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allows us to make an
**enormous
difference**
to the lives of the
children and families that
we help and gives them
"Memories to Cherish"

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FAMILY TESTIMONIALS

Vincent & Rose from Surrey: Six months ago our eldest daughter left hospital after a year long in-patient stay. Due to severe reflux, she was unable to eat or drink and was fed by drip and TPN. She was losing weight and we were desperately worried. She is the youngest person now to have a gastric pacemaker fitted in the UK and since her operation in August she has gone from strength to strength. Our weeks holiday in North Wales was fantastic. We had beautiful sunshine throughout Easter and were able to enjoy beach walks and walks in the Snowdonia National Park. North Wales is very beautiful and the local people were friendly and welcoming. The holiday has allowed us to relax together and have some fun. It was the first holiday we have had in such a long time and we are grateful to the charity for giving us this opportunity.



Lorna from Dartford, Kent: We had the time and space to be together as a family away from our very busy (sometimes very tiring and stressful) routine at home. Norfolk is lovely and it was great to visit and explore new places together. Megan had a fantastic time and absolutely loved staying in the caravan for a week. The caravan was very wheelchair accessible with plenty of space in the lounge and kitchen area for Megan to move around in her chair. Megan didn't want to go home! Thank you from all of us x.

How It All Started
"Our inspiration to form the charity came when the son of personal friends developed a terminal illness. He was given only months to live so both his parents gave up work to spend precious time with him. Their dream was to have one last holiday together and their wish was to go to Florida. We got involved in fundraising for them and decided to do a sponsored cycle ride, Atlantic to the Mediterranean across France. We cycled Bordeaux to Narbonne on a tandem and with our help the family got their dream. We realised that many families with poorly children can't afford holidays and this planted the idea. We decided that if we sent children on holiday in the UK we could help a lot more children and families."

**Andrew and Louise -
founders of the charity and Trustees**



Caring for a child with a disability or terminal illness can be a huge responsibility, not only physically and mentally but also financially. Many of these families are on a low income or benefits as they are forced to give up work to look after their sick or disabled child, and as such rarely, if ever, get the chance to enjoy a family holiday together.

Trewan Sands primarily offer holidays through Haven Holidays at 35 sites throughout the UK. We chose Haven as not only do they offer full disabled access and fully equipped disabled holiday homes but they also help us to provide entertainment by providing Free Fun Passes to the children's clubs, which occupies the children throughout the day and family entertainment for the evenings.

We are now offering day trips for up to 10 people and family breaks for up to 6 people on the "Margaret Kane". The Margaret Kane is a wide beam Canal boat purpose built in 2007 providing easy wheelchair and disabled access. It is moored at Barton Grange Marina near Garstang on the Lancaster Canal.

We also use other specialised Holiday Centres and Holiday Homes with full disabled access for those families requiring a more peaceful location. In addition we are working with "Homes with Hearts", another children's charity specialising in offering families holidays in cottages in various locations throughout the UK. This enables us to give the families more choice over the type of holiday they require.



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