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Welcome to your Spring/Summer Round-up magazine from Newlife

Welcome to our latest edition of Round-up Magazine! We have had an incredible start to the year, and I'm delighted to share with you some lovely stories, including 'enchanted' family fundraising, Sian's super skydive, a huge £2,275 raised by one of our corporate partners, and much more!

This year, we are focusing on reaching and supporting even more disabled and terminally ill children and their families. With the cost-of-living crisis affecting many families raising a disabled child, providing support is more important than ever. Equipment, toys and services are expensive, and every child deserves access to these no matter what.

As such, we have launched our Mobility Matters appeal to help fund more vital equipment, such as buggies and wheelchairs, to enable children and young people to experience freedom and joy. You can read more about this appeal on page 4.

There are many other ways to get involved, and you can find out more inside this edition. We would love to hear from you and support you with any plans you have. You can also visit the website newlifecharity.co.uk for further inspiration and don't forget you can follow us and get the latest updates:.

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 Newlife The Charity for Disabled Children

Record breaking £1 million grant awarded

We celebrated in style for International Wheelchair Day by announcing our new partnership with the charity Motability, where we have secured a £1 million grant. With this grant, Newlife will be able to supply life-changing specialist buggies and wheelchairs for up to 280 children and young people over the next three years.

Lisa Jones, Director at Motability, said:

"We're excited about the difference this £1 million grant can make to the lives of families with disabled children thanks to the specialist buggies and wheelchairs that Newlife provide."

This is exactly the kind of work we wanted to support when we launched our new grant portfolio last year, and we hope to fund further charities and organisations to help deliver the greatest impact to as many disabled people as possible."



Both Newlife and Motability representatives were honouring International Wheelchair Day.

You can read more about this exciting new partnership with Motability on our website: newlifecharity.co.uk/news

Super Sian's Skydive raises £675

Sian Lawrence was so thrilled with the support she received from Newlife for her daughter Amelia she wanted to do something incredible to show her appreciation!

Amelia is an amazing little lady who has braved many unique diagnoses, some of which the medical world hasn't seen in almost 50 years. As well as providing Amelia with a loan of specialist toys through the Play Therapy Pod service, we were also able to provide her with essential accessories for her specialist buggy.

This ensured that the family could access the outdoors whenever they wanted or needed to, from being able to attend essential medical appointments to going for walks in the park!



"It was through Amelia's physio that I first became aware of Newlife. We received some wonderful specialist sensory toys in our Newlife Play Therapy Pod. It had been a really difficult time for Amelia's health, for myself and my family, but when we opened up the box of toys, we just smiled; the toys were perfect for her condition. Her favourites were a light-up chameleon and a singing elephant. She loved the elephant so much that we got it her for Christmas!

We also went on to have buggy accessories from Newlife so she could use her specialist buggy when the weather was bad. Before having Amelia, I had no idea how hard it was for parents of disabled children to get the help and equipment they needed. It was so simple to get help from Newlife, which made all the difference." - Sian

Here at Newlife, we think Sian is amazing for quite literally going above and beyond.


Elly hits £50,000 fundraising milestone



At the end of 2022, volunteer fundraiser Elaine Hance (Elly) exceeded the fantastic milestone amount of £50,000 raised for Newlife.

Elly has been fundraising for Newlife since 2014. Over the years, Elly has turned her hand to all manner of fundraising activities, from plant and book sales to organising picnics and fun runs in her local village. Elly also isn't shy about recruiting friends and family to help as many children as possible!

Raising £50,000 is an impressive achievement and a testament to Elly's hard work and dedication to transforming the lives of the disabled children supported by Newlife. A big Thank You from #TeamNewlife!

If you would like to fundraise to help Newlife or make a donation, don't hesitate to get in touch with us on  01543 468888



or visit www.newlifecharity.co.uk for more information

Why Mobility Matters to young people like Jac.

When Jac received a powered wheelchair from Newlife two years ago it changed his life, allowing the then 17-year-old the independence to go to college, socialize, and join in with physical activities.

Jac was diagnosed with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy at just ten weeks old, and over time the condition has caused the muscles in his body to weaken and waste away. He has been a full-time wheelchair user for several years.

However, when Jac is in his specialist wheelchair, he is given back some of the freedom he has lost, the confidence to make his life better and it also helps him complete his daily physio, standing up each day for around 30 minutes in one go.

Jac said: "The best thing about the wheelchair is that it allows me to stand up to do things, which makes me really happy. It means I can cook in the kitchen and my thing to make recently has been soups, but it means I can take the dog out for a walk too and play with my remote-control car."



Disabled children and families need your support more than ever.

Specialist equipment is expensive, and everyday costs are rising. The current high cost-of-living is having a particularly severe impact on disabled families. Many more families are contacting us worried and anxious about how they can afford vital equipment to enable their child to be more independent and get to the places they need to go, from hospital appointments to school. Families feel lost and desperate as they just can't afford equipment their children really need.

Could you join us in helping to reach more children like Jac this year by donating to our Mobility Matters appeal?



9 in 10 families raising disabled children are falling behind on their regular household bills



50-70% of people using our services are already living in poverty



9 out of 10 families we help won't receive the vital buggies and wheelchairs they need without Newlife's help



We are seeing more families calling our helpline compared to last year – in fact we have already dealt with 2000 more calls than last year

You can help transform the lives of children like Jac with a donation today.

Scan the QR Code or visit newlifecharity.co.uk/donate



Challenge yourself in 2023!

Scan to take part



Whether you decide to run, cycle or do something more daring – there are events to suit everyone.

Register your interest today and take part in one of these incredible experiences.

Skydive

April - October 2023

Take on the challenge of a lifetime and experience an adrenaline rush you'll never forget as you free-fall from over 10,000 ft! Registrations are reduced in price until the end of May for Newlife supporters.



Wing Walk

April - October 2023

Be the ultimate daredevil as you reach up to 130 mph whilst strapped to the top of a biplane – various locations across the UK.



Run Alton Towers

11th and 12th November 2023

Run 5k, 10k or half marathon at the UK's largest theme park! These thrill-seeking trails will take you past iconic roller coasters and stunning landscapes. Free registration for a limited period only, plus you get full access to the park for the day!

Free
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for a limited
period



Cannock Chase Nature Run

Sunday 22nd October

Open to runners of all abilities, from novice to more experienced runners – choice of distances available, 10k and half marathon.

Newlife is thrilled to be an event partner.

Don't fancy running? Why not join our volunteer marshall team instead!



To find out more visit newlifecharity.co.uk/newlife-events/
or contact the fundraising team on 01543 462 777



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The Fairy Garden Fundraiser

The family of Lillyanna Dove, who Newlife has supported, came up with a magical way to fundraise and help more children and young adults.

Lillyanna, aged four, was born with a genetic condition called mitochondrial disease which causes muscle weakness and delays in development. Her family turned to Newlife for a helping hand through the Equipment Grant service, from which they received a specialist car seat.



The car seat made such a massive difference to Lillyanna the family thought of a unique way to give back, so other children could also benefit.

Lillyanna's grandparents had the idea to add a beautiful Fairy village around the base of a sculpted tree stump, complete with elves and fairies, miniature trees, and other whimsical items. The arrangement caught the eye of many locals.

Lillyanna's mum, Rebecca, said:

"It attracted a lot of attention, and hundreds of people came to look and would take photos. Lillyanna was diagnosed around the same time, so they put in a donation box with the proceeds to a charity which helped children with the same genetic condition Lillyanna has. After raising over £4,000 for them, we thought it would be a great way to give back to Newlife."

Here at Newlife, we would like to say a big thank you to Lillyanna and all her family for helping to raise awareness and funds for the charity. Every donation ensures more families get supported with specialist equipment, toys and support services.

The car seat has grown with Lillyanna meaning her family won't have to replace it, and it should last until she is 12 years old.



We would like to hear about your fantastic community fundraising ideas and plans. Get in touch with us and see how we can help. Email us at : fundraise@newlifecharity.co.uk

Sparkle Day

This year saw the launch of our inaugural Sparkle Day event, where we invited supporters to get involved in fundraising, helping us to brighten the lives of the disabled children and their families who turn to us each year for specialist equipment and support.

Families, schools, community groups and local businesses joined in the fun, holding raffles, tombolas, cake sales, sparkle dress-up days, and much more to help raise vital funds and awareness.



Save the Date for Sparkle Day 2024

Be one of the first to hear how you can join the fun next year! Register today at newlifecharity.co.uk/sparkleday

Friday
1st
March



Keynvor's Incredible Feat

Incredible young Keynvor has challenged himself to climb several mountains before his 11th birthday in September whilst raising funds for Newlife.

Keynvor told us why he decided to raise funds for Newlife "Sadly, some children will never have the opportunity to climb a mountain or swim in the sea or sleep under the stars. I want to use my legs to walk and climb for other children who can't walk, climb or swim themselves to raise awareness about childhood disabilities and terminally ill children and help raise money to help support them and their families."

Keynvor has already completed Pen Y Fan and Llyn y Fan Fach in Wales and is scheduled to climb the three peaks of Snowdon, Scafell Pike and Ben Nevis in April and May, rounding off with a 14-day hike across Lofoten in Norway.

Greater Birmingham Chamber of Commerce SLTC Awards 2023

Jo Duggan (Director of Fundraising & Marketing) and Lucy Shepherd (Community Fundraiser) were honoured to attend the annual Sutton Coldfield, Lichfield & Tamworth and Cannock Chase award ceremony. As the chosen charity for Cannock Chase Chambers, Newlife were able to raise funds on the night.

"It was a fantastic evening, and we enjoyed meeting so many supporters of Newlife from the local area and beyond. We are delighted that Newlife will continue to be the chosen charity for Cannock Chase Chambers, and we look forward to working with you all in 2023." Jo Duggan

Rotary Club of Long Eaton

Community Fundraiser Lucy Shepherd was thrilled to receive a donation of £500 from the Rotary Club of Long Eaton at their recent disbursements evening.



Lucy said:

"It was lovely meeting Long Eaton Rotary Club alongside other local charities and Community Groups when I attended their Disbursement Evening.

Whilst hearing about other stories and services being provided in the local area, Newlife was awarded a £500 cheque.

The money raised will go towards helping a child with a disability or terminal illness. I want to express my thanks to the Rotarians at Long Eaton and their associates."

If you would like to hear more about Newlife and you can support disabled children and their families, please get in touch with Lucy directly:



fundraise@newlifecharity.co.uk



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Sponsored Cycle Success

A big thank you goes out to Christian's Survey and Inspection Solutions, who raised a phenomenal £2,275 for Newlife through a 24-hour sponsored cycle ride after Newlife provided some much-needed equipment for the son of one of their employees.



Kira Greenwood, Director of Operations for Christians said:

"Raising money for Newlife has been very important to the team at Christians. We want to thank them for the help they have given our employee Shaun and his family for equipment to assist his son William. We hope the money we have raised manages to help another family in need of the support."

National Volunteering Partnership News

In February, HomeServe were delighted to announce their new National Volunteering Charity Partner, Newlife!

HomeServe CSR and Engagement Manager Greg Shelton said: "In early December, we held our first onsite volunteer de-labelling day and pop-up shop in Walsall. It proved to be hugely successful, with more than 50 kind-hearted volunteers de-labelling more than 60 trays of items, which equated to more than £2,000 in costs saved by Newlife.

"A pop-up shop was then set up to allow our people to purchase the items, and this raised £1,519 with more than 100 shoppers dropping by, which was amazing!

Thanks to the huge success of the day, we can now confirm our new partnership will see us replicating this de-labelling and pop-up shop event across multiple sites and on a host of dates during 2023, and we can't wait."

Craig Stewart, Head of Corporate Partnerships at Newlife said: "This is a unique partnership we are about to embark upon with HomeServe, and one that we are incredibly excited by.

It will allow us to reach more children and raise awareness of the fantastic work a Newlife does."



Corporate support and collaboration are vital to Newlife and the families we help. Contact the fundraising team to learn more about ways to get involved; we would love to hear from you.

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Together, we can have a huge impact on the lives of children across the UK.

Help us spread the word about Newlife

Newlife has several services that can transform the everyday lives of children with disabilities or terminal illnesses across the UK and help them achieve their potential.

Equipment Grant Service

Provides specialist equipment such as car seats, wheelchairs, beds, and buggies. These items can offer emotional, postural, or developmental benefits such as sitting comfortably, getting outdoors, travelling safely or engaging in family time.

Emergency Equipment Loan

A free service that provides equipment required urgently on a loan basis. This can help children at significant risk of injury and those in urgent need because of life-threatening or life limiting conditions or terminal illnesses.

Play Therapy Pod Service

We provide a free loan of specialist sensory toys for 12 weeks to families who have a disabled or terminally ill child. There are different categories of play pods to choose from, depending on the child's age, physical and learning abilities, and medical needs. The toys can encourage learning, improve relaxation, give enjoyment and distract from pain.

Nurse Helpline

A free national Nurse Helpline which offers emotional and practical support to families and professionals caring for disabled and terminally ill children, including specialist health information and social care support.

Family Essentials Fund

A specific fund that's reserved to provide practical, everyday items that we know families must forego to cover basic living costs. Through the free-phone helpline, when our nurses identify a family who may benefit from our Family Essentials Fund, we let them know it is available.

Did you know?

- We help disabled and terminally ill children and young people right up to their 19th birthday
- You can apply to Newlife for more than one piece of equipment at a time and for more than one child at a time
- Our FREE Newlife Nurse Helpline can offer support on a wide range of issues -
call 0800 902 0095 (Free from UK mobiles landlines)
Monday to Friday 10:00 am – 4:30 pm



Karen, part of the nurses helpline team at Newlife

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Help to transform the lives of disabled and terminally ill children this summer with Newlife's Swim Your Way virtual challenge.

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