

Read about the Charities William's family are supporting and why they are so important to them ...

From the early days of diagnosis Shooting Star Chase have been by our side, providing hospice stays, events such as wheelchair ice skating and trips to Britain's Got Talent and The X Factor. But most importantly, they supported us nursing William at home, being there for those last days and hours, helping us say our goodbyes in our own way and in the loveliest way possible.



They helped in practical ways, working with the wonderful Community Nurses and Palliative Care service, making sure William had the right medication and care at the right time. They called our GP to certify his death, helped to organise the funeral services and gave us somewhere peaceful and beautiful to visit and lay him to rest prior to the funeral.

We have got to find a cure to stop people suffering from devastating brain tumours. We simply have to invest in this to save lives and improve outcomes for people with brain tumours. Brain Tumour Research lobby the government for more funding into research, raising the national profile and supporting research projects in different hospitals around the UK. We have joined them at the House of Commons many times to celebrate their achievements and lobby MPs for their support.



Rainbow Trust are an amazing charity who supported driving us to and from hospital appointments so I could comfort William when sick travelling in, playing games and cooking with William and supporting us all emotionally as a family. The staff have been extremely reliable and caring.



Clic Sargent provide staff to support families at your bedside, play therapists when William was little to enable him to cope with the treatment, staff to link with other charities for special days out which are tailor made for your individual needs. William had fun trips to the theatre, Harry Potter World and Chelsea Football Club. These days give you something to look forward to and raise your morale giving you the strength to carry on.



This is a local charity set up in memory of Alison Phelan who sadly died, just before she was eight, of a brain tumour. We knew the family even before Alison and our William were diagnosed!

They have worked tirelessly and recently have reported raising over a million pounds for research into brain tumours!



Offered William fun teenage events to go to and meet other young people with similar challenges! It can be very isolating and painful to see your friends gain more independence and you lose it!

Imagine not being able to walk independently and not being able to transfer yourself from a chair into a wheelchair. This is what we had to face with William. We needed a hoist in the bedroom. But then you are totally house bound as your supportive wheelchair doesn't fit in your car... Every hour mattered for us to do family things with William. Luckily we found out about Barbara's Bus Fund who lend you vehicles free of charge (you just pay for petrol) which you can clip a wheel chair into! It was so wonderful to take William to the cinema, pub and for walks in the park!



Our shining star ★★★★★