

# Round-Up Magazine

Your Fundraising Update





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## Welcome to the Spring/Summer edition of Your Fundraising Update

Welcome to our latest edition of Round-up Magazine, dedicated to spotlighting the incredible work being done by our community of supporters, volunteers, and corporate partners.



Inside this edition you'll find inspiring stories of resilience, generosity, and impact. From our wonderful London Landmarks team who raised over £20,000 to the schools around the country which got involved with our Sparkle Day celebrations, we are so incredibly grateful to all our fundraisers. Every contribution, no matter how big or small, plays a vital role in shaping a brighter future for disabled children.

Fundraising isn't merely about collecting donations though; it's about creating positive change for those children and families who turn to Newlife for support. Our latest campaign report 'Fight For Our Future: ACT now for Disabled Children', reveals just how challenging it is for families raising a disabled child right now: [newlife.support/fight-for-future](https://newlife.support/fight-for-future)

Please, if you can, show your support for our appeal by signing our petition or making a donation to ensure we can reach and support as many children as we possibly can. You can find out more about our appeal on page 8. We would love to hear from you and support you with any fundraising plans or ideas you have. You can also visit the website [newlifecharity.co.uk](https://newlifecharity.co.uk) for further inspiration.

Alternatively, you can contact the team on 01543 468 888 or email [fundraise@newlifecharity.co.uk](mailto:fundraise@newlifecharity.co.uk) – we would love to hear from you!

Thank you for all your continued support and all that you do for Newlife; we couldn't make a difference to thousands of disabled children's lives without you.

*Jo Duggan*

Joanna Duggan  
Director of Fundraising and Marketing

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# 2023 Impact

Thanks to the help of our fantastic supporters, throughout 2023 we were able to provide essential specialist equipment and support to thousands of children and their families around the UK, ensuring that, regardless of their disability, children get to flourish, thrive and unlock their full potential.



**1,318**

We provided 1,318 equipment grants provided to children



**214**

children benefited from an emergency equipment loan from our specialist loan suite



**1,354**

We offered 1,354 loans of specialist sensory toys through our Play Therapy Pod service



**14,000**

instances of help to families through our free Nurse Helpline

## Patrick's Story



In December, we launched an appeal to fund a 'life-changing' specialist seat for eight-year-old Patrick. Patrick has a rare brain condition that means he can't walk, talk, sit up or even hold up his own head; he has limited life expectancy and has frequent intensive care admissions for severe chest infections. He desperately needed a specialist seat called a P Pod to keep him angled in the correct position so he can breathe properly – and thanks to the generosity of people donating to our appeal, Patrick received his seat in the first week of January.



Mum Victoria said: "We had an old P Pod for Patrick but it was much too big and didn't give him any support, so his chin would touch his chest and his breathing would become really bad. When the new P Pod from Newlife arrived, we put him in it straight away and you could instantly see his SATS rise on the monitor, so we knew his breathing had improved straight away. The new chair holds his body in the correct position, so his airways are more open, which is fantastic."

**Now Patrick is safe and comfortable in his P Pod it means he can also spend more time bonding with his siblings, including his twin brother Frederick.**

Victoria added: "Patrick seems much happier in himself and is smiling. I know he's safe and comfortable now, so I don't have to worry so much."

"It's thanks to the help of everyone that we've been able to get the chair for him. We will be forever grateful to them."

Donate to help change the lives of children like Patrick  
[newlifecharity.co.uk/donate](https://newlifecharity.co.uk/donate)

# Celebrations for Sparkle Day!



**Sparkle Day 2024, on Friday, March 1, was a fantastic way to get supporters coming together to raise vital funds to help us brighten the lives of disabled and terminally ill children across the UK.**

Schools, businesses and community groups across the country took part in a huge variety of sparkle-themed fundraising - and our Newlife stores and colleagues joined in with their own fundraising too!

## A glittery day at Marshlands School

Newlife's cuddly ambassadog Nugget paid a visit to Marshlands School on Sparkle Day to say 'thank you' to all of the children taking part in the school's fundraising efforts.

Clare Moran, from Marshlands School, said: "All of our children were invited to our Café Day event and enjoyed lots of homemade cakes and posh hot chocolates. Staff and children put on their best party clothes and, with a touch of glitter here and there, we managed to raise over £200 of much needed vital funds for Newlife.

**"Newlife have supported our school in the past with donations of uniform and underwear, and we know many of our children enjoy taking part in the sensory library and some of our parents have been able to have equipment and support provided by this invaluable charity. We are already discussing what events we can do next year!"**

## A baking bonanza at CL Medilaw

The team at CL Medilaw have long been fantastic supporters of Newlife, and were delighted to get involved with Sparkle Day! They held sparkly bake sales across their offices, whipping up a delicious array of goodies and raising an incredible £1,500 and counting!



To sign up for Sparkle Day 2025 visit  
[newlifecharity.co.uk/donate](https://newlifecharity.co.uk/donate)

## Castlechurch School shines for Sparkle Day

Staff and children at Castlechurch School donned their sparkliest outfits for a fundraising dress-up day.



## Diane's London Landmarks challenge



Diane joined a team of 50 runners taking on the unique challenge of the London Landmarks Half Marathon in aid of Newlife. Diane was inspired to fundraise for Newlife by her 27-year-old son Robert, who received equipment and support from our charity as a child, which helped to make a difference to his life.

Diane said: **"Although this will be the fourth time for me running a half-marathon, it really is out of my comfort zone running that distance and I really find the last three miles or so a struggle. Knowing we are raising funds for such a worthy cause will most definitely spur me on."**

Thank you to all our runners who raised over £25,000. If you would like to find out more about joining our 2025 team email [fundraise@newlifecharity.co.uk](mailto:fundraise@newlifecharity.co.uk)





# Can you join the fight to give disabled children the future they deserve?

**Every day, Newlife strives to do everything we can to make a real, lasting difference to the lives of disabled and terminally ill children around the UK.**

It is estimated that it costs three times the amount of money to raise a child with disabilities than a non-disabled child, forcing many families to turn to charities such as Newlife for help. In the past year Equipment Grant applications to Newlife from families have nearly doubled compared to the same period last year, while total contacts to our Nurse Helpline from families and professionals seeking support has seen an increase of 73%.

**Currently, there are more than 1.6 million disabled children in the UK – an increase of 60% over the last decade.** As such, it has never been more important for local services to be robust and responsive to evolving pressures. This includes the need for a holistic and proactive approach to equipment provision. However, the reality is far different.

Our latest campaign report, **Fight For Our Future: ACT now for Disabled Children**, reveals a shocking picture of the challenges facing families just to

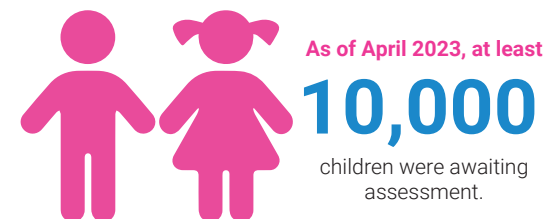
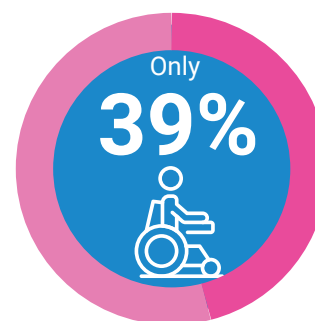
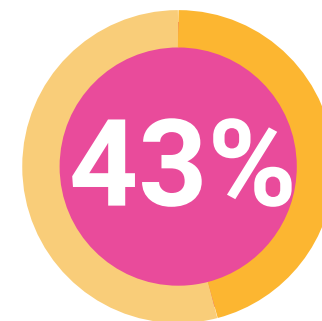
get access to the essential equipment - such as wheelchairs, buggies, car seats and specialist beds - their children need to stay safe. With statutory funding for equipment stagnating and unable to cater to the rising demand, as well as waiting times for assessments at an all-time high due to a shortage of healthcare professionals in the workforce, families are being left for too long without the vital provisions they need.



Through our campaign we're calling on MPs to **ACT** now to:

- A** Accelerate equipment provision.
- C** Cut assessment wait times.
- T** Tackle healthcare professional staff shortages.

Visit our website to find out more about our **Fight For Our Future** campaign.



By donating you can make a positive difference, visit [newlife.support/support-the-fight](https://newlife.support/support-the-fight) to donate today.

# Take on a Newlife challenge

**Trek, swim or leap for Newlife with one of our inspiring events! Every penny raised by your daring feats will help us to provide essential support to disabled and terminally ill children across the UK.**



## Skydive for Newlife: Various dates and locations

Are you looking for the ultimate adrenaline-fuelled experience? Not only will you experience a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, you will be raising vital funds, allowing us to continue supporting disabled and terminally ill children.



## Snowdon Triple Challenge: 16 -17 August 24

Grab this opportunity to pit yourself against the spectacular landscape of Snowdonia National Park in this tough and exciting multi-activity challenge. You'll summit the mighty Snowdon as well as tackling challenging biking and kayaking sections, all the while immersed in this stunning part of the UK.



## Alton Towers 5K, 10K and Half Marathon: 11-12 Nov 24

Join #TeamNewlife for this unique running event at the UK's largest theme park and choose your distance to suit! Starting and finishing within the park itself, these thrilling distances will take you past some of the much-loved rides while taking in some of the stunning landscapes the park's grounds have to offer. **Includes park entry!**



Check out a selection of our 2024 events here, or visit [newlifecharity.co.uk/newlife-events](https://newlifecharity.co.uk/newlife-events) for more!

# Win up to £25,000!

## Play **make a smile** lottery to support **Newlife**

Make a smile lottery supports good causes across the UK. By playing the lottery, not only are you helping raise vital funds, you are in with the chance of winning great prizes!

You can sign up to make a smile lottery on a regular basis for as little as a month. You can also buy single tickets at £1 play, if per you do not want to commit to playing regularly.



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# Corporate Partnerships

**An impressive partnership with Paragon Bank has seen fundraising targets smashed and volunteering hours racked up as Newlife supported the Solihull-headquartered group to achieve - and exceed - their charitable aims.**

Back in September 2022, Newlife were delighted to be chosen as Paragon Bank's Charity of the Year, and over the course of a year their lofty £35,000 fundraising target was not only reached, but surpassed by an incredible £10,000, thanks to the hard work and dedication of the Paragon team.

Paragon employees were also given the opportunity to pledge their time to help Newlife make a difference to the lives of disabled and terminally ill children across the UK.

In total, 38 employees volunteered their time at Newlife's headquarters, while Paragon also supported Newlife by hosting onsite de-labelling sessions at its Solihull and Southampton offices, with a total of 115 employees taking part.

Darryl Mowbray, Development Consultant at Paragon Bank said: "Our experience of working with Newlife has been incredibly rewarding! The team are very welcoming and have been a real pleasure to work with. The volunteering opportunities are creative, unique and have certainly engaged our workforce."



**"We've also found them very helpful post-event, where we have been provided data and case studies to assist us with our social impact targets. I'd strongly recommend organisations engage with Newlife for their volunteering programme."**

Craig Stewart, Head of Corporate and Community Partnerships for Newlife, commented on Paragon's contribution: "Paragon employees have been absolutely fantastic at donating their time to support Newlife. From visiting us at our Cannock HQ, to hosting us in Solihull and Southampton – everyone has put in a shift!"

## Newlife announced as Charity of the Year for McArthurGlen Designer Outlet West Midlands



Designer Outlet West Midlands across a range of fundraising initiatives throughout 2024.

The centre manager at McArthurGlen Designer Outlet West Midlands, David Jackson, said: **"We are delighted to further our partnership with Newlife and are excited to be working with them as our 2024 Charity of the Year. Newlife supports some important causes, both nationally and locally, we see a synergy between both parties which will support both fundraising and awareness opportunities for these causes."**

**We are delighted to have been chosen as the 2024 Charity of the Year for the prestigious McArthurGlen Designer Outlet West Midlands following a rigorous selection process.**

Newlife's Cannock headquarters are situated just minutes away from the McArthurGlen Designer Outlet West Midlands site, and the partnership will be a fantastic way to raise awareness of our amazing work among the tens of thousands of visitors who flock to the Designer Outlet every week.

Staff and volunteers from Newlife will be working with McArthurGlen



# CANNOCK RUNNING FESTIVAL



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Half Marathon > 10k > 5k > Junior Run

Run for Newlife and help raise vital funds  
to change the lives of disabled children

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£15

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- Race medal
- Support from a dedicated member of Newlife's Fundraising Team



 [newlife.support/cannock-run](https://newlife.support/cannock-run)



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Fight for Our Future Campaign

## Rhys' Story

Fifteen-year-old Rhys is one of the faces of our campaign, Fight for our Future. Rhys is an avid football fan and loves nothing more than watching his beloved Fulham FC with mum Kelly and dad Adam. Rhys also has quadriplegic cerebral palsy, which affects all four of his limbs and all aspects of his day-to-day life.

Sadly, Rhys and his family found themselves continually let down by the system that was supposed to help them. For three years the teenager was left without a hoist, meaning that the only way he was able to use the toilet was with a bucket and commode seat in his bedroom.

Mum Kelly explains: "We needed a hoist to move Rhys safely, but our house just isn't big enough to accommodate a larger fixed hoist, so we knew we needed a portable hoist. As Rhys needed major orthopaedic surgery to break and reset both his hips and femurs, a hoist would be even more necessary afterwards as we wouldn't be able to do any manual handling of him."

Following a three year battle with their local statutory services, which were unable to provide the portable hoist the family needed because it was simply not their policy to do so, Rhys faced having his surgery cancelled as there was no way to safely move him during his recovery period at home. In desperation Kelly contacted Newlife, who provided a £2,100 portable hoist in a matter of days, allowing the surgery to go ahead.

**"Thankfully Newlife was able to quickly help. We literally don't know what we would have done without it," said Kelly. "It's given him so much more independence."**

Donate now to help  
change the lives of  
young people like Rhys







# Leave a Lasting Legacy **Change a Child's Life**

**Secure your loved ones' future and make a difference.**

Write your Will for free and you could make a lasting difference helping disabled children like Oakley have a brighter future.

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