

What is practical support? and how can it help your family?



At Demelza we do our best to help make life as easy as possible and relieve some of the day-to-day pressure of caring for a child with a life-limiting or life-threatening condition.

Our specially-trained practical support volunteers can help with a range of oneoff or short-term activities so that you can focus on taking care of your child and making memories.

These can be specific projects, such as decorating a room, putting together furniture, walking your dog or organising some storage solutions for medications and documents.



We can also drive you, your child and family to hospital appointments or to Demelza events to take the stress out of having to find transport. If you require a vehicle with wheelchair accessibility or extra space for your child's care equipment, we can help facilitate this.



Driving 45 minutes to hospital chemotherapy appointments was a real challenge. But Demelza stepped in to help. Their incredible practical support volunteers drove Zak and his daddy to every appointment and brought them home again. No longer did we have to worry about finding parking nearby, the money for petrol or making poor Zak walk to the entrance in the pouring rain. All he wanted to do was hold his daddy's hand in the back of the car and thanks to the Demelza volunteer drivers, he was able to.

Caroline, mum to Zak

We aim to take care of a range of activities in a way that works for you:-

- Family transport
- Deliveries and collections
- Ironing (from home or remotely)
- Grocery shopping
- Gardening

- Dog walking
- Helping with food preparation
  Decorating and DIY
  - Deep cleaning
  - (domestic)

l enjoy being able to make a positive difference

> Get in touch to discuss how practical support volunteering can assist your family, email us at practicalsupport@ demelza.org.uk

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