

# The Vine

child contact centre



## Newsletter January 2024



### Christmas Cheer - Gifts, Joy and Family Moments

It was pure joy on the 23rd December 2023. Thanks to the generosity of 'Love in Action' from [Leeds Vineyard](#) we managed to bring the spirit of Christmas to the Centre for the families. Every child, visiting parent or family member had a session filled with joy, delicious treats and gifts. Unwrapping presents together, laughter in the air and the enjoyment of a delicious Christmas meal together to create long lasting memories. Generosity extended to the resident parents by them starting their day with a breakfast sandwich and a warm drink while they waited.

### Fundraising

We witness heartwarming connections between families and for many financial burdens can create a barrier.

That is where you come in! Your incredible fundraising efforts helps our Centre remain free for every family, removing the financial burden and focusing on what truly matters of joyful connections with their loved ones. By donating or fundraising, you're not just supporting the Centre, you're investing in family smiles and reconnections.

Your efforts big or small:

**Sponsoring a family** - Families on average attend for 3 months (6 sessions), The total cost is **£365**, which works out around **£61** (per fortnightly session). This figure covers staff time for pre-visits, reviews, communication, and each session being fully resourced and within a venue that is safe and fit for purpose.

Use our **JustGiving page** where you can get your supporters to donate to your event, such as a skydive, 10K run, skipping challenge, mountain climb, walking challenge or hold a coffee morning?

**Easyfundraiser** - You can shop with 7,000 retailers who will donate to us every time you shop through their site.



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**8** children spent time with their non-resident parent

**6** families are currently using the Centre for contact

**4-6** weeks waiting time from first enquiry to first use

**1** family are now spending time together in the community

**1** family is attending to maintain contact due to their parent living abroad

**10** volunteers covering the contact sessions

**2023:** The Centre worked with 19 families. Supporting 27 children spending time with their parent or family member.

**40%** - Have had a successful outcome after leaving the Centre

**35%** - Have continued in the Centre

### Good News stories



The Centre recently witnessed a beautiful first - a heartwarming reunion of two siblings who have not seen each other for two years. Amidst the tears and laughter they reconnected as if no time has passed. The older sibling noticed a positive change, whilst the younger sibling

had pure excitement. This was an expansion of family as the younger sibling was introduced to their niece, creating a bridge between generations and strengthening the family unit and connections.

### Thank you

As always a big thank you is given to our wonderful team of volunteers who are still supporting our families and keeping the Centre running. Without each of them, the Centre would not be running so effectively. Thank you to those members that have been willing to deal with a little more responsibility during the sessions.

We now have a dedicated number of volunteers who have been supporting the Centre for a multiple years.

### Updates

Would you like to be a 'Secret Angel' by praying for the Centre? Please sign up [here](#) for our new quarterly prayer newsletter which can be used as a guide to pray as you feel for the families accessing the Centre and those that have moved on. Along with staff and volunteers and anything else we feel has been relevant and on the Centre's heart.

