

Supporting children with disabilities

Matthew's story



Matthew has epilepsy and learning and behavioural difficulties, which began after he contracted meningitis, aged two. He has short seizures every day, which can make him fall over and seem dazed.

Matthew attends the Barnardo's Caern project in Edinburgh where he stays overnight once a week. The Caern project provides residential short breaks for children and young people with learning disabilities.

'Matthew has a fantastic time,' says his mother Christine, 'we've got a photo of Caern at home and he says, "I want to go and see the guys!" 'With the help Barnardo's is giving us, we're starting to rebuild our lives and we have the space to relax a bit. It's been a lifesaver for all of us.'

How the money you raise will help Barnardo's?

For every **£1** you raise for Barnardo's, **94p** goes directly to helping the vulnerable children, young people and their families who we work with*.

£200 would pay for a member of Barnardo's staff to be trained to use a Multi-Sensory Room, so that they can help children and young people with disabilities to learn interactively.

£2,000 would pay for a touch-screen personal computer, enabling children and young people with physical disabilities to learn and play interactively.

*If property development and retail shop costs are excluded – which are self financing.