

Since 1997, the charity has been working to change the lives of children affected by illness, disability or poverty. The children that are helped are recommended in various ways, including applications from friends and family members, social services and other charities like Barnados or Oxfam.

## Hope where help is needed most



Ethan is like most boys of his age, who likes to play with his friends, enjoy all of the things that boys of his age normally do. However, Ethan suffers from Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, which is a gradually debilitating and life limiting condition. It meant that he was unable to join with his friend in a lot of activities. When we heard about Ethan and spoke to his parents, it was clear that a motorised trike was both his and their dearest wish. So, funds were provided by Children's Hope Foundation and through the company Quest 88 Ltd, the trike was designed and assembled around Ethan's needs. Now he can join in in most activities.

Rhianna, as you can see, is severely disabled and is unable to walk, relying on her mum and those around her to help. Thanks to Children's Hope Foundation though, Rhianna was still able to enjoy an adventure holiday at a special camp in Exmoor. Here she was able to join in many of the activities and from the many photos which her mum sent us, it is clear that she enjoyed the experience thoroughly. We hope to be able to send Rhianna and many more children like her to the same camp, or other similar camps, next summer and through your continued generosity, we will be able to do this. On behalf of Rhianna and her mum, we would like to express our sincere thanks.



Like Rhianna, many more children enjoyed respite breaks at different locations around the UK. Because of the strain on families of children with a disability or serious illness, these breaks are essential opportunities for not only the child but also the family and gives them the opportunity to enjoy time together without the stresses of everyday life. Children like Charlotte who is a 14 year old girl with autism and learning/behavioural difficulties or Liam who is recovering from major surgery for whom such a break was a welcome change from the terrible months he had endured up to then. Stacey, who is an 10 year old girl and is registered blind was also able to enjoy a similar respite break.

Many children miss out on their education though missing time at school as a result of their disability or illness. This would indeed have a terrible impact on the rest of their lives if nothing were done about it. Overleaf are some stories of children who have been helped by Children's Hope Foundation, simply by providing the tools, including computer equipment, to help them overcome their difficulty and perhaps catch up on much of what they may have missed. Children like Ivan who is 6 years old whose school and healthcare professional felt an iPad would help him enormously or; Joseph who has complex medical needs who now has a laptop computer to help him achieve his dreams.