

Meet our Harry



This gorgeous little boy is Harry and he is a very brave little 3 year old. He suffered strokes when he was born which severely damaged both sides of his brain. This has left Harry very physically and mentally disabled.

Despite his gorgeous smiles, life is very tough for little Harry. He has quadriplegic cerebral palsy; which makes all of his muscles very stiff and painful. Harry has no functional use of his arms or legs, as his brain doesn't send the right messages to coordinate his movements. Sadly, he will never walk or talk. He is registered blind, and because of problems with swallowing, he will always be fed through a tube in his stomach. At night, he has to sleep hooked up to an oxygen machine to help him sleep safely. Harry will never play with toys or do the things other children may do, but this courageous little chap can light up a room with his huge grins.

Harry, as you can imagine needs a lot of specialist care, equipment and support to stay at home with his family. Unfortunately, though, these things do not come cheaply or easily and the family have been at crisis point trying to access the physical, emotional and financial help they need since Harry was born. The

Helping Harry Trust was set up about two years ago by the local community to fundraise and support this young family. We know that Harry may not have a long life and the aim of the Trust is to make sure that every single day Harry has with us is the best quality it can be.

We have outlined below a plan to keep this little boy happy, safe and secure with his lovely family for the next five years. **Our goal is simple, to keep Harry smiling!** Please help us to do that too. Every penny you donate will go directly to helping Harry get the specialist care and support he desperately needs.



YEAR 1 - £37,190



YEAR 2 - £37,190



YEAR 3 - £37,190



YEAR 4 - £37,190



YEAR 5 - £37,190



TOTAL - £185,950

Below is a bit more information on Harry's support needs that we've built into our fundraising goals

It shows the huge difference your support can make to Harry and his family every week

***Physio sessions**

£120 a week

£520 a month

£6,240 a year

***Specialist carers**

£300 a week

£1,300 a month

£15,600 a year

***Alternative communications technology**

£1,000 a year

***Specialist equipment**

£7,000 a year

Personal care

£50 a month

£600 a year

***Home adaptations**

£5,000 a year

***Specialist sensory toys**

£250 a year

***Alternative therapies**

£1,500 a year



- * Harry receives just one NHS physiotherapy session every four weeks to help ease his painful muscles, he really needs this every single day – we've included Private Physiotherapy just twice a week at £60 per hour into our plans.
- * Harry needs specialist carers to provide some respite care for his family – we've included 20 hours a week of respite care at £15 per hour.
- * Harry can't hold or play with normal toys but does respond to some of the specialist sensory equipment made for children with disabilities – these are expensive and we've included the cost of just one special sensory toy each year for Harry.
- * Harry needs a great deal of specialist equipment but unfortunately as Harry grows these items need replacing as they are sized for him. Based on what we've spent so far, we've estimated specialist equipment needs over the next 5 years. This is likely to include a specialist buggy, a number of special chairs, a new standing frame and a special hospital bed.
- * Harry's home will need adapting further over the next 5 years to keep him with his family. What's needed will depend on how much Harry grows and any changes to his health over the coming years. We've included £5,000 a year, which in year one, will cover a hoist and tracking system.
- * Other than his gorgeous smiles, Harry can't communicate and the alternative communications technologies we've included in our fundraising plan are computer systems that could help Harry communicate better.
- * Harry has a severe form of cerebral palsy and specialist therapies such as Bobath could help to improve his movements. We've included just one specialist therapy course each year.

Please contact Hayley Charlesworth at thehelpingharrytrust@gmail.com for more information or to discuss supporting Harry. If you would like to make a donation go to: <https://www.gofundme.com/2ptcczw>