



# About us!



**Our aims, missions & dreams**

**What does Happy Days do?**



# What is Happy Days?

Happy Days Children's Charity was established in 1992 as a national registered charity.

Happy Days has gone from strength to strength. To date over 331,000 children have experienced the gifts of happiness and hope these holidays and trips provide.

## Our Aims, Mission & Dreams

To provide holidays, residential trips, day trips and visiting theatre performances for children & young people who have disabilities or life limiting conditions or who have been abused and young carers who are resident in the United Kingdom.

The holidays & trips help to develop the children physically, mentally and spiritually and bring them happiness, excitement and fun!

## Days Out...

Our days out are legendary providing self-confidence, self esteem and an opportunity for social interaction. Every year literally 1,000's of children enjoy days out to Farms, Zoos, Theme Parks, Museums, Performing Arts Experiences and the seaside.

## Residential trips

Our residential trips are increasing year on year, giving 100's of children wonderful opportunities to participate in innumerable activities such as archery, canoeing and abseiling, whilst providing families much needed respite.



**...Whenever you doubt yourself  
remember you made a difference to me...**



**The Arts**  
**Residential Trips**  
**Days Out**  
**Respite Breaks**  
**Holidays...**

## Some recent day trips

50 Children - Lightwater Valley  
40 Children - Gulliver's World  
29 Children - Twycross Zoo  
65 Children - Thorpe Park  
26 Children - London Dungeons  
36 Children - Whipsnade Zoo  
31 Children - Blackpool Pleasure Beach  
56 Children - Woodlands Leisure Park  
52 Children - London Zoo  
60 Children - The Lion King



The innovation, collaboration, courage and selflessness shown by so many across the County during the COVID-19 pandemic has been truly inspirational and uplifting.

As Her Majesty's Representative, I want to thank you for the incredible contribution, which I understand all those connected with your organisation have made to the County, during these difficult and challenging times.

*With very best wishes*  
*Andrew*

Andrew J Coombe  
HM Lord-Lieutenant of South Yorkshire



# Holidays & Trips

This year, due to the pandemic we have focused on holidays for the children and their families as well as cinematic theatre in education.

## Some recent residential trips

10 Children - Bute

37 Children - Dorset

10 Children - North Wales

15 Children - East Sussex

55 Children - Kent

10 Children - Essex

36 Children - West Yorkshire

42 Children - Anglesey

18 Children - Hertfordshire

25 Children - Norfolk

## Some recent holidays

Jelani - Center Parcs, Woburn

James - Legoland

Aidan - Butlins, Minehead

Dominic - Haven, Ayr

Lola - Haven, Devon

Oscar - Dublin

Cursahib - Lancashire

Jinnie - Butlins, Skegness

Saheli - Alton Towers

Kenzo - Cornwall

Bobby Lee - Center Parcs, Whinfell

Edward - Center Parcs, Elveden

Lucy - Northern Ireland

Amira - Lake District

Aliyan - Paultons Park

Asa - Scotland

Nevaeh - East Sussex

Qasim - North Wales

Liam - Blackpool

Oscar - Chessington

Poppie - Legoland

Conal - Center Parcs, Whinfell



# The arts

This year, due to the pandemic we have focused on cinematic theatre in education which is covid secure. This is when a professional performing arts company stage a theatrical production of a storybook tale. This was presented on a super large screen to the children by a live actor in costume.

## Some of the children who benefitted

21 children from Croydon, Surrey

113 children from Alfreton, Derbyshire

123 children from Southend-on-Sea, Essex

115 children from Horsham, West Sussex

105 children from Newcastle Under Lyme, Staffs.

120 children from Wirral, Merseyside

81 children from Chippenham, Wiltshire

28 children from Washington, Tyne & Wear

80 children from Harrow, Middlesex

64 children from Telford, Shropshire

134 children from London

165 children from Dudley, West Midlands

60 children from Sidcup, Kent

46 children from Poole, Dorset

60 children from Bedale, North Yorkshire

161 children from Brough, East Yorkshire

18 children from Leicester

24 children from Blackburn, Lancashire

80 children from Yeovil, Somerset

120 children from Trowbridge, Wiltshire

82 children from Norwich, Norfolk

120 children from Atherton, Ctr. Manchester





# Who are we...

Staff, associates,  
advisors & patrons

## Staff



**Ryan Sinclair**  
Chief Executive



**Stephanie Sinclair**  
Head of Beneficiary Activity & Trust Fundraising



**Nikki Tamke**  
Senior Community Fundraising



**Rob Cox**  
Fundraising & Marketing Manager



**Ann DaRocha**  
Holiday & Trust Officer



**Suffia Shah**  
General Administration Officer



**Nurun Hoque**  
Gift Aid Administrator



**Laura Mead**  
Group Booking Officer

## Some recent benefactors

Thank you to everyone that helped us this year including...

Awards for All

Freemasons

The Robertson Trust

Community Foundation Across The UK

John Lyon's Charity

Cash For Kids

## Solicitors

Taylor Walton Solicitors  
28 - 44 Alma Street,  
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## Accountants

GB Accounting Solutions Limited,  
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## Bankers

The Co-operative Bank  
Luton Branch, Community Direct  
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## Our Patrons



**Joan Plowright**



**Valerie Singleton**



**Joan Collins**



**His Grace Duke of Northumberland**



**Twiggy**

Helping children experience what life has to offer...

it's easy to take for granted the simple things in life...

...but when you have special needs, life isn't so simple...

At Happy Days we believe that every child has a right to experience what life has to offer. Most of us are able to find the time we need to have a family holiday or enjoy a day out, to help us to re-group, bond, sort out problems and, of course, have some fun! However, families and groups caring for children with special needs face many barriers. Transport and venue facilities are often poorly designed to accommodate children with special needs, and the fact that many venue staff are untrained in the relevant issues can turn a seemingly unambitious trip into a truly demoralising event. Happy Days Children's Charity is here to help families and groups overcome the barriers to taking time out. Since 1992 we have been assisting families and groups by providing support and advice as well as organising day trips and holidays to enable families and groups to enjoy themselves together, rather than having to worry about how they are going to get to their destination and the support they will receive when they arrive. Our children and young people benefit from a range of activities, from day trips to the seaside and countryside to enjoying exciting theme parks. Arts trips to the theatre are also organised as are family holidays.

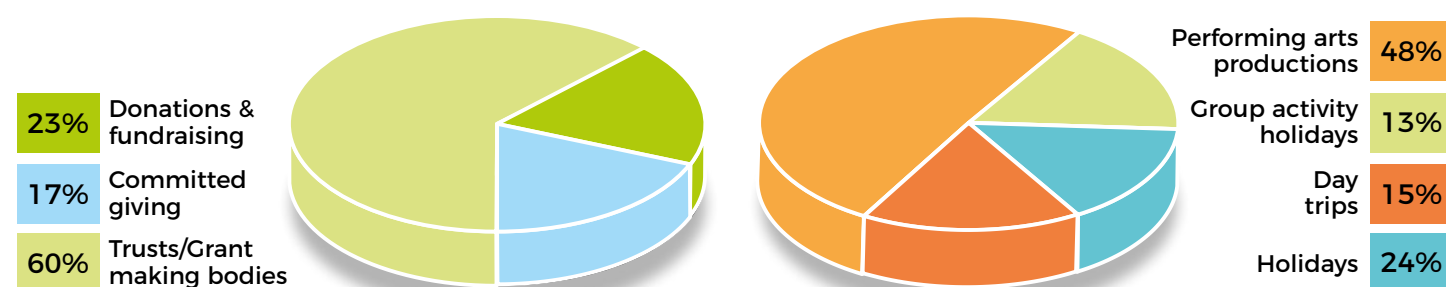




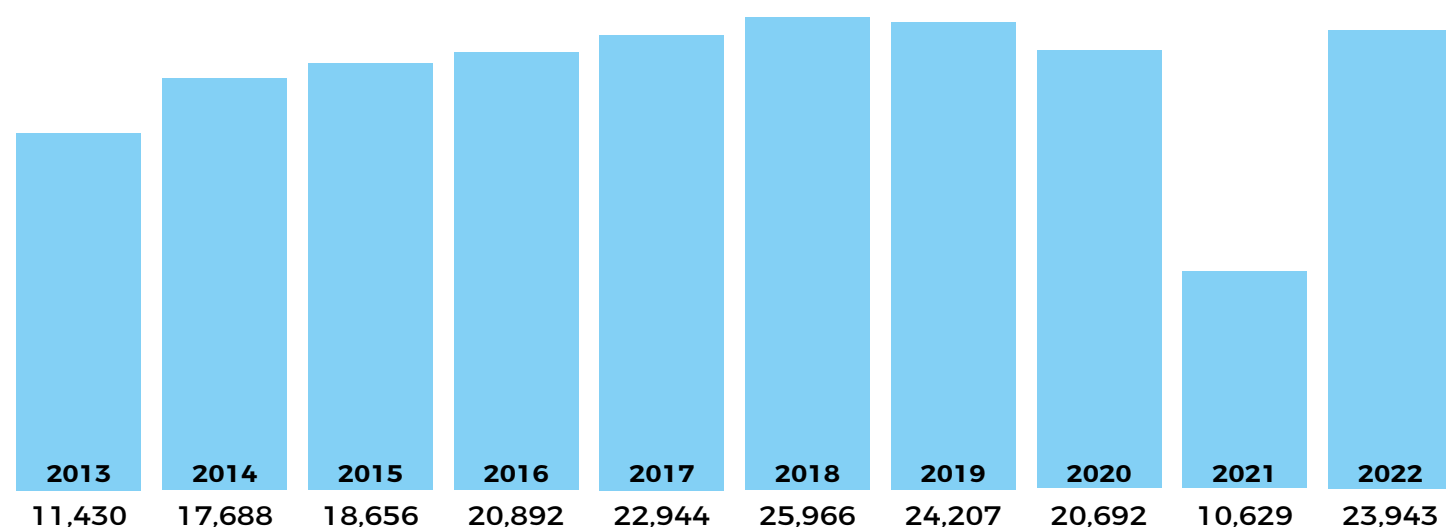
Children with so many difficulties respond so positively and with joy...

## Money matters...

income %  
where it comes from... activity expenditure %



## The last ten years...





# Our work continues...

Our waiting list consists of 1,000's of children with special needs including disabilities, life limiting conditions, or a history of abuse. Just some of the children on our waiting list are:



- A - has been a victim of child neglect
- Ayat - has autistic spectrum disorder
- Toby - has ADHD
- Paige - has osteogenesis imperfecta type 3
- Hanzalah - has fallot's tetralogy
- Tobenna - has congenital hydrocephalus
- T - has been caught up in domestic abuse
- Kayte - has chromosome 1q21.1 microduplication
- Calan - has sotos 2 syndrome
- Clara - has sustained a brain injury
- Loki - has complex feeding difficulties
- Amar - has global developmental delay
- Jack - has hypermobility and hypotonia
- Harley - has epilepsy and autism
- Noah - has myotonic dystrophy and ADHD
- Ava - has mosaic angelman syndrome
- Bobbi-Jo - has down's syndrome
- David - has door & coffin siris syndrome
- Kamal - has chronic pain
- N - has an eating disorder
- Mohammed - is a young carer
- A - has severe anxiety

...together we can make a difference...





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live with  
approval, they  
learn to like  
themselves...**

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**The National Charity Providing Holidays, Day Trips &  
The Arts For Children With Special Needs**

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