



Hi, I'm Michelle. I founded Little Miracles back in 2010.

I live with my husband Paul and our three children. We have a very normal, happy family life.

However, my experiences are not what I dreamt my normal, happy family life would be.

Oliver was born severely disabled. During my pregnancy, the doctors told me that he was in a state "incompatible with life". They said Oliver's life, if he were to make it that far, would not be a life worth living. I felt pressured into terminating his life. We were made to think it would be the kindest thing for Oliver. As a family we decided that for however long Oliver was to live that he would know he was loved.

Oliver spent 15 months in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit before he could finally come home with us to Peterborough. I quickly had to adjust to the new normal. Looking after Oliver was hard however it was the isolation that was crippling. My family and friends could not relate to what I was going through, my social circles broke down - I felt totally alone.

## My story is far from unique.

7% of children in the UK are born with a disability - there are over 1,000,000 families like mine; each with their own struggles, ambitions and stories to tell.

Little Miracles exists to ensure families that have children with additional needs, disabilities and life limiting conditions can access the care and support they need, to connect with each other in confidence and without judgement.

From my darkest hour we have grown to a comprehensive support network and lifeline for families and with your help we can reach 50,000 children.



#### Counselling and Bereavement Support

We offer counselling, bereavement support (along with pre-bereavement support) and play therapy to families of disabled children. This support helps siblings, parents and young person.

#### Sensory and Behavioural Support

Strategies and tactics to help parents and children cope and thrive.

#### Family Support

Inform and support parents to be more financially capable; including entitlements of benefits, personal grants, help with appeals and budgeting.

#### Advocacy

Attending meetings alongside families to ensure their rights are protected and parents understand what is being said.

## Workshops and Courses

Providing parents with a core understanding of their child's needs with disability-courses and workshops, strengthening bonds and improving lives.

## Play Schemes

Timetables of activities created at each branch to cater for the needs of members of each branch. Multiple branches are likely to holding sessions right now!

#### Trips

We provide fun opportunities that many families would otherwise be unable to have. We've been to zoos, museums, seaside towns, the theatre, theme parks.

#### Youth Clubs

We run youth clubs aimed at teenagers.

## Places

#### Low Cost Holidays

ITV's People's Millions funded our Caravan of Miracles - our customadapted 6-birth caravan at Kelling Heath Holiday Park, Norfolk.

#### Sensory Shop

Little Miracles operates the first purpose-built sensory room in a shopping centre in the UK. After a successful pop-up period, we have become Queensgate's Charity of the Year and have received backing by Taylor Rose TTKW to continue to provide this fantastic resource in the heart of Peterborough.

#### Social Media

Little Miracles curates many active online communities, each branch running their own private and public groups. Our pages have had tens of thousands of likes!

# Providing families with the support that they need at the time they need it.









"Little Miracles does such a great job in our local community and we couldn't be happier to be supporting them as our Stand Out charity this year, and we were delighted to be invited along to the fun day."

- Martin Cox, Site Leader, Amazon Peterborough

## You Can Help Change Lives

Get Involved by becoming an **ambassador** or making Little Miracles your Charity of the Year.



Get your team together to volunteer



Personal or team challenges



You can **give** a company donation (psst... you can claim tax relief)



Donate goods or services in-kind

BUSINESS **AWARDS** 

2017 - a public vote

Little Miracles won the ITV Peoples Millions in 2014 and

Little Miracles has been recognised as Social Enterprise of the Year in 2013, 2016 and 2017.



Michelle King, our Founder and CEO, was a finalist in the Social Entrepreneur of the Year Award 2015.



# Let's work together!

We can not survive without your help.

We can work with you to arrange fun and engaging ways for your staff to work together and raise much needed money for Little Miracles.

Bring your team to one of our branches - get involved!

Little Miracles is recognised as being a leading local charity your donations will be appreciated.

## Postive PR Opportunities

We work with many agencies and companies across the East of England and host events that enable our donors and supporters to expand their networks and to engage with potential stakeholders.





BBC's DIY SOS: The Big Build united the local community to created a fit for purpose play centre - The Spinney.

\$100 Animal Ex £100 Bowling B What we could do with your donations £220 Gray Del Messy Play E1,200 Trip to coaside E-40 Inclusion £15 Free Play F. ducation New Branch £25 per Counselling Session It costs £9,507 E7,344 Private of the bank of to open and run a new branch for 12 months Where each penny goes Activities 50p Support for Families 25p We want to increase the reach Treining for of our support to 30 branches. Families 11p Places 8p Admin op

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We need your support!!

