



Demelza

Hospice Care for Children

Demelza provides specialist care and emotional support for children with terminal conditions and their loved ones, across Kent, South East London and East Sussex.

How **you** can help...



The unique support we give comes at a price, and at present we're only reaching 20 per cent of the children that we could help.

As a charity, we're almost entirely dependent on people like you to provide the funds that keep our services going.

Why your donation is so important to us



£11

could pay for a precious hour of care by a Demelza care assistant

£15

could help pay for personalising a bedroom for a child's end of life care

£25

could pay for a day of delicious meals for a family of four staying at Demelza

£60

could pay for an hour of art or music therapy for a child or sibling

£200

could cover the average cost of a family going through the referral process to access vital care and support from Demelza

Seven ways you can support Demelza

**Big or small, you can make a huge difference.
Here are some ways you can get started.**

1 Get involved

Bake a cake, dress up for Demelza, take on a skydive, however you decide to get involved, we can help.

2 Take part in an event

Demelza has loads of cycling, running, walking events and more for you to sign up to.

3 Give your time, energy and skills

See first hand where your money is going and join **#TeamDemelza** using one of your volunteering days.

4 Come and talk to us

Come and see a member of our fundraising team – we're here to help with advice, materials and more.

5 Spread the word

Share, tweet and talk about us on social media, to your colleagues, friends and family.

6 Play our Lottery

Playing our weekly Lottery makes us both winners, with 68p in every pound going back into providing our care.

7 Give regularly

Donating even a small regular amount each month, through your wages, can make a big difference. And, there's tax benefits too.

Contact a member of our fundraising department on 0300 365 3653
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Your support will help children like Elliott

For Will and Georgina, time at Demelza is time to just be mum and dad.

"Demelza is somewhere to escape, it's a comforting place to come," explains Will. "I get to be a parent, not just a carer."

Their four-year-old son has a brain disorder so rare he is the only person in the UK to be diagnosed with it. DNM1 gene mutation causes epileptic encephalopathy, leaving Elliott severely disabled and needing round-the-clock care.

The family relies on specialists in the UK, USA and Australia working collaboratively on treatment options. "The aim is less medication, and less distress for him," says Will. "We would love him to be awake more, and able to stay relaxed long enough to have a cuddle on the sofa before bedtime."

The couple also have a toddler daughter,

Grace, and the whole family enjoy short breaks at Demelza's hospice in Kent, as well as coming every Sunday to use the hydrotherapy pool – something Will particularly appreciates, "We're not able to do typical father and son things like kicking a ball around the park, so having that instead is really important."

Mum, Georgina was initially reserved about coming to Demelza but her perceptions changed after visiting the hospice. She said: "I thought Demelza must be all about end of life care. We came along and realised it wasn't like that at all.

"Now we have Grace and she loves the soft play and sensory room – she can use all the same facilities as Elliott. We can sit and have a cup of tea knowing Grace is happy pottering about and that Elliott is being looked after."

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