmy is a contented little boy and has started to smile in the last six months – something that has brought great joy to his parents, Sarah and Colin – thanks to charity React – Rapid Effective Assistance for Children with potentially terminal illness.

The charity works closely



BROTHERLY LOVE: Jimmy Davis, *centre*, with his brothers George, *left*, and Alfie

with medical professionals to provide families with specialist, practical help and equipment.

It funded a special swing for Jimmy, which is supported in a frame. This means he can be in the garden while his two brothers, George, 4, and Alfie, 3, are kicking a ball around, and while Colin, a keen gardener, is tending the plants.

React also donated a fridge freezer, which was needed in order to keep Jimmy's many medicines at the correct temperature.

Mum Sarah said: "As React has helped us, we would do anything to give something back, and so we want other people to hear how React can help them if they are in a similar situation to us.

"We would like to say a big thank-you to React for buying Jimmy a special-needs swing for the garden. We can't explain how much he enjoys it and what a difference React has made."

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