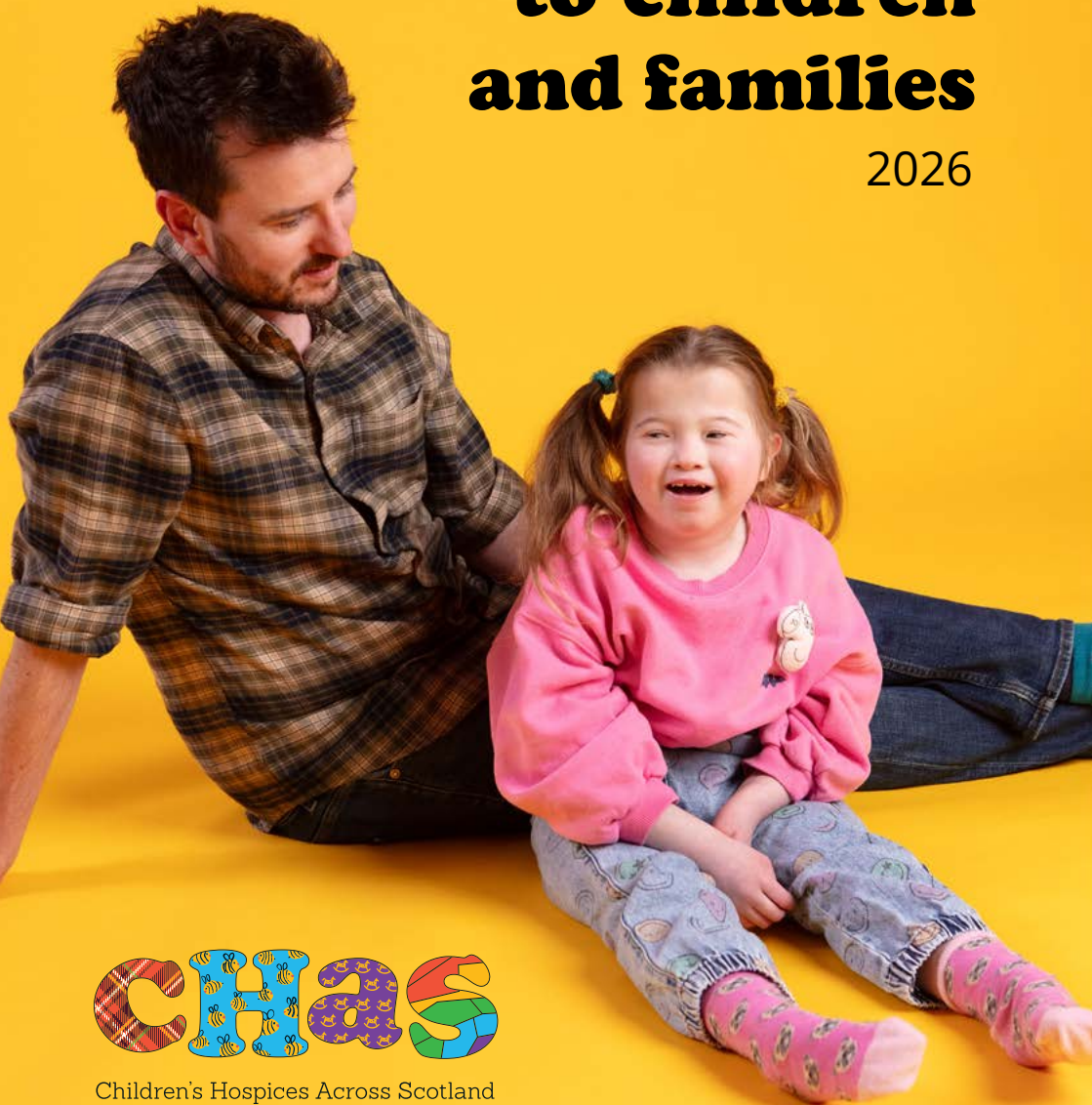


The joy you bring to children and families

2026



Children's Hospices Across Scotland

THANK YOU

Thanks to your love and support, families facing the death of their child received care shaped around what mattered most to them.

When a child is seriously ill, families can find themselves facing heartbreaking decisions and an uncertain future. Your kindness and generosity mean families could access the care, support and precious time together they needed, wherever they were and whatever they were facing.

You are making sure that no one has to face the death of their child alone.



"CHAS gave us something no-one else could. They gave us time with Amelia before and after she died. We got to make memories with her and be a family."

**Ainslidh,
Amelia's mum**

Thanks to you, we could:



Support over 540 babies, children and young people in hospice, at home or in hospital



Carry out 1,567 visits to children and their families at home



Support 801 admissions to our hospices



Support 250 nights in one of our Rainbow rooms giving families the opportunity to say a gentle goodbye

In our hospices: Families can spend precious time together, making memories that will last a lifetime.

At home: CHAS at Home nurses care for children in the comfort of their own home, surrounded by the people and places they love.

In hospital: CHAS teams work alongside NHS colleagues to care for children and families in hospital.

Thanks to your support over this past year, more families can spend precious time together at home during their child's final days and weeks, if that is their wish. We have improved access to our specialist nursing and medical support, providing comfort, dignity and reassurance when it matters most.



Helping families live well together

By standing alongside families, you helped children do what they love, siblings feel less alone and families find reassurance and support.

Quinns' creativity takes centre stage

Using eye gaze technology, Quinns creates his own digital artwork, choosing every colour, brush and detail. When Play Assistant Becky saw his work at Rachel House, she helped bring it to a wider audience by showcasing it at the CHAS Ladies Lunch.

"Seeing Quinns' artwork displayed everywhere was incredible. It was overwhelming in the best possible way."

Jennifer,
Quinns' mum



Quinns

Time just for siblings

A recent Sibling Away Day gave young people the chance to switch off, spend time outdoors and connect with others who truly understand their experiences, creating new friendships and lasting memories around campfires and forest adventures.

**Supporting one child means
supporting the whole family.**



One less thing to worry about

Money worries should never add to the challenges families already face, especially as families of children with complex needs often have much higher energy costs due to the need to run specialist equipment 24/7. Your support helped our Financial Wellbeing and Energy Advice Team provide greater security, reassurance and peace of mind, giving families like Kayden's greater security and peace of mind.

**£1.65 million+ secured in additional income for families through
CHAS's Financial Wellbeing and Energy Advice team**

**419 home energy surveys completed, helping families make sure
their homes are as energy efficient as possible**



"When you have a child who relies on a lot of electrical equipment such as a feeding pump and an electric bed, costs can add up. Melanie from the Financial Wellbeing Team helped us apply for payments and benefits we did not realise we were entitled to. This support has made a massive difference."

Valerie, Kayden's mum

Care through the hardest moments

You helped make sure families felt loved, supported and not alone before, during and after the death of a child.

The greatest gift

For Ava's mum Jackie, the greatest gift your support gave her was the chance to take a break from being Ava's nurse and simply be her mum again.

When 12-year-old Ava was nearing the end of her life following an aggressive brain tumour diagnosis, family life had become centred around her complex care needs. At Robin House, expert care helped keep Ava comfortable while her family focused on what mattered most: being together.



For Ava, that meant freedom, fun and new experiences, from a family trip to the Kelpies to the chance to try a zip slide. For Jackie, it meant precious time to sit with Ava, cuddle her and make memories together.



"I didn't have to be Ava's nurse anymore. I could hand over her care and just sit with her, cuddle her and laugh with her. That's something I'll always be grateful for."

Jackie, Ava's mum

Grandparents' Retreat

When a child dies, grief touches every generation. Grandparents can be grieving their grandchild while trying to hold the wider family together.

At the first CHAS Grandparents' Retreat, organised by the CHAS Spiritual Care and Bereavement Team with support from Imagine This, bereaved grandparents from across Scotland came together at Ardoch Loch Lomond to rest, reflect and connect with others who understood what they had gone through when their grandchild died.

"Being with other grandparents, we've been able to share our experiences, and it means a lot as they know exactly what you are going through."

Pauline, Sebastian's grandmother



16 bereaved grandparents found connection, understanding and support



Hear grandparents describe what the retreat meant to them.

A home away from home

Your kindness meant that families had a place to pause, feel cared for and simply be together.

The little things that make the biggest difference

For families caring for a child with a life-shortening condition, everyday moments can feel out of reach. At Rachel House and Robin House, families can step away from the constant demands of caring and spend precious time together.



"When we're at Rachel House and the kids are off playing, we can take that well-needed time to relax, have a hot drink or two and a cheeky wee cake. We also get to have a good natter with other parents and staff, something we don't often get the chance to do."

Laura,
Nevayah-Rose's mum

The warmth families experience at CHAS comes from every corner of the hospice. From freshly prepared meals and a listening ear to expert medical advice, every detail helps families feel cared for.

32,300 home-cooked
meals prepared for
children and families



**A
home
away from
home**

"We find it very relaxing going to Rachel House because we don't have to worry about making meals or doing everything all the time as the nurses and staff help with everything that is needed. Because of this we can just relax as a family and enjoy special time together."

Qusai Al-Hamdan

Bring people together over tea and cake

Host an Afternoon Tea for CHAS and help create more moments of comfort, connection and family time through the More Than a Hospice Appeal.

Plan your Afternoon Tea, find out how at chas.org.uk/afternoon-tea or scan the QR code



Time, skills and kindness in action

By giving their time, skills and kindness, volunteers helped create moments of joy, connection and support for children and families across Scotland.



902 volunteers supported CHAS in 2025/26



46,124 volunteer hours donated



22 new volunteer roles developed

Penny: part of the team

Penny is a retail volunteer at our shop, and she values using her skills to support CHAS and support her local community.

"I feel proud to play a part in creating a welcoming shop that customers love, while supporting such an amazing charity."

Penny



VOLUNTEER

Alex: making family adventures possible

For 21 years, Alex has helped families enjoy days out, driving the Robin House minibus to the safari park, cinema, bowling and other activities. He is also the Robin House resident Santa Claus! Scan the QR code to hear more from Alex about why volunteering for CHAS brings him joy.



"The families are always so grateful to me for transporting them, and I really enjoy their company too."

Alex



A lasting legacy of care

Gifts in Wills help ensure children and families for generations to come can experience care that is there when they need it, where they need it, and in the moments that matter most.

1 in 5 children's care funded through Gifts in Wills.

Jack's lasting legacy

More than 30 years ago, Jack Blaik and his late wife Nancy helped create CHAS, inspired by their son Daniel and a belief that children with life-shortening conditions and their families should receive the care and support they need.

Today, Jack has chosen to leave a gift to CHAS in his Will, helping ensure future families can continue to access the same care, comfort and support that inspired CHAS from the very beginning.



JACK

Jack, Daniel and Nancy (Left to Right)

Maria McKay has also chosen to leave a gift in her Will to CHAS.

"Giving to CHAS is about helping give children and parents precious time together, making precious memories."

Hear more from Maria herself



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A gift in your Will can help families in Scotland feel loved, supported and never alone when they need it most, for generations to come.

A community of support

The work of CHAS is only possible because people, communities, businesses and partners choose to stand alongside families in Scotland caring for a child with a life-shortening condition. Together, they help make sure no one in Scotland has to face the death of their child alone.

Partnerships with purpose

When organisations choose to stand alongside families, their people, skills and support can make a lasting difference.

Royal Bank of Scotland: Stronger Together

When colleagues at Royal Bank of Scotland chose CHAS as their charity partner, they launched a partnership built on shared values and a commitment to supporting children and families across Scotland. In just one year, colleagues raised an incredible £176,350 through fundraising, volunteering and awareness-raising activities.

Alongside fundraising, Royal Bank of Scotland colleagues have championed CHAS, shared their skills and helped raise awareness of the care we provide.

Thank you for all your support!



£176,350 raised in year one of our partnership

Could your business support CHAS? Get in touch! support@chas.org.uk

Across Scotland, players, customers and partners found creative ways to give, raise awareness and help care reach families. Different actions, one shared purpose: making sure children and families have support when and where they need it.

Local Hospice Lottery

£637,200 raised

Behind every ticket is an act of kindness. Thanks to thousands of lottery players, children and families across Scotland could experience moments of joy, comfort and togetherness.



Aldi Supermarket Sweep

£10,000 pledged in support

Aldi Scotland's five-minute trolley dash gives shoppers a memorable experience while Aldi matches the value of each haul as a donation to CHAS, turning energy in the aisles into support for families.

Loganair

"Spirit of CHAS"

Loganair named an aircraft "Spirit of CHAS", carrying CHAS's name across its network. The partnership also helps CHAS staff reach island and remote communities, turning national visibility into care for children and families.

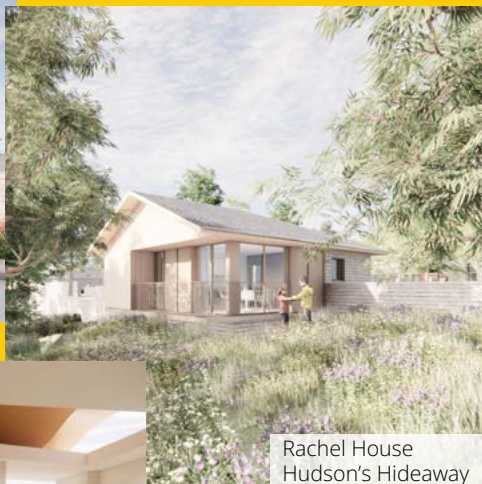


Be part of something bigger

The More Than a Hospice Appeal is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to transform how Scotland cares for children with life-shortening conditions and their families, today and for generations to come. By standing together, we're rebuilding Rachel House, renewing Robin House and strengthening care in homes and communities all across Scotland.



Rachel House exterior



Rachel House
Hudson's Hideaway



Robin House lounge and dining area

MORE THAN A HOSPICE

We need to raise **£20 million** to make this possible. Every gift helps create a future where families have more choice, more support and more precious time together.

Join the More Than a Hospice Appeal



Here is a snapshot of our highlights from across Scotland over the last year

community



18 walkers took part in our first Lego Walk

£188,000 raised by the JBay Volunteer Team in 2025

£16,400 raised on our first Camino trek

£180,000+ raised through Kiltwalk 2025



£161,500 raised with Persimmon Homes over 3 years

Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of our supporters, **£17.2 million** was raised in 2025/26 through public donations, regular giving, community fundraising, corporate partnerships, grants from trusts and foundations, volunteer-led activity and retail.

Every £1 invested in this service helped deliver compassionate, expert support to children and families across Scotland.

71p

funds care and support for families

29p

helps raise the next £1

Your £1

Please visit www.chas.org.uk to view the CHAS Annual Report and Accounts 2025/26

CHAS provides unwavering care to children and families across Scotland in our hospices, in family homes, and in hospitals.



This heart symbol shows where our staff are based.

Hospices

- Robin House Children's Hospice, Balloch
- Rachel House Children's Hospice, Kinross

Homes

- Our CHAS at Home Team travel across the country to provide care in family homes.

Hospitals

CHAS has specialists based in

- Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital
- Simpson Centre for Reproductive Health, Edinburgh
- Royal Hospital for Children and Young People, Edinburgh
- Royal Hospital for Children, Glasgow
- Raigmore Hospital, Inverness
- University Hospital Crosshouse, Kilmarnock



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