

different **Strokes**

Support for Younger Stroke Survivors

Charities & Organisations that may help financially



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Different Strokes



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Who is this booklet for?

The charities and organisations listed here may be able to give you financial help after your stroke.



Do you have questions?



Would you like to speak to someone with personal experience of stroke?



Call our Helpline:
0345 130 7172
or 01908 317618



9:00 to 5:00
Monday to Friday



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This booklet is split into different sections. You may find that not all of it applies to you but it is worth keeping as a reference tool.






Please check whether you are able to apply for help yourself or whether you need a referral from a social worker or healthcare professional.

If a referral is needed, it is very important that you find the relevant person to complete the application on your behalf.

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1 National



Barchester Healthcare Foundation			
	Suite 304, Third Floor, Design Centre East Chelsea Harbour London SW10 0XF		0800 328 3328
	www.bhcfoundation.org.uk		info@bhcfoundation.org.uk
Eligibility:	People with a physical or mental disability whose health and/or social care needs cannot be met by the statutory or public sector or by the individual.		
Types of Grants:	Grants from £100 to £5,000 to promote mobility, independence and improved quality of life.		
Application:	Applications from individuals. Applications for amounts of substantial value will require an accurate costing breakdown and, where appropriate, quotes for services and equipment costs. A decision will usually be made within 10 weeks.		





The Family Holiday Association			
	3 Gainsford St London SE1 2NE		020 3117 0650
	www.FamilyHolidayAssociation.org.uk		info@FamilyHolidayAssociation.org.uk

Eligibility:	Families in need of a holiday. Families must live on a low income, have not had a holiday for the past 4 years, have at least one child under 18, and have been referred by a welfare agent.
Types of Grants:	Grants are paid to the agency for a holiday of the family's choice (usually holiday camps, caravan or a stay with relatives). The total cost of the holiday is paid (holiday camp costs, food and travel expenses).
Application:	Applications from welfare agents which include social workers, health visitors, voluntary and statutory agencies, schools and GPs. Forms become available for the following year in November and funds are often exhausted by February.
Correspond:	The Information Officer

The Florence Nightingale Aid-In-Sickness Trust			
	Community House, Room 35, South Street, Bromley BR1 1RH		0207 998 8817
	www.fnaist.org.uk		ann.griffiths@fnaist.org.uk
Eligibility:	People who are sick, convalescent, disabled or infirm.		
Types of Grants:	Grants are given to provide medical and household aids that make a huge difference to people's ability to manage at home and live as independently as possible. Grants not given for car purchases/adaptations, debts, holidays, general house furnishings, stairlifts or clothing.		
Application:	Applications on behalf of the individual by social workers, occupational therapists, doctors, health centre staff or charities. They should contain a brief medical history of the client and verification of the need for assistance.		
Correspond:	Ann Griffiths		






The Stroke Association



	Stroke House 240 City Rd London EC1V 2PR		0303 303 3100
	www.stroke.org.uk		info@stroke.org.uk
Eligibility:	People who have become disabled as a result of a stroke. Eligibility depends on total household income.		
Types of Grants:	Life After Stroke grants usually for amounts up to £300 to fund vital home or personal equipment or by funding support to become active in your community.		
Application:	Your social worker, healthcare professional or Citizens Advice Bureau, must contact the Stroke Association to refer you, and request an application pack.		




2 Regional



SF Group			
	SF Charity 4 Millennium Way West Phoenix Centre Nottingham, NG8 6AS		n/a
	www.sfcharity.co.uk		brenda.yong@sfcharity.co.uk
Eligibility:	Considers applications which result in the quality of life for an individual or group of disabled people. Applications are welcomed from individuals, professional workers and representatives or organisations and institutions.		
Types of Grants:	No upper limit but the majority of grants are around £1,000. Covers Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire, Derbyshire, Warwickshire and West Midlands. Does not award grants of cash but pays directly for items or services requested by		
Application:	Applications can be made to Brenda Yong, Charitable Fund Manager, by the initial response form at www.sfcharity.co.uk/application.htm or by contacting the charity.		



3 Women Only



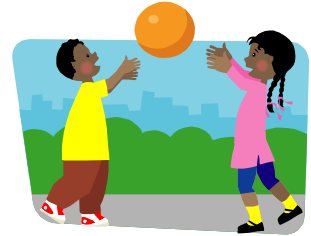
The Arthur Townrow Pensions Fund			
	PO Box 48 Chesterfield Derbyshire S40 1XT		01246 238086
Eligibility:	Widows and spinsters in Chesterfield or NE Derbyshire, unmarried women in rest of England. Applicants should also have a Christian background.		
Types of Grants:	Monthly grants to ladies with an income below £8,000.		
Application:	Please contact directly for more information.		






The Frederick Andrew Convalescent Trust




	www.factonline.co.uk		All contact made via online forms on the website
Eligibility:	Women who have been in paid employment. A grant can be awarded to help recovery following an illness or accident.		
Types of Grants:	Grants can be used towards the cost of convalescence, domestic help to aid recovery at home, therapy from Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) registered specialist. Types of therapy covered include: Physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, chiropody / podiatry.		
Application:	An initial assessment form can be downloaded from the website. Applications are sent out to three Trustees separately in batches so there may be a delay before a decision is made. However, a response is given to every application.		






4 Children/Young People









The Family Fund Trust			
	Unit 4, Alpha Court Monks Cross Drive Huntingdon York YO32 9WN		01904 621115
	www.familyfund.org.uk		info@familyfund.org.uk
Eligibility:	Help for families caring for a severely disabled child aged 17 and under. You need to have evidence of entitlement to one of the following benefits: Universal Credit, Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit, Jobseekers Allowance, Income Support, ESA, Housing Benefit or Pension Credit. If you don't receive any of these benefits the Trust will ask for evidence of your household income. The Trust is unable to help if a statutory		
Types of Grants:	Essential items such as washing machines, but we also help young people aged 17 and under with grants for items such as college equipment. Family breaks are also considered.		
Application:	Application packs can be downloaded from the website.		






Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity			
	Montague House 23 Woodside Road Amersham, Bucks HP6 6AA		01494 890465
	www.roalddahlcharity.org		Online webform


Eligibility:	Children up to 21 years and their families. Must receive Medium or High Rate DLA (the Care component) or the Enhanced Rate for 6 of the 12 activities in the PIP, or have an
Types of Grants:	The maximum grant is £500. Grants governed by medical criteria – neurology and haematology – but very specific within these areas. Could include subsistence or travel expenses when a child is in hospital; appliances—washing machines, refrigerators, heaters, cookers; beds, cots, bedding; clothing; educational toys; pushchairs; payment of utility bills.
Application:	Small grants must be applied for by a social worker or a healthcare professional i.e. health visitor or specialist nurse. This person must be willing to see an application through to its completion and be prepared to supply and confirm information required for the grant to be processed,
Correspond:	Small Grants Manager

Snowdon Trust			
	Unit 18 Oakhurst Business Park Wilberforce Way Southwater West Sussex RH13 9RT		01403 732899
	www.snowdontrust.org		info@snowdontrust.org
Eligibility:	Students with physical disabilities		
Types of Grants:	Grants of £250 to £3000 to physically disabled and sensory impaired students in further or higher education, or those training towards employment. Costs include vital support such as personal carers, sign language interpreters, people to take notes, computers, specialist software, wheelchairs or special accommodation and equipment.		
Application:	Applications packs can be downloaded from the website.		

Lawrence Atwell's Charity		THE SKINNERS' COMPANY	
	The Skinners' Co Skinners' Hall 8 Dowgate Hill London EC4R 2SP		020 7236 5629
	https://www.theskinnerscompany.org.uk/grants-and-trusts/atwell/		atwell@skinners.org.uk
Eligibility:	Individuals aged 16 to 26 pursuing practical vocational courses leading to work. Grants awarded to people from a low-income background, e.g. family income below £26,000 pa.		
Types of Grants:	Grants can range from £100 to £1,500. Applicants may receive a one-off award or a series of payments across the duration of a course of study. This can sometimes be over several years.		
Application:	Take the online eligibility quiz at the website or call or email for more information.		

Student Health Association			
	http://www.studenthealthassociation.co.uk/bursaries.html		admin@studenthealthassociation.co.uk
Eligibility:	Students with disabilities in higher education.		
Types of Grants:	Maximum award is £500.		
Application:	Applications can be made via the website. Deadlines for each year are 1st March, 1st June and 1st November. Apply via an online form.		

Family Action			
	Family Action 24 Angel Gate City Road London, EC1V 2PT		020 7254 6251
	https://www.family-action.org.uk/what-we-do/grants/		grants.enquiry@family-action.org.uk
Eligibility:	Families and individuals with low incomes. Priority areas include families or individuals over the age of 18 with mental health problems; support for vulnerable people aged 19 to 25 to establish an independent life; small grants for medical treatments, services, facilities or equipment for sick or physically disabled; recuperative holidays for women in London.		
Types of Grants:	Grants are usually made for £100 to £300. Welfare grants are available for clothing and general household needs such as beds and cookers but help can be also be given for more varied needs such as communication aids and medical adaptations.		
Application:	Application forms can be downloaded from the website.		

Happy Days Children's Charity			
	Clody House 90-100 Collingdon St Luton LU1 1RX		01582 755999
	www.happydayscharity.org		enquiries@happydayscharity.org
Eligibility:	Families on benefits with child aged 3 to 17 with special needs.		
Types of Grants:	A holiday usually in the UK although other destinations will be considered according to cost.		
Application:	Application form available from the website or call/email above.		

5 Useful Resources



Turn2us			
	www.turn2us.org.uk		Contact form on website
Information:	<p>An independent charity that helps people access money available to them through welfare benefits, grants and other help. The website contains a “Grants Search” facility with an A to Z of grant-giving charities to help people find appropriate sources of financial support, quickly and easily, based on individual need and circumstances.</p>		

Cerebra			
	2nd Floor Offices The Lyric Buildings King St Carmarthen SA31 1BD		0800 328 1159
	www.cerebra.org.uk		grants@cerebra.org.uk or enquiries@cerebra.org.uk
Information:	<p>A charity set up to help improve the lives of children with brain related conditions through research, education and directly supporting the children and their carers. Grants to fund equipment and services to make life easier and more enjoyable. See website for more information.</p>		

Contact A Family

contact a family
for families with disabled children



209-211 City Rd
London EC1V 1JN



0808 808 3555



www.cafamily.org.uk



info@cafamily.org.uk

Information:

Has been providing support, advice and information since the 1970's to families with disabled children, no matter what their condition or disability.

Moneysavingexpert.com



www.moneysavingexpert.com

Information:

This website is not a charity but a useful resource, particularly, if you are trying to save money. The chat forum also has advice about many other things.