

Will You Be Key To Our Success?



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All About Us

Our Mission:

To enable families who have a loved one with additional/ complex needs, disability and/or Profound and Multiple Learning Disabilities to 'Connect Support and Thrive.'

Jolly Josh aims to 'Inspire Inclusion.'



Our objectives:

The object of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation is to relieve the needs of those with additional needs, complex needs, disabilities and those with Profound and Multiple learning Disabilities, their families and carers within Rochdale and the wider area, particularly but not exclusively by:

- facilitating sessions for those with disability and/or additional/complex needs, to improve the quality of life of those living with a disability, additional need and/or life limiting condition and their families;
- helping connect those with a disability and/or additional/complex needs and their families to professional support agencies and other charities to further support;
- providing peer to peer support for families and carers of those caring for a person with disability and/or additional/complex needs.

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- providing a safe, secure and inclusive environment for those with a disability and/or additional/complex needs along with their families and carers outside of the home.
- to do all things possible to help those with additional/complex needs, disabilities, profound and multiple disabilities and their families.



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- arrange, or support public meetings, lectures, conferences, seminars, courses of instruction and other educational activities, including for the consideration and discussion relating to additional/complex needs, disabilities and profound and multiple disabilities.
- publish and distribute PowerPoints, presentations, books, pamphlets, reports, leaflets, journals, films, tapes and instructional matter on any media;
- provide or procure the provision of advice, professional services, counselling, holistic services, therapies and guidance;
- alone or with other organisations seek to influence public opinion, make representations to and seek to influence governmental /institutions/other bodies regarding the development and implementation of appropriate policies provided that all such activities shall be conducted on the basis of well-founded, reasoned argument.

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Timeline

2017

August 27th

Joshua James Kelly passed away aged 15 months, breaking the hearts of those who knew and loved him . Carole, Joshua's Mummy took a year out of work to create and run Jolly Josh, in addition to volunteering at the local special needs school twice a week.

September 27th

Jolly Josh opened exactly one month after Joshua passed away.

Within our first year of opening we welcomed 63 families and 23 different professionals from the NHS, other charities and services. All enabling our families to *Connect, Support and Thrive*— our moto!



Timeline

2018

April 26th

Jolly Josh gained registered charitable status! Charity number 1178116

May 1st

We were selected to be 'Disabled Living's ' inspirational story, raising awareness of Jolly Josh

July 13th

Carole, Founder of Jolly Josh is thrilled to receive a nomination for a Greater Manchester Health & Care Champion Award.

July 15th

Jolly Josh was selected to be Sainsbury's Local Charity of the Year (Littleborough store)

July 20th

We celebrated the 70th Birthday of the NHS with a 'Wonderland' themed fundraiser at Callahan House. Callahan House is a health clinic, many of our NHS children's community and therapy services are based here.

Timeline

September 3rd

Carole became employed at Springside Special School as a teacher of children with Profound & Multiple Learning Disabilities, in addition to running Jolly Josh.

November 8th

Jolly Josh provided a minibus to take our families to the 'Kidz Up North' event held at Event City, providing the opportunity for parents/carers to hear seminars and learn more about inclusive products.



Timeline

2019

January

Our Jolly Josh Stay & Play sessions are now going to be managed by Emma, our long term volunteer, Emma will be on payroll on a self employed basis. This is due to the fact that Carole now needs 'time out', firstly to begin to grieve but also to manage the workload of Jolly Josh .

March 7th

Jolly Josh is awarded £10, 000 from the National Lottery Community Fund.

April 26th

Carole, Founder of Jolly Josh is proudly awarded Rochdale Woman of the Year.



Timeline

June 27th

Real Rochdale Magazine run an article featuring us.

November 2nd

Jolly Josh announce that we are to build our very own inclusive, accessible venue, with huge thanks to local businesses PGC and Kerf for their support! This will include a Changing Place and hydrotherapy pool!

November 21st

Real Rochdale Magazine run a double page spread on our journey.

2020 is set to be the most exciting year for Jolly Josh!



A Place To Call Home 2019

Just two years after the launch of Jolly Josh's first ever session, our families were invited to a 'Mystery Meet', alongside the Mayor and Mayoress of Rochdale on the 2nd November 2019 to be present for our much awaited announcement. We were incredibly excited to publicise that we now have the keys to our own venue! This venture was first discussed in September after celebrating our 2nd Year Anniversary and has moved forward swiftly. The long term goals which we once only dreamed of achieving for those with additional/complex needs, disabilities and those with Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties (PMLD) are now beginning to become reality!



Joshua's Mummy's Thoughts

In having our own centre, Jolly Josh will now be able to develop as a charity providing more support for families in and around the borough of Rochdale, enabling them to 'Connect, Support Thrive' and 'Inspire Inclusion. We will be able to begin to work towards meeting short and long term goals which will benefit our families and for this we are exceptionally grateful!

After my son Joshua passed away in 2017, I changed roles, transferring from teaching in a mainstream school to special education. Becoming a teacher of primary aged children with Profound & Multiple Learning Difficulties (PMLD) gave me great insight into some of the challenges that families faced as disabled children became older. I had experienced life with a disabled baby/toddler with complex needs but this role gave me an insight into what life might have been like as Joshua got older and bigger. I became aware of factors such as not being able to change my child's pad (nappy) without laying them on a dirty toilet floor because very few establishments have appropriate changing facilities. I also thought about the fact that as a Mummy I would have wanted to have carried Josh everywhere but I now realise that when children get larger and heavier, we sadly must come to terms with the fact that this personal embrace is no longer possible and that a hoist is required. I began to consider the health and safety of parents/carers in moving and handling, if they are to

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damage their backs in lifting, they can lot care for their child and so we reluctantly begin to accept the idea of such machinery and aids... But where are the facilities with these?



This image shows the real experience of one of our local children and her family using disabled toilet facilities. Disabled toilets do not provide hoists for lifting loved ones or changing beds, etc Most of us take bathroom trips for granted but our families are often isolated due to this heart-breaking reality. Their only option is to change pads on a urine soaked toilet floor, next to the toilet and a bin! This photograph is actually taken in one of the better, cleaner toilets too, This is NOT acceptable!

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We are very proud to state that our venue will have a Changing Place! This will be the 2nd facility available in the whole of Rochdale, proving dignity for those who need the toilet. Changing Places provide an adult sized bed, in addition to hoisting to allow for safe and dignified bathroom trips.



This image shows the same child in a Changing Place, being granted the dignity and respect which she (and all of our loved ones) deserve. The difference is clear to see, and our charity is honoured to be working towards providing a Changing Place!

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This photograph shows us having a family swim at Derian House Children's Hospice, Chorley, a rare opportunity due to the fact that Joshua required a hydrotherapy pool (as most children with complex ,medical needs do).

We are excited to announce that our Jolly Josh venue will also house a hydrotherapy pool, enabling families in and around the Borough to experience these special moments!

Joshua's Mummy's Thoughts

Our proposals for the future are to introduce many more sessions such as a Youth Group, Music Therapy, Dad's Den, Sibling Support, Palliative Pals, Counselling, and Charity Collaborations to name but a few.

We plan also to introduce Sensory Stimulation sessions, using modern Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) technologies and lights to create a bespoke room for those with needs to thrive

We hope to be able to host parties at our centre, we understand the celebrations of birthdays for those with short life diagnosis and we also recognise that for our children with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND) planning birthday parties can be limited, therefore we hope to be able to offer an appropriate, enjoyable venue.

These plans are at present just ideas, thoughts as to how we can develop our charity to meet the needs of our families, but as a team in 2017, we dared to dream of the concept of Jolly Josh, in just two short years we have proved that this group was needed within our community, though we have only been able to meet the needs of a bespoke few (those with young babies and toddlers). Our dreams of bringing families together, to create a louder, stronger, united voice for our loved ones with disabilities, are becoming a reality.

Joshua's Mummy's Thoughts

We stand by the famous quote by Hellen Keller, '*Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.*'

'Together' started with a vision, my vision, that I could meet other families who had a disabled child. Professionals struggled to connect me with peers due to confidentiality policies but wanted to overcome this barrier and therefore fully supported Jolly Josh, so much so that some became trustees. 'Together' includes my family, in particular my husband James, and friends who supported me whilst I worked tirelessly and sometimes obsessively but only because I've witnessed the great need for change) to make Jolly Josh a success. 'Together' takes account of our volunteers who have been crucial to the success of our charity, without Emma, Ann, Sarah (to name a few) we would not have managed the workload.

'Together' are those who have been a part of this journey, Mrs Fierro at @Springside School and all those from the Children's Acute and Ongoing Needs Service, in addition to other professionals who visit and support our sessions. Importantly, 'Together' includes all of our supporters, those who raise awareness of our charity and also raise funds, without donations we would not have survived so far, let alone be making this incredible progress. Of course, Jolly Josh would not be a success without our families, those who have taken the brave step in attending first sessions (we

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realise that this is a very anxious time) and have joined our group, 'Together' we are community.

Moving forward with this venture, our very own venue, we are extremely grateful to Pete and Dan, Directors at PGC Demolition Ltd and Kerf Developments Ltd respectively. Words cannot describe how thrilled we are that we have been given this opportunity, the dream of dreams! 'Together' have just increased into realms which we once only imagined, with Pete and Dan's support we are continuing to welcome more and more sponsors to enable our vision to become reality, and this will be 'Key To Our Success!'



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We are extremely thankful to those local services, businesses, trades and individuals who have so far offered their support with regards to the build of our venue, we are overwhelmed with the generosity which we received, (see a list on our website'. However, we are still in need of help! If you feel that you would be able to offer support with the build and development of our venue then please contact Jolly Josh by emailing JollyJosh1@Outlook.com.

Moreover, this dream vision is going to be costly and therefore we are extremely grateful of all fundraising and donations, please contact fundraising@JollyJosh.co.uk or make a donation at the click of a button via our website www.JollyJosh.co.uk

'Thank You' just doesn't seem enough, for the support that we receive, we are at the start of a very special journey, one which we invite you to join us on.

Carole,

Joshua's Mummy

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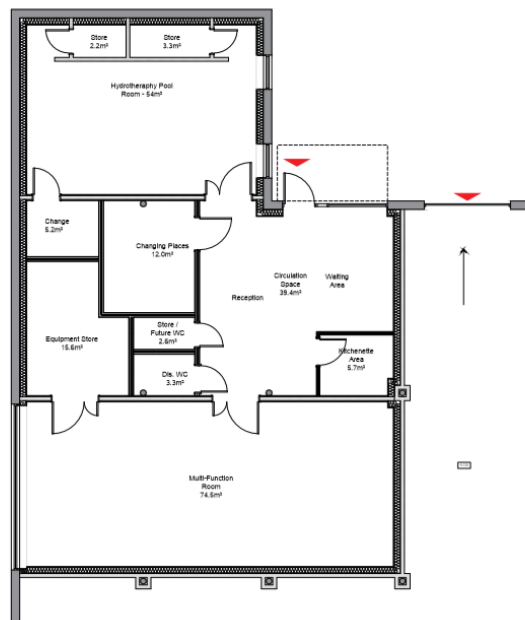
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The Build Of Our Very Own Venue!

Our venue is based in Castleton, Rochdale, perfect for those visiting from the surrounding areas of Heywood and Middleton too, with very close motorway and train links, enabling families to also travel from further afield.

The build is now underway , in its initial stages, it is going to be extremely costly and therefore fundraising is 'key to our success!' All support is gratefully received to make our dream a reality.

We are extremely proud to present our floor plan below...



Testimonial

"When Leo was first diagnosed with cerebral palsy I am not afraid to admit that I was completely overwhelmed. Once his diagnosis hit so did all the professionals that came into our life.

While I was grateful for each and every professional's help to improve the quality of Leo's life it was completely overwhelming,, they all suggested I visit Jolly Josh. At first I was a bit sceptical thinking do I really want to go somewhere that is all about disability that is already ruling our life?. I first went to Jolly Josh when Leo was about 15 months old, I walked in and was welcomed by Carole, she put my mind at ease straight away. She explained how the sessions run and how different professionals come along to each session so we can seek advice in a relaxed environment.



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Leo is now 3 and we love attending our Jolly Josh sessions. I have 3 older children who also enjoy attending in the holidays. It is also nice to have people who understand the struggles we are going through and to be able to talk with no judgement. The whole Jolly Josh family have seen us through Leo having his PEG (Gastrostomy feeding tube) inserted, and also his epilepsy, I wouldn't of got through it without the help and support of the staff and other families attending Jolly Josh. Leo also has a safe space to be able to play and explore which is hard to come by within the community play sessions. Having this opportunity to go somewhere to play has given Leo more social interaction skills and more opportunities to develop bonds away from the family.



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Leo has developed relationships with staff and other parents and is happy to go for a cuddle with any of them while I have a quick brew, which is good respite for me.

I feel that if Jolly Josh wasn't available I would suffer as I would lose a lot of my support system from people who actually understand what's happening in our life's and can sympathise without being condescending."

Emma



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Contact Us

For further information about Jolly Josh please visit our website

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Here you can read many more reviews from our families, look at photographs from our sessions (currently held at Springside and Hamer Learning Community School), read our Blogs , view our fundraising, read updates about our build and more!

We're grateful of every penny received towards the development of our build, as the saying goes 'pennies make pounds!' Take a look at our 'KEY To Our Success' scheme for larger donations too.

Please email fundraising@JollyJosh.co.uk for enquiries and/or to discuss donations.

Thank You

Connect. Support. Thrive.

*Photograph taken at the
beginning of our build,
December 2019*



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