

Newsletter



BRINGING COMFORT, SUPPORT & SMILES TO BEREAVED CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES

A Message From Our Team

Welcome to the second edition of our newsletter! We're excited to share updates on the difference your generosity continues to make, highlight some of our latest activities, and give you a glimpse of what's coming up. Thank you for standing with us-you are an important part of every story of hope and healing we share.

Support is at the heart of everything we do, and as one of the young people we've helped recently said when asked what they liked about the support they received:

'That you get to make things to remember your loved one. That you are able speak about situations and that you have someone to listen, and you can get their advice and help.'

LATEST NEWS & UPDATES



Increase in support this year

Demand for our services has grown, and so too has the support we've been able to provide. More children and families have accessed our bereavement support than ever before, whether through group activities, one-to-one sessions, or practical help when it's been needed most.

This increase shows both the continued need for bereavement support and the incredible difference your generosity makes. With your help, we are reaching more families, offering them a safe space, reassurance, and the chance to begin healing together.

Summer Support Scheme Success

This summer has been full of meaningful moments and much-needed support for the families we work with. From group activities, such as a fun-filled trip to Gulliver's World, and our Annual Residential at the Children's Adventure Farm, to practical help with school uniforms and groceries during the holidays-our programmes continue to make a difference.

Thanks to the generous support of Bupa and Cash for Kids, we were able to reach over 60 families during the summer, ensuring children and parents felt supported, connected, and understood.





Most Loved Charity!

We've been shortlisted for the I Love Manchester Awards for Most Loved Charity. We are so grateful to be nominated. Help us take the title by clicking the <u>link</u>.

Fundraising-Spotlight

This edition, we look at our friends at the JD Foundation as they celebrate 10 years of supporting children and young people across the UK.

We are incredibly grateful to have been supported by this Foundation from day one where they have helped with grant donations, attending our events, fundraising through challenge activities and volunteering. Thank you team JD Foundation-and Happy Birthday!



UPCOMING EVENTS

We have a range of exciting events coming up this year to take part in.

Christmas Ball Saturday 13th December

Join us for an enchanting afternoon filled with joy, laughter, and festive cheer as we come together to celebrate the season and raise vital funds for Once Upon a Smile. The event will be hosted by our charity Co-Founders Danny Miller and Daniel Jillings.





Santa Dash

This is a perfect holiday activity for families, schools, groups of friends at your workplace or on your own. By taking part, you are helping bereaved children and their families this Christmas.

You can <u>take part</u> anytime during December and you choose whether to walk, run or dash to a distance you feel comfortable with. Many larger groups take part in a 5K, but it is totally up to you.

World Smile Day Friday 3rd October

World Smile Day encourages people to spread kindness and make others smile. This year, we want you to bring smiles throughout not only the day but throughout the year. We have some amazing fundraising ideas which you can take part in which would help spread some smiles and raise some much-needed funds for Once Upon a Smile.



Want To Do Your Own Thing?

We also have lots of exciting fundraising ideas including our recently updated A-Z on our website.

HOW YOU CAN HELP



Fundraise For Us

Whether it's a sponsored challenge or a workplace event, every effort counts!



We're always looking for enthusiastic individuals to support our events and activities.

Spread the Word

Share our work with friends, family, and colleagues to help raise awareness.





For more ways to get involved, visit our website, or contact us at info@onceuponasmile.org.uk





Thank You for Your Support!

Together, we bring hope and smiles to bereaved children and families. We couldn't do it without you!









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