

You do not need to use a stamp but if you do it will save Acorns money

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Acorns Children's Hospice
Birmingham
B47 6JR

Each hospice is special

Acorns in Birmingham, based in Selly Oak, opened in 1988 and was only the third children's hospice in the world at the time. The hospice is small and informal, warm and welcoming, with a real home-from-home feel. There are no uniforms or set routines and the mix of therapy, play and specialist nursing care ensures that Acorns' children make the most of every day.

There are 10 specially-equipped bedrooms, a multi-sensory room and family flats so parents can stay close by, and a hydrotherapy pool, which plays a vital role in helping to unlock the potential of many disabled young people. Acorns in Birmingham has two special bedrooms, where children can stay after death and before their funeral, and a peaceful memorial garden.



You can make a difference



give with confidence

To help you, Acorns has multi-lingual interpretation and translation services.

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to local life limited children

Acorns - making a difference

Jason is nearly five years old. He was born with a rare genetic condition which hampered his physical development and meant that for the first three years after he was born, he spent many weeks at a time in hospital.

Soon after Jason was referred to Acorns by a paediatrician, he spent a weekend with his parents and his sister in the family accommodation at one of the hospices. His mum says that ever since the first stay:

"Acorns has helped to make life more normal for the family"

Jason now enjoys regular short-break care at Acorns so that his mum and dad can spend much needed time together with his little sister at home. His dad says that although nothing can change the fact that Jason has a life limiting condition, having care and support from Acorns continues to be a tremendous help:



"Acorns is a beautiful place – such lovely people – such a good time for my son"

We cannot change the fact that their child will die, but we can promise families that they will not have to face that death alone

Acorns' Director of Care

All about Acorns

When you hear the term children's hospice, it's easy to think of a place where young people are sick and dying. But Acorns is a great deal more than that, providing a comprehensive network of dedicated care; not just for the child but for the whole family; and not just for now but for as long as it is needed.



The children who visit Acorns are aged from birth to 19 years and have a life limiting condition. This means that they are unlikely to live to adulthood. A cure for their condition is not possible.

Acorns cares for life limited children across the West Midlands, Shropshire, South Staffordshire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire, Herefordshire and Gloucestershire.

Our three hospices* offer short breaks, emergency and end of life care. Our community team provide support at home 24-hours a day, 7 days a week. We also provide special support for siblings and the extended family as well as bereavement counselling. All Acorns' services are provided completely free of charge.



We are committed to working with families regardless of culture, race, religion, beliefs or individual circumstances. Acorns is about making the most of a child's life by offering support and palliative care which enhances quality of life.

*Acorns hospices are at Selly Oak in Birmingham, Walsall and Worcester

Who pays for Acorns?

Acorns is a registered charity which relies almost entirely on voluntary donations and outside support.

Since opening our first hospice in 1988, we have helped over 1,200 families, but there are over a thousand more who need the care that Acorns provides. If we are to continue offering a free service we need your support.

*Children need us.
Parents need us.
The local community needs us. But we need more money to continue helping.
And how can we not continue?*

Acorns' Chief Executive

You can make a difference

We can offer practical advice and support to help your fundraising happen. Here are some ways you can get involved and make a difference to Acorns' children.

- Support our fragile lives appeal. We need supporters to do all that they can throughout the year to raise vital funds and awareness to secure the future of children's hospice care across the Heart of England. Call **0845 120 6892** or email **fragilelives@acorns.org.uk** to find out more.
- Take on one of our international challenges or take part in another of our organised events.
- Donate some money – give regularly, make a one-off gift or leave a donation in your will to Acorns.
- Join a local support group – team up with people in your area to raise money for Acorns.
- Get your workplace involved in fundraising – it's fun and great for team building.
- Volunteer – your time is invaluable. Could you spread the word about Acorns, help with fundraising or volunteer in one of our shops or hospices?



We need your support

I want to make a difference. Please send me more information about (tick relevant box/es).

- The fragile lives appeal
- International challenge events
- Making a regular donation
- Leaving a donation in my will
- Joining my local support group
- Getting my company involved
- Payroll giving
- Volunteering at Acorns

I would like to be contacted by:

- Telephone
- Post
- Mobile
- Email

Name:

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Phone:

Mobile:

- AM
- PM
- Evening

Email:

If you do not wish Acorns to pass your details on to other charities, please tick here

I would like to make a donation of £.....
(Please send your donation back to us in a separate envelope complete with this tear-off slip)

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Tick below if you would like Acorns to claim Gift Aid on your donation:

I want Acorns to treat all donations I have made for the six years prior to this date, (but no earlier than 1st April 2002) and all donations I make from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise, as Gift Aid donations.

Today's date

NB You must pay an amount of Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the tax we reclaim on your donation. Please let us know if your circumstances change so that we can amend our records.