



CALICO is a local charity in Grampian set up in 1983. Our aim to help and support all families who have children suffering from cancer, leukaemia or cancer related illness.



The first priority of CALICO is to the family of any child with cancer of leukaemia to help, where possible, financial stress caused by additional expenses. Some of the ways we have supported families include;

- car repairs to keep the family mobile to make the daily journeys to and from the hospital
- helping pay increased electricity bills when the heating needs to be on all the time for a child who is having treatment at home
- buying a tumble drier so bed sheets can be washed and dried daily to keep everything sterile and clean
- small grants to help with loss of income when the parents are self-employed but are spending all their time at the hospital and cannot work

YPI GRANT = 10 FAMILIES RECEIVING A £300 ASSISTANCE PAYMENT



We also fund The Rainbow Trail for young cancer patients.

These beads represent procedures, interventions and outcomes and are given to each child as they start and then move through their cancer journey. Each Rainbow Trail is individual but on average costs £100.

The beads are found to be a very powerful mental health tool allowing communication between the nurses, families and patient. The beads are tactile and bright and can act as a symbol of hope. It also allows the staff to access how the families are coping as they explain treatments and procedures. It also gives some feeling of control to the patients as they can explain the meaning of each bead to family and friends.



YPI GRANT = 30 CANCER PATIENTS WITH A £100 RAINBOW TRAIL

Current Project: Calico is working up at RACH on a dedicated space for teenagers with cancer. A cancer diagnosis is devastating at any age but when coupled with the changes going on with teenagers it can be very isolating. Previously there was a space at the hospital, but the teens needed to be supervised by an adult, so instead of using the area they would just stay in their beds. A dedicated space has been built and Calico are providing the tech toys for this area. We will provide large TV screens to allow movie watching as well as Xbox and PlayStation so the teens can maintain contact with their friends through games.

YPI FUNDING = LARGE TV SCREENS, PLAYSTATION, XBOX, DVDS & GAMES



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