



Fundraising News

The Elifar Foundation is a small charity which helps to fund the purchase of a wide range of highly specialised equipment for profoundly disabled children and young adults, which would otherwise be unavailable due to lack of funds or because there is no statutory provision. The grants we make vary in size but are almost always life changing for the recipients and their families.

A team of nine surveyors from retail property firm GCW raised a fantastic £17,500 for Elifar taking on the Three Peaks Challenge, trekking the highest mountains in Scotland, England and Wales in under 24 hours. Huge thanks to GCW and their friends, clients and industry peers who helped them raise such a significant sum for Elifar, making a real difference to the lives of four young people and their families.

This is how Elifar spent the money raised by GCW:

A portable oxygen concentrator makes a real impact on the daily life of three year old **Tayyabah**. She has a heart condition and has been dependent on artificial oxygen since birth. Tayyabah is growing and developing well but routine life is difficult for the family, especially when they want to go out for pleasure – even trips to take her siblings to school are complicated. Elifar has funded this £3,840 portable concentrator which enables Tayyabah to take part in many more daily activities and is a real practical help as she starts nursery school.



Elifar awarded a £2,000 grant to purchase a Delichon Delta Buggy for 15 year old **Joe** who has Dravet Syndrome, a life limiting epilepsy condition. He has learning needs, challenging behaviour, a lack of co-ordination and limited independence. Joe requires supervision and support to manage his daily life and the all-terrain buggy will enable his family to take him out more safely and to travel more widely.

16 year old **Cory** from Exeter has muscular dystrophy and had outgrown his current chair which was badly affecting his posture. Elifar has agreed a grant of £7,800 to help fund a £16,300 power chair for Cory, along with two other charities. The new chair can be driven by Cory and so gives him some much needed independence.



7 year old **Alfie** has Spinal Muscular Atrophy, an inherited condition affecting the nerves of the spinal cord. This means that he will never be able to stand or walk independently. He had outgrown his previous chair so Elifar contributed £3,000 towards the cost of a new £10,500 electric wheelchair for Alfie, with the help of two other charities.

His father wrote 'The use of an electric chair is fundamental to Alfie's quality of life. It will enable him to continue to be independent and to interact with his peers.'

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