

OVER THE WALL CAMP

UK Children's Charity

2024 impact report



Who is OTWC?



Parents tell us they can feel overwhelmed and powerless watching their children become increasingly withdrawn and unable to enjoy their childhood.

Founded in 1999 by the late Oscar-winning Hollywood actor and philanthropist Paul Newman, and UK businessman Joe Woods, Over The Wall Camp (OTWC) is the only UK charity providing free-of charge residential activity camps for children and their families specifically designed to address the psychosocial impact of living with a serious, long-term health condition. We empower children and their families to explore beyond the perceived limitations of illness to rediscover the magic of childhood.

More than 1 in 10 children in the UK have a long-term illness, and owing to advances in paediatric clinical treatment, more children than ever are living longer with a chronic health condition.

Many of these children remain in treatment for lengthy periods and are often unable to engage in normal childhood activities, leaving them isolated, lonely, and vulnerable.

Awarded 'Outstanding Provider' status by Ofsted, OTWC's programmes, which have been academically researched and independently evaluated in numerous studies, achieve transformational outcomes, including improved confidence, self-esteem, resilience, and a sense of belonging. Beneficiaries also show more positive relationship skills, improved social skills and interest in social activities.

**“
I get the same
feeling from Over
The Wall Camp as I
do on Christmas
morning!”**



Over The Wall Camp is currently serving up to 1000 residential beneficiaries per year and covering more than 130 different illnesses and conditions. Our programmes are supported by a team of paediatric clinical professionals trusted by parents, NHS, and charity partners to ensure that the highest standards of medical care underpin all that we do.



2024 in numbers

Our Campers

826 residential campers
92% reported feeling happier

786 Camp in the Cloud
85% felt less isolated

1045 Boxes sent for Camp in the Cloud
88% felt more positive about the future

Our Volunteers

232 volunteering places filled
99% felt supported by staff and fellow volunteers

141 returning volunteers
95% made a friend & would recommend volunteering at OTWC to a friend

96 new volunteers

Between 96% – 100%

were extremely satisfied or satisfied with the OTWC camp team in terms of engagement, approachability, friendliness, and knowledge about the programmes.

“I’m much more confident now and have higher self-belief.”

Our Outcomes

Short Term

Improved resilience, independence, confidence and self-esteem, relationships with family and friends, increased opportunity to try new things, and increased support network of friends. Reduced feelings of isolation and stigma

Medium Term

Increased skills, changed attitudes or values, modified behaviour, improved coping.

Long Term

Improved positive identity, social competence and independence.

Just for fun!


2597 marshmallows eaten


116 activity sessions


38 dance parties


unlimited mischief and magic!



Ockbrook

Our New Home

In 2024, Over The Wall Camp secured its first permanent home at Ockbrook near Derby, in the centre of England. Now, we're transforming it into a space that will be camp-ready by 2026, unlocking new opportunities for children with long-term health conditions.

This 17-acre site will be a place of adventure, creativity, and connection. Children will scale climbing walls, explore woodland trails, stargaze, and enjoy the outdoor amphitheatre. With archery, sensory gardens, indoor activity hubs, and a transformed sports hall, Ockbrook will offer experiences designed to build confidence, independence, and joy.

We're creating spaces where children can challenge themselves—whether mastering an obstacle course, crafting in an art studio, or conquering the zip line. Every moment will be filled with possibility, from the energy of the dining hall to the magic of a campfire.



With a permanent home at Ockbrook, we'll have the opportunity to expand our camp offering, create new programmes, and strengthen hospital partnerships—reaching thousands more children and ensuring every child experiences adventure, friendship, and possibility.

For up-to-date details on our plans and progress with the Ockbrook project please refer to our [website](#).

Our Supporters & Donors

None of our 2024 achievements would have been possible without the support of our wonderful donors, supporters, and partners, for whom we are hugely grateful. In addition to generous funding from individuals, trusts, and companies, we received the hands-on support of more than 140 volunteers from 11 different corporate partners who assisted with all manner of tasks, from packing boxes for Camp in the Cloud to clearing rooms at our new site. We are truly grateful for all the support we continue to receive from our valued friends and donors.

