



# Chernobyl Children Life Line

(To help children suffering from the after effects of the Chernobyl disaster) PINXTON & EAST DERBYSHIRE LINK  
Registered Charity Number 1014274

A huge thank you the Rowsley and District Youth Football League for committing their support to the Chernobyl Children Life Line (Pinxton & East Derbyshire Link) for the 2016 /17 season and the following information is a little about the wonderful work done by the charity to help these unfortunate children whose lives have been so terribly affected by the world's worst nuclear disaster.

The Chernobyl Children Life Line is a charity created to help the unfortunate child victims of the world's worst nuclear disaster at the infamous Chernobyl power plant reactor no.4. The organisation is run purely voluntarily and has no expensive staffing or on-costs, draining its hard earned funds, which are all raised by fund-raising done by the group or by public donation. Many of the children suffer a range of illnesses such as leukaemia, cancer, thyroid problems, physical abnormalities, a greatly impaired immune system and other health problems aggravated by the lack of good food, which if available is prohibitively too expensive for the majority of families.

The aim of the Chernobyl Children Life Line is to bring numbers of these children to our area for a convalescing break of one month, staying with volunteer host families in their homes as part of their family. This one-month break gives the children the opportunity of breathing clean fresh air, eating good healthy food including fresh fruit and vegetables, all free from the radioactive contamination, which covers their country. The children range in age from 8 years to 15 years of age and are boy or girl to suit each host family's own circumstances. The children arrive with very few personal belongings and in many cases have only a small bag in which to carry their clothes. This problem being addressed during their stay and all children are sent home with a suitcase of clothes for them and their family. Each group of children is accompanied by a competent leader / translator who is able to deal with any problems that may arise. During their stay the children will visit places of interest and the sea side both together as a group and with their respective host families, hopefully giving them some memories of a lifetime, and also developing their education and knowledge. It has been proven that the children that have been to our area have had their immune systems boosted, which can last up to two years and they are doing much better at school as a result of their visit. On their return home almost all the children and their new found families keep in touch, exchanging letters, cards and small gifts. Some families even invite the children back at their own expense, such is the friendship that develops during their stay.

The group also provides a social outlet in that we get together as a team and work together to meet our objectives and develop friendships. Within our communities our work creates an awareness of the problems suffered by less fortunate people in other countries. The disaster itself was the worst nuclear disaster in the world and had horrific environmental and humanitarian issues, with wide scale contamination over the country of Belarus creating a situation described as the world's largest experiment, all of which is of interest in schools where they study and discuss the effects of such global catastrophes. Some of the children and their leader visit schools during their stay and answer questions on life and customs in their country, again creating awareness and providing education.

The main single cost to our work is the airfare and visa costs of around £430 per child, plus travel to and from the airport to our area. The host family, the group and friends whose help and support we rely on so much account for most other costs. This year we brought a group of 21 for a convalescing break to our area, so you can see there is much to do if we are to achieve our

objectives each year. Unlike many other organisations we do not have a single tangible aim like a building or a vehicle but have an ongoing humanitarian project in which we are offering hope to live for the unfortunate children of the Chernobyl region.

As a totally voluntary charity with no expensive wage bills or on costs you can be assured that any help or support given to us is used for its intended purpose and not indiscriminately flittered away. This year we celebrated our group's 20th anniversary and it's also the 30th commemorative year since the terrible disaster, so what better way to remember than giving a group of 20 of these unfortunate children a recuperative break and a memory of a lifetime. In our 20 years including this year we have been able to help over 460 children, something we are very proud to have achieved.

Please remember our memorable achievements are only made possible by the wonderful and unselfish contribution made by people like you supporting the work we do to help these unfortunate children, so thank you for any consideration you are able to give to supporting our work and please do get in touch should you wish to speak or know more.

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