



FRIENDS OF O.S.C.A.R (Oxford)

Offering Support to Children and Relatives

A National Charity Which Supports Families Of A Child
Diagnosed With A Brain Or Spinal Tumour

Registered Charity No 1115377



Who are Friends of O.S.C.A.R (Oxford).

Friends of O.S.C.A.R (Oxford) are a small charity who provide support to children diagnosed with a brain and /or spinal tumour and their families. This may be at the time of diagnosis, during treatment or after treatment has finished when they find themselves living with the long term effects caused by the tumour and its treatment and sadly in some cases after bereavement.

Friends of O.S.C.A.R (Oxford) developed from a well established charity called O.S.C.A.R, which was founded in 1995 by a group of health care professionals in the Oxfordshire NHS trust.

As it has grown the staff and families felt they would like to offer the same level of support to families throughout the UK, Friends of O.S.C.A.R (Oxford) is the result.



Sharing information days.

The sharing information days provide parents, young people and professionals with information and support on a range of issues they may face in their everyday lives now and in the future.

Past subjects have included everything from education, lifestyle choices, new treatments and late effects.

These days are really helpful for families as it is often difficult to know where to go for support after having a diagnosis of a brain or spinal tumour.



One Way Fun Way weekends/days.

These provide our young people aged 11 and over, their siblings or a friend with opportunities to try new activities and talk to others in a similar situation, gain independence and confidence in a safe and friendly environment with the support of our team of volunteers.

The days and weekends are Parent free!!!!!!!!!!!!



Previous events have included flying a plane, skiing, trying circus skills, planning and producing a musical, PGL weekends, a trip to Harry Potter studios and building a snowman in May!

Summer Events.

Our summer event days enable families to enjoy some time away from the hospital and join in with our fun summer activities and meet other families in a similar situation.

Some events are held in local halls and we provide activities such as graffiti walls, make your own pizza lunch, archery and animal zoo.

Days out have included trips to wildlife parks and Legoland.

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Christmas Pantomime / Party.

Our Christmas events give families the opportunity to meet up and see a pantomime without worrying about the cost of buying tickets and then the child being too unwell to attend.

Private events in small halls also enables children on active treatment to be to join in without the added worry of infection from large groups.



Young people's view of the charity's work.

“Having a brain tumour can be a very lonely experience and Friends of O.S.C.A.R has been an amazing way to connect with people who have been through something similar. The adolescent weekends are the highlight of my year.”

“I absolutely LOVE Friends of O.S.C.A.R they have helped through my first and second brain tumours and have been my second family. They have made me the man I am today.”

“Friends of O.S.C.A.R is my second family. They have helped me so much over the years and I have made so many friends through the charity. Friends of O.S.C.A.R has made me the young lady I am today and I wouldn't be as confident without them.”

“Thank-you ever so much for Friends of O.S.C.A.R it feels great to feel a part of such a great family!”

Family Packs.

- A pack to support the families during unscheduled or emergency hospital visits
- Providing a selection of everyday essentials
- Will also contain a few things to entertain the children
- Lets the families know that they are not alone, and that others who have been through the same thing are there to support them



Parents view of the charity's support.

We would just like to say thank you for such a lovely day on Sunday.

We had such a lovely time, we can't thank you enough for organising it for us.

Pete is right when he says we are the Oscar family! It truly has been lovely to see the children grow up together and to have made such wonderful friends on the way!

We do so hope you can continue all you do for the children and for us too. You all have been such wonderful support to us over the years.

"We are always made to feel welcome at every Friends of O.S.C.A.R. event. The support and friendship from other Oscar families has been invaluable. Friends of O.S.C.A.R. has given our daughter a confidence we never thought we would see."

"Friends of O.S.C.A.R. put a smile back on my son's face, priceless."



Why you should vote for Friends of O.S.C.A.R to Brand the Bus.

- To raise awareness of the charity's work
- To help support children and their families during difficult times
- To raise awareness about brain and spinal tumours in children.
- To raise awareness of the late effects of treatment.
- So no family facing a brain or spinal tumour feels alone
- Friends of O.S.C.A.R is an Oxfordshire based charity

We would like to continue to support families

We can't do this without you

Thank you for your time

