



TYLER'S TRUST

heartfelt help ♥ lifting lives

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Dear Trustees,

Introduction to Tyler's Trust

I am writing to introduce Tyler's Trust, a charity dedicated to supporting children living with life-limiting or life-threatening illnesses, along with their families. Every day, these families endure immense challenges—nights with little sleep, frequent hospital visits, financial worries, and the emotional burden of caring for a seriously ill child. Such circumstances can lead to isolation, stress, and uncertainty, deeply impacting their mental health. As a small charity, we know that every donation and every act of support can help restore hope and wellbeing for these families.

How Tyler's Trust Helps Vulnerable Families

- **Personalised gift boxes for seriously ill children:** Each box is thoughtfully curated with toys, books, puzzles, and a comforting teddy bear, often delivered on special occasions with the support of local heroes. These gifts offer joy, distraction, and emotional comfort when it is needed most.
- **Gift bags for siblings:** These ensure that brothers and sisters feel valued and supported, helping to prevent feelings of neglect or isolation.
- **Home essentials kits:** We provide families facing financial difficulties with food, cleaning products, and hygiene items, reducing stress and easing everyday burdens.
- **Inclusive activity sessions:** Our sessions allow children and their families to laugh, play, and connect in a safe environment. These gatherings support emotional wellbeing, reduce social isolation, and help families build supportive relationships with others facing similar circumstances.

OUR PATRONS

Fearne Cotton • Jesse Wood • Andrew Griffiths MP



CHARITY NUMBER : 1162827



- **Annual family fun day:** This event offers families the chance to simply be together, enjoy engaging activities, receive gifts, and meet our patron, Fearne Cotton. It brings a sense of normality, respite, and happiness to both children and parents.
- **Hospital support for parents:** We supply meals, toiletries, vouchers, and essential bags for parents staying by their child's bedside during prolonged hospital admissions, alleviating stress and supporting their mental health.

Our Reach and Impact

Tyler's Trust supports families across West Sussex and Hampshire, working closely with hospitals in Chichester, Worthing, Portsmouth, and Southampton. Our work is funded entirely by grants, donations, sponsorships, fundraising, and handcrafted items from supporters. Every contribution, no matter the size, helps to ease both emotional and practical pressures, improve mental wellbeing, and prevent families from feeling alone during some of their most challenging times.

Who Is Tyler?

In 2010, at just 12 years old, Tyler was diagnosed with a brain tumour. Following life-saving surgery and subsequent treatment, Tyler became visually impaired and reliant on a wheelchair. Despite facing his own difficulties, Tyler remained compassionate and was determined to bring happiness to other children enduring hospital treatment. His kindness inspired the creation of Tyler's Trust, which now supports thousands of families.

Recognition of Tyler's Achievements

Tyler's remarkable courage has been recognised nationally, receiving honours such as the British Empire Medal (BEM), the British Citizen Award (2023), and the Meridian Pride of Britain Award. However, Tyler considers his greatest achievement to be the positive difference his charity makes—helping families to feel supported, connected, and hopeful, even during their darkest days.

Conclusion and Appeal

Thank you for considering this appeal. Your support can bring a smile to a child, a moment of rest to a weary parent, and hope to a family as they navigate some of the toughest days of their lives.

With heartfelt thanks,

Jan Ellis

CEO / Chairwoman

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"Tyler's Trust helps so many families in local hospitals whose children have life-threatening illnesses. I met some incredibly special kids and was inspired by Tyler's passion and outlook on life. The main thing I walked away with is a true sense of love and support."

— Fearne Cotton, Patron

