Through the magic of technology, Lifelites gives life-limited and disabled children in hospices opportunities they wouldn’t otherwise have.

Thanks to our specialist technology packages, these young people are able to learn, play, be creative, control something for themselves and communicate - for as long as it is possible.

We do this for 9,000 children in every baby and children’s hospice service across the British Isles. So wherever you are, there will be a Lifelites project for children near you.

Lifelites is a fundraising charity seeking to enrich the lives of children and young people with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions in children’s hospices and similar environments by providing the latest assistive and inclusive technologies relevant to their needs and abilities. Also supporting the service providers with maintenance and staff training, all free of charge.
Through a sensor, Eyegaze tracks a child’s eye movements enabling them to move the cursor around the screen. Lifelites aims to supply an Eyegaze package to every children’s hospice service across the British Isles that needs one.

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Lois’s mum Karen was overjoyed when she learned that the hospice had received the Eyegaze equipment. She said:

“To have the Eyegaze technology available for Lois to use to communicate more independently is a dream come true for us and for her. It takes her a step closer to having the voice she deserves.”

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Jamie who visits the hospice has no movement and cannot communicate in traditional ways. Using practical methods, Art Therapist Josie would prompt Jamie to indicate which colour he wanted her to use by looking at it. She would then put it on a brush and hold and move his hand so he could paint. Then Josie decided to test the new Eyegaze.

With Eyegaze Jamie realised that he had complete control and recognised he could move the cursor with his eyes to paint a picture. This was incredible for his parents who had no sense of him being able to make decisions for himself before he used Eyegaze. His monitor also indicated his heart rate was reducing which showed Jamie was relaxing. Josie said:

“Jamie’s condition means that his capacity to speak or move will not improve but we can see he has the ability to develop his cognition. Jamie’s family say that his older brother has been quite distant from him because they can’t communicate. But with Eyegaze there is the possibility of them playing games together – that’s a revelation for them all.”

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“Lois is a very clever and funny little girl locked in a body that doesn’t do as it is told. She knows exactly what she wants but she is unable to tell us, which as parents is just heart-breaking.

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We are proud that there is a Lifelites project at every baby and children’s hospice service across the British Isles.

This means that over 9,000 children and their families are benefiting and enjoying our latest magical technology chosen specially for this unique audience.

Children’s hospices wouldn’t be able to afford the equipment, dedicated training and technical support we provide so we don’t ask them for a penny towards it.
Over the years we’ve listened to feedback from hospice staff requesting more training and support to help them get the most out of the equipment we provide for the children in their hospices. So we’re harnessing the power of technology, not just for the children, but for our work with the staff too.

Thanks to our new training manager, our smart new website now sports a special section just for hospice staff, providing them with a resource they can tap into anytime, anywhere. Packed with equipment guides and help and advice, it’s a one stop shop to all you need to know about the Lifelites equipment.

We’re also communicating with hospice staff through regular e-newsletters informing them of special apps and features, as well as using social media to help keep the staff up to date with the latest developments in assistive technologies. In this way, we aim to ensure they are doing all they can with their donation from Lifelites to enhance the lives of the children they work with.

“I plan to use the iPads in my sessions for sensory development as well as communication. It will make a massive difference and give our children the chance to express themselves and find new ways to communicate.”

Victoria Kempster, Play Worker, Noah’s Ark Children’s Hospice

“It’s reassuring to know that help is at the end of the line to support us with any further training.”

Lesley Faulder, Care Staff, Jigsaw Hospice
Our aim:
To link our equipment to the requirements of the young people at the hospices.

Children’s hospice staff came from far and wide to attend our annual children’s hospice conference to talk about new magical technology packages that may be available to them next year.

We learnt about the huge difference and impact the Lifelites technology packages make for the children.

Hospice staff viewed demonstrations of new equipment and put in requests for some of the magical technology they thought would benefit the young people that they care for.

‘Fab day! A team that really cares, helping our families get the best from all this #magicaltechnology thank you @LifelitesOrg’ Sarah Aspinall, Martin House

‘Great day at the Lifelites conference, such amazing technology to come and would be so beneficial. Thanks @LifelitesOrg #magicaltechnology’ Emma Holmes, Donna Louise

“The equipment will make a huge difference! Communication, control and choice are all things that affect a lot of our children and this can give that back to them.”
The Lifelites team were really supportive; from issuing fundraising packs, sending out the t-shirt and balloons for my work charity event, to keeping in touch with e-newsletters. I think the opportunities Lifelites provides for terminally ill children in hospices are incredible.

Sharon, Barclays

After hearing about all the amazing technologies Lifelites provides for children in hospices my team and I were determined to raise as much as possible to support their work!

Ria, Team Dizzy Rascals, Lifelites ArcelorMittal Orbit Tower Abseil

From abseils to half-marathons to bike rides our supporters have been pushing themselves to the limit to raise money for Lifelites.

Are you a runner, cyclist or adrenaline junkie? Maybe you’d like to organise your own fundraising event - hold a golf day, a clay pigeon shoot or a Ladies that Lunch for Lifelites?

To join and help raise much needed funds for children in hospices:

#teamlifelites
get in touch
IN KIND SUPPORTER - 2015

The Royal Masonic Trust for Girls and Boys continues to provide Lifelites with a very generous donation of offices and accountancy services at no cost. We’re grateful for this as it helps us to keep overheads to a minimum allowing us to invest more in technology for the children we support.

CAPCO Chooses Lifelites!

We built a wide range of successful partnerships across 2014/15, and are excited to announce that Capco, one of the largest listed property companies in central London, has selected Lifelites as one of their chosen charities.

VIPS OLD AND NEW

During 2014/15 we have continued to work with our Very Important Partners to bring smiles and laughter to children in hospices, including:

- Children with Cancer UK
- GamesAid
- Khoo Teck Puat UK Foundation
- Leicestershire & Rutland Masonic Charity Association
- Peter Harrison Foundation
- Provincial Grand Lodge of Cambridgeshire
- Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire
- Provincial Grand Lodge of Northamptonshire
- Revere Charitable Trust
- Worshipful Company of Information Technologists.

And there are plenty of individuals who have pledged their support for our work too! Thank you all.
It’s been another busy but exciting and rewarding year for us here at Lifelites. Our team has grown in size from fundraising to training to communicating what we do for children in hospices across the British Isles. We’ve seen many smiles and heard much laughter from the children we provide the magical technology for and this shows us that our work is making a huge difference.

We’ve invested time in listening to and understanding the needs of children in hospices and have created specialist technology packages to meet their requirements. We have also continued to provide the training and technical support to help hospice staff get the most out of the technology to benefit the children they care for.

We installed our equipment at the 50th site this year, so you can be sure that wherever you live there will be a child nearby who is smiling because of the technology Lifelites has provided at your local children’s hospice. So to our volunteers and generous supporters over the years, we couldn’t have spread our magic if it wasn’t for your help.

Thank you from:
Mike Woodcock - Chairman, Trustee Board
Andrew Ross OBE - Chairman, Management Committee
Simone Enefer-Doy - Chief Executive
...and all at Lifelites
Regular giving means that we have regular income to continue to provide magical technology for the children at your local hospice.

Here’s the idea: A monthly bottle of wine may cost you around £12. Over 12 months this equates to £144. Over four years that could fund a specialist iPad for children in any one of the children’s hospices across the British Isles. That iPad could give a child the chance to communicate, using the special games and apps we provide with each magical package of technology.

Can you spare the cost of that monthly bottle of wine?

Call the office for more details on how you can help:
0207 440 4200
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**SINGLE DONATION**

I would like to make a single donation and enclose a cheque for: £

Please make cheques payable to Lifelites.

**REGULAR DONATION DETAILS**

I would like to make a regular donation via standing order. (Please note Lifelites will forward your completed form to your bank.)

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**GIFT AID DECLARATION: Only UK tax payers should complete this section**

Please treat any qualifying gifts of money made to Lifelites (charity no. 1115655) today, in the past four years and the future as Gift Aid donations until I notify you otherwise. I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax each tax year that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all charities and amateur sports clubs that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify and the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I have given. I will notify you should I choose to cancel this declaration, change my name or home address, or if I no longer pay sufficient tax on my income and/or capital gains.

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We’ve launched a great new fundraising campaign that involves just two things – a group of ladies and lunch.

Just like a coffee morning, a Ladies that Lunch for Lifelites fundraising event is really easy to organise. We have lots of tips and materials available to download from our website including invitations, tickets, a “how to guide” and more to help with your fundraising for Lifelites.

Can you round up a group of lavish ladies and dig deep together over a light bite to help Lifelites continue to provide magical technology for life-limited children in hospices?

Visit www.lunchforlifelites.org

0207 440 4200 info@lifelites.org Follow us on Twitter @LifelitesOrg

Let’s be friends get in touch

www.lifelites.org

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