



Newsletter

A Message from Our Team

Welcome to the third 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 supporting our work and without you, we couldn't have provided support to bereaved children since 2011. 15 years this year!

We ask our children about their experience of visiting Once Upon a Smile, and recently one child shared a particularly lovely reflection when asked how it felt to come and remember their loved one. Our work is only possible with the kindness of people like you.

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

“It made me feel better
to talk about it here
and made me happier”



LATEST NEWS & UPDATES

It's our birthday!

Our charity was founded in 2011 to provide emotional and practical support to bereaved families, after it became apparent that there was a lack of support for families after the death of a loved one, specifically a parent or child/sibling. In that time, we have provided support to thousands of children. Join us this year in celebrating by taking part in one of our events or help spread news of our work with others.

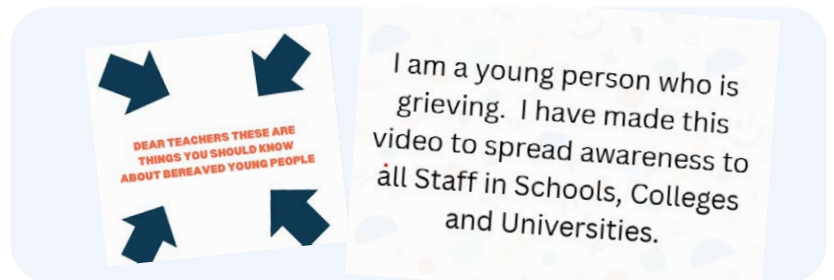


Tour Sidley House

Sidley House, Greater Manchester's only dedicated children's bereavement centre, is a bright and magical place. [Watch this NEW short video](#) featuring children's thoughts about the centre.

A young person's message for schools

Created by a young person supported by our bereavement team, [this powerful video](#) recently launched shares their experience and how schools can better support children after the death of a loved one. It's a reminder of the importance of kindness, understanding, and creating schools where every bereaved child feels seen and supported.



Fundraising-Spotlight



We'd like to say a huge thank you to all of our supporters for everything they do to help make our work possible. From time to time, we love to shine a light on some of our Incredibles who go above and beyond in their support. This edition, we're proud to thank Leasing Options. Through fundraising, events and raising awareness, they've made a real difference to the children and families we support. We're incredibly grateful to have them by our side.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

The Grand Ball

We are thrilled to announce our 15th birthday special of our [Grand Ball](#), taking place on Saturday, 9th May, at the iconic Emirates Old Trafford. This glittering event promises an unforgettable evening of entertainment and fundraising.

And in the words of our charity Co-Founders Danny Miller & Daniel Jillings, the event is...

bigger and better than ever before!!!



Moel Eilio-Walk 15K for 15 years of our charity

As part of our 15th birthday celebrations, we're excited to share this [exclusive hill walk above Llanberis](#), with stunning views of the Snowdon massif and Glyderau range.



Get ready for our first ever Golf Day!

Join us for our [Charity Golf Day](#) on Wednesday 1st July 2026 at the Marriott Worsley Park Golf Club for a fantastic day of golf, food and fundraising.

Teams are invited to enjoy a full day on this beautiful course, with brunch on arrival, a BBQ, and treats available throughout the day to keep everyone fuelled and refreshed and some special entertainment in store.



Trafford Palazzo Abseil

170ft [abseil from the iconic Trafford Palazzo tower](#)-one of the North Wests biggest charity challenges of the year!

This fundraising challenge is for both individual fundraisers and those wishing to take part with friends or colleagues.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Fundraise for Us

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

Volunteer

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.

Want To Do Your Own Thing?

We also have lots of exciting fundraising ideas including our recently updated [A-Z on our website](#).

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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