

Where your donation goes...



MACS – Supporting children born without eyes or with underdeveloped eyes

£1 We take over 780 calls per year from parents and children affected by a MACS condition. A donation of £1 will enable us to continue to take the next phone call to provide much needed support.

£12 In 2009 over 265 people attended one of the many regional events we held around the country. A £12 donation enables a member of MACS to attend a regional event. These are so important as many families feel isolated. They give both the affected child, their siblings and their parents the opportunity to meet and form friendships with others who live locally to them.

£15 Every year we hold a Family Weekend where families can come together and share their experiences. This is invaluable for new families who can feel alone and scared. A £15 donation pays for a MACS child to attend the Family Weekend for one day.

£40 A £40 donation pays for a parent of a MACS child to attend our Family Weekend. Families come from all over the UK and travelling with a disabled child is not only difficult, but expensive too. This donation will encourage as many families as possible to attend the Family Weekend.

£80 Mobile phones have become an essential part of everyday life. For a blind child a mobile phone can be a daunting piece of equipment. An £80 donation can pay for a mobile phone that has specialised speech software. Suddenly a blind teenager can feel like any other teenager.

£100 For a normal sighted child a ride on a bike is a very simple activity. A donation of £100 can buy a backrest that sits on the back of the bike. A blind child can join in the fun on a bike ride with the rest of the family without having to do any of the hard work!

£180 Having a disabled child can make travelling extremely difficult. You also need a lot of expensive specialised equipment. £180 can help a family have a break in one of our UK caravans for a week. The caravans are specially adapted for blind children. It can be a rare opportunity to have a holiday and forget everyday stresses.

£250 Every year MACS organises a sailing trip for MACS teenagers where they are not just passengers, but part of the crew. No parents are allowed. It is a life changing trip. A donation of £250 enables a MACS teenager to have this once in a life-time experience.

£400 Laptops have changed the way children work in schools. A £400 donation pays for a laptop with a specialised speech programme. It opens up the child's world and not only enables them to keep up with their sighted friends, but also gives the opportunity to grow.

£500 Sound is a lifeline to most MACS children. Most have a natural affinity and talent for music. A donation of £500 pays for singing lessons for a year. This teaches them confidence and helps them realise they can do anything they would like to do.

£2,500 A blind child's window to books and reading is through Braille. A Braille is vital for this, but as with many items of specialised equipment it is expensive. A donation of £2,500 will pay for a Braille and allow a blind child to read.