

# Blessing in Disguise

“Creating positive changes to improve life’s misfortunes, everyone deserves a blessing in disguise”

**July 2014**



## What we do...

- Provide much needed support for children, their families and carers
- Holidays / Respite
- Equipment
- Events / Fundraising
- Fun activities
- Community Involvement
- Treasured memories

We are now working in partnership with local authorities and with Embrace Charity (charity no. 1082663)

“It’s up to all of us to change people’s Perceptions”

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**7th - 13th July, 2014**

Raising awareness of organ donation, and encouraging more people to join the NHS Organ Donor Register. Visit the website for more details.

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**Welcome to Blessing in Disguise’s July issue**



## A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR SUPPORTERS...

Blessings in Disguise has helped a range of families in need of a helping hand. A referral from the Embrace Team of a family with a 3 year old son with autism, challenging behaviour and other complex needs. Blessing in Disguise and our supporters have helped by providing a much needed special needs buggy to improve the quality of life and support to this family. Mum was overwhelmed with the help she received and will be sharing her pictures and story with others who desperately need our support. Pictures will be added to website and newsletter when we receive them.

## JULY IS ‘GROUP B STREP AWARENESS MONTH’

Increasing awareness and prevention of group B strep (GBS) disease in babies before birth through early infancy by providing downloadable materials and resources for parents, medical professionals, and students. Group B Strep is a leading cause of meningitis and sepsis in newborns worldwide and is up to 90% preventable with proper testing and treatment. Testing is so important since approximately 10%-25% of pregnant women carry GBS and about half of infections occur in mothers who have no risk factors. <http://www.gbss.org.uk/>

Blessing in Disguise is a UK based not-for-profit organisation created to enrich the lives of disadvantaged children and their carers.

Blessing in Disguise creates a positive focus on enabling freedom to enjoy treasured memories to share with family and loved ones and providing a range of life enhancing experiences with a significant impact in improving the quality of life for the families and carers of disabled, disadvantaged and terminally ill children and young people between the ages of 0-19 years.

We are a socially responsible organisation helping and supporting lots of children and families by promoting and providing free equipment, activities and themed breaks and social and recreational opportunities for the whole family. Through personal experience, we know that it can often be difficult on other family members, who perhaps unfortunately miss out, but we will endeavour to encourage them to achieve positive changes. With the right funding we have the potential to help many more children, their families/carers, providing much needed equipment to more families across the UK.

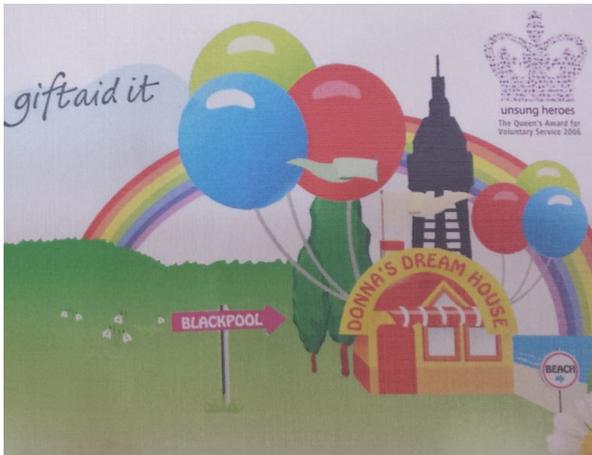
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Thank you to all our loyal supporters and donors for their kind generosity throughout 2013 and 2014  
Enquiries are welcomed from any individual who feels that a child may benefit from our services.



**We need your support to help us to provide the much needed equipment for the children with life limiting illnesses, terminally ill and disabled children.**



One of the families that we invited to our big Fun Fair event in May at the DW Stadium really touched our hearts and so we have managed to secure a much needed family holiday for them as a lovely surprise to a wonderful deserving family, which has been booked for August at Donna's Dream House in Blackpool. They provide family holiday experiences for children and teenagers with life-threatening illnesses.

Blessing in Disguise raise the funds required to provide free recreational and leisure activities and/or equipment to children and young people with life limiting illnesses, terminally ill, disabled and disadvantaged children and their families throughout the UK in the interest of social welfare.

If you think you can help in any capacity we don't refuse any offers of support—be it donations of money, equipment,

We are a socially responsible organisation giving support via our free service for the whole family, providing themed breaks, holidays, equipment and planned activities and promoting and providing social and recreational opportunities for children and young adults with a life shortening illnesses, disabilities or who are at a disadvantage because of their situation, throughout the whole of the UK. We welcome support from the community, local and national businesses - if you think you can help no matter how great or small your pledge for support is - please contact us - every little goes a long way to achieving life goals for these children and their families and carers.

We welcome referrals from all areas of the UK and are happy to support children that are referred to us.

Just some of the local organisations that joined us on our special day out at Silcock's Fair DW Event.

