

Candlelighters

Supporting the families of children with cancer



**Candlelighters Impact
Report 2021**

Candlelighters is a charity bringing light and hope to families facing childhood cancer across Yorkshire, providing emotional, practical and financial support from diagnosis and for as long as families need us. We also fund vital research to improve the outcomes and lives of children with cancer.

This leaflet highlights our impact for 2021.



871

family members came to our groups and events, where we provide a safe, fun and supportive environment for children and families

330

wellbeing sessions were provided for family members, to help relieve the impact of coping with childhood cancer



“The talking therapies were especially helpful for me as I felt very alone in the journey and felt that my friends and family didn't understand what I was saying to them. It felt like I was understood without being told how to think or feel. - Mum”

379

talking therapy sessions were held for children and their families, providing vital mental health support and a space to work through their feelings, worries, and anxieties

1,435

is the number of times children were admitted to Leeds Children's Hospital oncology department, each time supported by our team on the wards

9,945

funded NHS oncology staff hours – from play leaders to speech therapists to our dinner lady and more, to ensure children receive the best possible care during their treatment for cancer

120

family members attended our Day of Memories memorial event to remember children that have lost their lives to cancer

22

papers were published by our researchers, helping to advance the understanding and treatment of childhood cancer

360

holiday invitations were sent to families to offer a well-needed holiday



“You can't imagine how it impacts your life, and just to have someone there who understands, when everything feels like it's falling apart is absolutely invaluable. - Mum”

372

grants totalling

£101k

were given to families to support them with the additional costs a cancer diagnosis brings a family

1,847

hours of volunteer time were given to Candlelighters, including challenge event marshalling, gardening and photography

£1.9m

was the cost to run the charity during 2021, including all of our family support services, investments in research, and running costs

All of the support we provide to children diagnosed with cancer and their families is free to them but is not free for us. We must raise every penny and we are so thankful that our wonderful supporters helped us to raise

£1.5m

in 2021. This included:

£49k

that was kindly gifted to us from supporters in their wills.

“To put it honestly, the weight of doing this without Candlelighters - life would be too difficult to bear. Because of them I will forever advocate and fundraise, so that many families don't have to feel so alone. - Mum”



For family support, please call 0113 887 8333

To make a donation you can donate online, call 0113 322 9283, or send a cheque to the address below. You can also leave a gift to Candlelighters in your will.

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