



PARTNERSHIP PROSOSAL:

BRINGING COMFORT AND INCLUSION TO SERIOUSLY ILL CHILDREN

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ABOUT ROALD DAHL'S MARVELLOUS CHILDREN'S CHARITY

Founded in 1991, Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity provides specialist nursing care and support to over seriously ill children across the UK.

Our mission is to ensure that children with serious and complex medical conditions receive the high-quality care and support they need to thrive. We work closely with families, healthcare providers, and communities to deliver comprehensive and compassionate care tailored to each child's unique needs.

We have a strong track record of successfully delivering projects that improve the lives of children with complex medical needs, including the establishment of specialist nursing roles within the NHS and providing essential medical equipment to families in need.

Currently, in the North East, nine of our Roald Dahl Nurses support over 2,000 children with complex, lifelong conditions - offering vital medical care, improving their quality of life, and ensuring families receive the guidance they need.

REQUEST FOR FUNDING

We would welcome a grant of £5,000 from the Kans & Kandy Charitable Trust to provide P-Pods – specialist postural support chairs – for seriously ill children living in the North East.

These chairs will be allocated to children under the care of Roald Dahl Nurses who have complex medical conditions and limited mobility. The P-Pods will offer essential postural support, help reduce pain and discomfort, and most importantly, enable children to take part in everyday family life with comfort and dignity – whether that's watching television with siblings, sitting at the dinner table, or attending school.



This initiative aligns closely with your commitment to **improving the lives of children and families facing disadvantage and health inequality**. By funding this project, the Kans & Kandy Charitable Trust will help remove a practical barrier to inclusion and wellbeing, ensuring that children with the most complex needs are not left behind.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: PROVIDING P-PODS FOR SERIOUSLY ILL CHILDREN

The Need for Support

Many of the children living with severe, life-limiting conditions such as cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, and severe neurological impairments are unable to sit comfortably without specialist support. Standard seating does not provide the necessary postural support, which can lead to pain, pressure sores, and further medical complications.

For these children, P-Pods are life-changing. Unlike rigid medical seating, P-Pods offer a safe, comfortable, and aesthetically pleasing seating solution that allows children to sit with their families – whether that’s during mealtimes, watching television, or simply enjoying time together. However, due to financial constraints, many families cannot afford this essential equipment.

How the Funding Will Be Used

Your donation will directly contribute to purchasing P-Pods, which will be distributed to children identified by our Roald Dahl Nurses as being in urgent need of specialist seating. Our nurses work closely with families and are well-placed to ensure that the funding reaches those who will benefit most.

Each P-Pod is tailored to the child’s specific needs, ensuring maximum comfort, support, and inclusion in daily activities.

Expected Outcomes and Impact

- Improved Quality of Life: P-Pods provide children with a comfortable, safe, and well-supported seating solution, preventing postural deterioration and associated medical complications.
- Greater Inclusion: By enabling children to sit in communal spaces, P-Pods facilitate family bonding, reducing feelings of isolation.
- Enhanced Health Outcomes: Proper postural support helps prevent musculoskeletal issues and pressure sores, reducing the need for additional medical interventions.
- Reduced Caregiver Stress: P-Pods ease the physical strain on caregivers by providing a safe and comfortable way to seat children, making everyday tasks such as feeding and entertainment more manageable.

Funding Allocation

All funds received will be used exclusively for purchasing the equipment. The charity will absorb all associated administrative costs to ensure that 100% of the funding is spent directly on supporting seriously ill children.

WHY YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS

Kans & Kandy’s Charitable Trust’s commitment to supporting meaningful, life-enhancing causes aligns closely with the mission of Roald Dahl’s Marvellous Children’s Charity.

By providing P-Pod specialist postural support chairs, the Trust would bring comfort, dignity, and inclusion to seriously ill children living with complex health conditions in the North East. These children face daily physical challenges, and this equipment enables them to participate more fully in family and community life – something many of us take for granted.

This project reflects the Trust’s desire to make a tangible difference to people in need. With your support, children who are often overlooked will gain access to essential equipment that can transform their daily lives, ease the pressure on families, and create moments of joy and connection.

We are very grateful for your time and consideration.

