

Your gift to children with life limiting illness

React is a unique charity able to respond to the needs of children anywhere in the UK who are suffering from a terminal or potentially terminal condition. Our aim is to give children the best quality of life possible in the short time they have left. Whatever you can give will help families struggling to give their child the best care they can.

Thank you.

YOUR GIFT TO REACT

Please accept my gift of £10 £25 £50 £

I enclose a cheque/postal order made payable to REACT
OR please debit my MasterCard/VISA/CAF Card/Switch/Delta

Card No.

Start date ___ / ___ Expiry date ___ / ___

Issue no. (Switch/Delta only)

Signature _____ Date _____

REMEMBER YOU CAN GIFT AID YOUR REGULAR DONATION
(See Gift declaration below)

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made since 6 April 2000. I am a UK tax payer and will tell you of any
changes in my tax status or address.

The Inland Revenue have asked us to remind you that you must pay an amount of income tax
and or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that REACT reclaims on your donations in the
tax year (currently 28p for each £1 you give).

MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE WITH A REGULAR GIFT

By making a regular gift you can help a child with a terminal illness
through out their short life. Your regular support means we can say YES to
every call for help.

Your title and full name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Please pay REACT £____ each month/year (delete as appropriate)

Starting on ____ (please make this date one month from now) until

further notice and debit my account number

Bank sort code

Signature _____

To the Manager (bank name and address)

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Please pay REACT, Account No. 00886556, Barclays Bank, George Street,
Richmond, TW9 1JU Sort code 20-72-17

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Latest news

Christmas cards

React Christmas cards are available from John Lewis, Harrods, Fortnum & Mason and many garden centres. You can place orders for personalised cards at any John Lewis store. We also hold a limited selection of cards for purchase at our office. 020 8940 2575.

Fashion sense

In October Alchemiste, a fashion retailer in Chiswick, held a fashion show for React. **£300 was raised.**



Recent grants to React

We'd like to thank the following charitable trusts who have made donations towards React's work in recent months: Adamson Trust, Sylvia Aitken Charitable Trust, Aquarius Charitable Foundation, John James Bristol Foundation, A & S Burton 1960 Charitable Trust, Children in Need, Cleopatra Trust, Cotton Trust, Michael Crawford Children's Charity, Sir John Eastwood Foundation, Enkalon Foundation, Doris Field Charitable Trust, Fishmongers' Company, Four Acre Trust, Gannochy Trust, Robert Gavron Charitable Trust, Grand Charity, Scott Greig Memorial Fund, Ibbett Trust, John Lewis Partnership, Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust, Kobler Trust, Lazard Charitable Trust, Zachary Merton & George Woofindin Trust, Janet Nash Charitable Settlement, Albert E Proctor Charitable Trust, Red Rose Charitable Trust, Robertson Trust, Rufford Maurice Laing Foundation, Basil Samuel Charitable Trust, Sylvia & Colin Shepherd Charitable Trust, Barbara A Shuttleworth Memorial Trust, Stanley Smith General Charitable Trust, Sobell Foundation, Sovereign Health Care Charitable Trust, Staples Trust, Widowers' Children's Home Trust, Felicity Wilde Charitable Trust,

Fond farewells and warm welcomes...

SALLY SUTTON AND SHIRLEY BROWN are retiring from the React office after many years of loyal service. We thank them for all their hard work and wish them well. Welcome to Rebecca Webster who has joined us as Office Administrator.

P.S. A big thank you to Lindsay Dunlop who has been with us for two years. We really appreciate her hard work and enthusiasm.

WE'RE GOING TO THE DOGS!

On Tuesday 8th March 2005
Join us at Wimbledon Stadium

Tickets at £47.50 include:
Delicious three-course meal
Race card and table betting

Take a table for your company or clients or
make it a birthday surprise with a difference.
Sponsor a race and receive up to
20 tickets at reduced price of £35 each.

Call
020 8940 2575
to book



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React provides practical help for children with life-limiting illnesses, living at home, particularly those who are financially disadvantaged. Our aim is to give assistance as quickly and as fully as possible.

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GIVING DEPTH TO SHORT LIVES

Share this newsletter with friends or colleagues and help even more children.

Wash day every day!

Children with a potentially terminal illness need all sorts of help. It may be medicines, operations or specialist equipment. Sometimes it can be something quite mundane – but it can make a big difference. For baby Isabella it was a tumble dryer and we were more than happy to help out.



Isabella Siddall

"We just about get by with our money but there's no room for extras."

Isabella was born two months premature and spent her first ten months in hospital. She has primary pulmonary hypertension, which means her blood doesn't flow properly between her heart and her lungs. She also has chronic lung disease. In addition, Isabella can't keep her food down and is constantly vomiting.

Isabella's mother, Drisa, told us how it was affecting their lives: "Isabella's clothes and bed sheets need changing and washing all the

time. I have to do up to four loads of washing a day and then get it all dry hanging it out around the house. The thought of buying a tumble dryer seemed out of the question though. We just about get by with our money but there's no room for extras."

"We were told about React by a friend", Drisa told us. "We wrote and explained the situation and heard back a week later. The dryer has made such a difference. It's really been tremendous and means

we don't have piles of clothes and bedding smelling of sick."

React can help families caring for a terminally ill child in many ways. What matters to us is that we make a significant difference to their care, comfort and quality of life.

If 6 supporters could each give £25 we could help another child like Isabella.

Sponsored anything!

CONGRATULATIONS to the boys of Monmouth School in Wales for some phenomenal fundraising and dedication to sponsored events.

After hearing a talk about React's work, the boys were inspired to adopt us as their special charity with the aim of raising funds in Wales for potentially terminally ill children over the next few years. Around 30 boys, all in Hereford House, have already raised £3,300.

The boys seem to consider no event unworthy of sponsorship. Recent endeavours include: Cart wheeling in the school swimming pool using kayaks; a thirty mile cycle ride; Readathons; fasting; camping; and litter picking!

Their House Master, Mark Tamplin, told us: "The boys come up with the sponsored ideas themselves and off they go. We want to make a real impact so our plan is to support React over several years. Our target is to raise about £10,000."



Checking the route home: Boys from Monmouth school on a sponsored run

In the spotlight

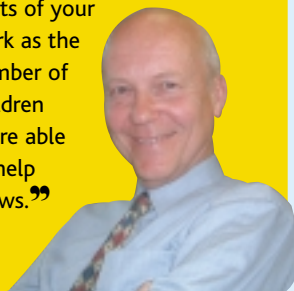
WE'D LIKE YOU TO MEET some of our key supporters and best friends. In this edition Rupert Wiles, a volunteer as well as our treasurer and a trustee, tells us why he wanted to help React children.

“I first heard about React when I picked up a newsletter, like this one, at the back of my church in Chiswick. Reading about the children and the care their parents were trying to give them really moved me. It reminded me of the care and treatment I'd been receiving after a serious illness that led to my early retirement.

The size of the charity attracted me too. I could see that any help I could give would make a difference to them. It's a small very dedicated team of staff and you can see how the money raised is going directly to children and families who really need it.

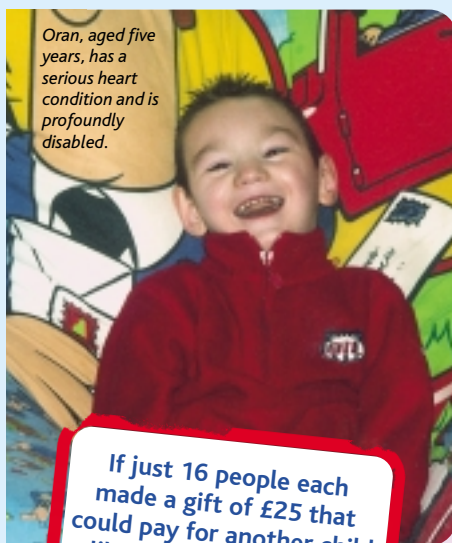
My background in accounting and the finance industry meant I had some specific skills to offer and I was made very welcome by everyone here. I've also enjoyed sharing the news about React's work by giving talks at churches, schools and Rotary clubs.

My whole experience with React has been deeply satisfying. You soon see the fruits of your work as the number of children we're able to help grows.”



It's thanks to you

In this edition we're highlighting the tremendous fundraising work that has been carried out by our supporters and volunteers in recent months. We also want you to meet some of the children who have been helped as a direct result. We rely entirely on voluntary donations for the help we give to terminally ill children. Your fundraising and donations are making a real difference and we want to say 'Thank you' and please continue to support us.



If just 16 people each made a gift of £25 that could pay for another child like Oran to get the car seat they need.

Safe Journey

BY LAST SUMMER ORAN had become too big for his car seat. His mum Susan could hardly stretch the straps across him and fasten the buckle. And when it was too tight Oran would get upset. Their local health authority could not help with a replacement.

A new seat, that would give adequate support and safety for a growing boy, was going to cost more than £400.

When mum, Susan, contacted us we responded immediately and a new specialist seat was ordered. Susan tells us it's comfortable and well made and Oran's really happy to be in the car.

Looking forward to a good night's sleep

SHELINA IS AGED SIX and has profound cerebral palsy with no independent movement. Her mother Chrissy told us how her daughter's condition is stopping her from getting a good night's rest:

“Shelina sleeps very badly. She has breathing difficulties, which makes it hard for her to fall into a deep sleep. Often she'll wake up crying with cramp after a few hours because she can't move herself.

Our occupational therapist recommended that we have a

special therapeutic bath installed for Shelina with water jets, a bit like a Jacuzzi. It should relax her muscles, which in turn will help her breathing. That should make it much easier for her to sleep.

We're hoping the hospital will provide us with the bath and React have given us the extra money to buy a whirlpool adaptor that will improve the water movement and relaxation the bath can provide. It's something we could never have afforded on our own.”

If just 25 supporters each gave £50 we could help another child like Shelina get a good night's rest.



Shelina Wall: a good night's rest is almost impossible.

ReAction

More and more of you are reacting in your own way to help potentially terminally ill children. Fundraising events for React are growing and that means more help for more children. Your *ReAction* to the needs of terminally ill children is proving a real success. Please contact us if you'd like to help organise an event or take part in a run or challenge to support our work.

Members of the Sporting Bears Motor club presenting a cheque for £1,000 for React to our trustee Mo Grant. The Sporting Bears are a group of classic and sports car enthusiasts who raise money for children's charities through touring and social events. Thanks also to the Rothesay Rotary club for their contribution to the event.



Can you build on our success?

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS to run our stalls at local fairs in Kew and Richmond. These are highly important profile raising events for us that can often lead to new supporters and funds.

If you'd like to run a coffee morning or lunch in support of React or would like information to bring to your club, association or place of worship, please call us and we can send you a fundraising pack.

If you think you have specific skills to offer, call us and let's talk!

020 8940 2575

Marathon feat

OUR VOLUNTEER SARAH ALLAN has been co-ordinating our supporters who are keen to put on their running shoes. We raised £25,000 from the 2004 London Marathon and are building our team for 2005. Contact Sarah if you'd like to join us.

We had 18 runners in the British London 10K race in August. Three supporters, including Julie Brownlee (the daughter of our React nurse Debbie in Glasgow), took part in the Women's 10K race in Glasgow in May. Thanks also to David Waddell who has participated in 3 runs for React this year; Sarah Tavner who undertook the London Triathlon in August; and the team from Menzies who scaled the Three Peaks Challenge.

ReAction round-up

- Ravenscourt Park Preparatory School in west London have become wonderful fundraisers for us this year. In total they've raised over £5,000 including £2,700 from their teacher Sandi Strudwick who ran in the London marathon.
- We are delighted that two schools have chosen React as their special charity: Broomfield House in Kew and St. John's School in Leatherhead. We wish them well with all their future fundraising.
- The members of Leatherhead Golf Club are getting to know us after an awareness week when our posters and newsletters were put on display in the club house – along with our collecting boxes!
- We are grateful to have benefited from the support of several local Rotary clubs. If any Rotary group would like to consider sponsoring a child in their part of the country please get in touch.
- Thank you to the parishioners of St. Winifred's Church in Kew who've been supporting React through their regular lunches.

Royal Ballet School reception

IN OCTOBER we held a special reception for some of our most generous supporters, which took place at the Royal Ballet School's White Lodge in Richmond Park. The event was hosted by our Patron Sister Frances Dominica. Guests also heard from React mother Julie Pickering who spoke about caring for her son Ben.

Wyatt's Chartered Accountants sponsored the reception and our thanks also go to Gail Monahan and Amanda Moxey for arranging the use of the venue.



Left to Right: Julie Pickering, Rupert Wiles, Sister Frances Dominica, Vicky Andreas, and React Chairman David McLellan.

Good friends

REACT IS FORTUNATE to have attracted some wonderful volunteers in the past few months including Jenny Littlejohns who has a strong background in charity fundraising and Jane Spencer and Julie Varanfrain who are helping us to raise our profile in the media. A special mention too for Jacky Sales for her tireless commitment to our Friends Committee.