



Yorkshire
Children's
Charity

THE DIFFERENCE YOU MADE



As always when reflecting on our impact, the only place I can begin is with a massive **thank you.**



Everything we achieve is made possible by our loyal sponsors, organising committees and by all of you, who continue to show up for the children of Yorkshire. This report is not merely a collection of statistics and data but a testament to what can be achieved when we come together as a collective to **"make things better"** for the families in our community who depend on us.

Today's children and young people are facing unprecedented challenges. In July 2025, the Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel De Souza, reported that children in England are now living in **"almost-Dickensian" levels of poverty.** This finding came as no surprise to us at Yorkshire Children's Charity – in fact, it felt like a sense of relief. A national voice was finally saying out loud what we have been saying – and seeing – for years. To make life better for all children and young people growing up in Yorkshire we need to be bolder and braver than ever. As adults, we have a duty of care – and for many children, we are the only people they can rely on.

As a charity, we passionately believe that with trusty old Yorkshire graft and the support of good people who share our values, nothing is impossible. We hope this Impact Report helps you better understand the meaningful and tangible difference you have helped to create for thousands of children here in Yorkshire.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charlotte Farrington'.

Charlotte Farrington,
Founder and CEO



**One in three children in Yorkshire
are growing up at a disadvantage
Here's what we did about it in 2025...**

YOUR IMPACT 2025



3,609

Children given
"the best day
ever"

26,635

Children supported
across Yorkshire

4

ongoing Great
Yorkshire Build
projects

£2.2million

Money raised

"broadened
horizons"

2,000

Christmases made
possible

"this support has meant
the world"

500

Volunteers
engaged

194

Schools
supported

"this will really
change our life"

47

Applications
funded

18,170

Easter eggs
delivered

30,000

Winter essentials
delivered

"the best thing
thats happened
to me!"

HOW WE HELP

At Yorkshire Children's Charity we have two very clear approaches to our work, through our grant-giving Programmes, we address the **immediate needs** of children and young people living with the hardships of sickness, disability, and deprivation.

Longer term, we deliver a whole host of intervention-led projects, aimed at **breaking the cycle of intergenerational poverty** and unemployment.

Grants

From essential 'Helping Hand' grants to wheelchair and individual grants, we're here to "**make things better**" for families, schools and organisations across Yorkshire.

Campaigns

Every campaign we do is centered on **equipping teachers** with the tools they need to do their job. From Easter to Christmas, this is all about strengthening those **crucial relationships**.

School Network

Equipping students with **essential employment skills** and opening up opportunities that might otherwise remain out of reach to **break the cycle of intergenerational unemployment**.

Schools Out

A series of day trips giving children the chance to **experience pure joy**, feel seen and valued, while offering families the **much-needed break and relief** they so deeply deserve.



88
Pupils at our Constructing Careers day



90
Children at 'Kids on Bikes' events



180
Children at our JBI x YCC Sports Day



1,955
Children at Christmas Parties



582
Children at Cannon Hall Farm



512
Children at Lightwater Valley



290
Children on a 'Big Day Out'



43
Pupils mentored at Fairway Forward



50
Pupils through our Young Entrepreneur Programme



Caring for a child with additional needs comes with all sorts of additional costs. That's why we support families like Ayan's with money for specialist equipment.

Ayan faces serious health challenges that leave him unable to walk, with fluid on his brain needing a shunt, major bowel and bladder issues requiring constant care, and heart and kidney conditions that make his health very fragile. Despite these challenges, Ayan is very active and loves playing outside with his friends.



Individual Grant

Ayan, Age 5

Thanks to your support, we were able to provide Ayan with a specialist trike!



Organisational Grant



Non-profit organisations, schools, nurseries, youth clubs, sports clubs, self-help groups and voluntary groups are the foundations of many of Yorkshire's communities. Whether it's updating a facility or supporting a specific initiative, we offer grants up to the value of £10,000 for these incredible organisations.

In 2025, we helped Pipworth Primary School take their Year 5 children to London. For the majority of these children, this may be their only opportunity to visit our Capital City - making it a **genuine once in a lifetime experience!**

Pipworth Primary School, Sheffield



Wheelchair Grant

Bradley has Spina Bifida and Congenital Hydrocephalus, which means he faces serious health challenges and relies on equipment to help him get around. When his old wheelchair struggled on grass, fields, and uneven ground, Bradley missed out on forest school trips and outdoor play with his friends.

Thanks to your support, we were able to fund him an off-road wheelchair!

Now Bradley can explore the outdoors, join his friends on adventures, and enjoy life with independence and freedom.

  **Bradley,
Age 6**

Wheelchairs can be expensive and out of reach for many families. That's why we provide funding to families like Bradley's across the Yorkshire region.



A Helping Hand for Families

Emilia was just 10-years old when she was put on palliative, end-of-life care with terminal cancer. No longer able to attend school, she was spending much of her time at home, often resting on the sofa.

As the weather began to brighten, Emilia shared a simple wish - to be able to sit outside and feel the sunshine on her face.

Thanks to your support, we were able to fund a £200 Helping Hand grant to provide a swing seat for Emilia's garden.

Instead of watching the world from indoors, Emilia spent her final weeks in the fresh air, enjoying peaceful moments outside with her sister.



Easter Egg Appeal

At the heart of every Yorkshire Children's Charity campaign is the creation of **meaningful moments for children living at a disadvantage.**

Through these campaigns, we work closely with schools and safeguarding teams, often acting as their **'silent partner'**, as we know this is where our support is most keenly felt.

An Easter egg isn't simply a £2 chocolate treat – it gives teachers, often the most trusted adults in a vulnerable child's life, the opportunity to show that child they are seen.

In 2025, thanks to the help of more than 80 companies, **we created magic moments for 18,170 children.**



"I have seen a huge improvement in engagement and communication year on year with the families we have been lucky enough to support through your charity. Some of our families were very closed off to professionals and felt ashamed and judged. I now chat and check in with these parents and children very regularly"

-Teacher

Great Yorkshire Build



Hilltop School

Following the **successful completion of Phase One**, attention is now turning to the next stage of this ambitious £3 million project. Hilltop, part of the Nexus Multi Academy Trust, supports children and young people with severe and complex learning difficulties, and while the first phase has already delivered vital new classrooms and staff spaces, this is only part of a much bigger vision.

Because of extraordinary support from the Yorkshire property sector, the next phase will introduce a purpose-built rebound therapy centre, creating dedicated therapeutic spaces designed to support children with complex needs. These facilities will play a crucial role in both learning and wellbeing, offering opportunities and specialist provision that were previously unimaginable to the school.

The Great Yorkshire Build brings together the Yorkshire property industry to create lasting change, and it is your support that makes this collaboration possible. Building on the momentum of Phase One, this next stage is another significant step towards creating an environment that fully supports pupils, staff and families.

Together, we are helping Hilltop become more than just a school building. You are helping to create a space where children can feel supported, confident and **ready to learn every single day.**

“Completing the first phase at Hilltop School is a fantastic milestone for everyone involved. The collaboration, skill, and generosity of our team and supply chain partners has been outstanding – helping us to create spaces that will genuinely make a difference for children, teachers, and families across the region.”

Ian Gresser, Henry Boot Construction

AFTER



BEFORE

Winter Support Campaign

In 2025, we saw a 20% increase in need for winter support. We work closely with schools to ensure that we are supporting those children **most in need**: children who are deemed, by government guidelines, to be living in destitution. Over the winter term, we provided support in two phases:

Phase One – ‘Warm, Dry & Ready to Learn’ supporting 2,373 children with winter essentials.

Providing essential items; coats, shoes, toiletries, pyjamas and bedding, to children living in destitution across Yorkshire, ensuring they can arrive at school ‘warm, dry, and ready to learn’

Phase Two – ‘Going the Extra Mile’ delivering the magic of Christmas to the homes of 2,000 children.

Bringing dignity and joy to children living in destitution by fulfilling Christmas wish lists, empowering parents to give gifts with love, and helping teachers build trust and provide wider support to struggling families.



We worked with PhD students at the University of Leeds to evaluate the 2025 impact

Kawita Sawari

PhD student at the University of Leeds:

“The survey results demonstrate that Yorkshire Children’s Charity’s initiative has had a **profound and multi-dimensional impact on pupils and their families**. Teachers reported improvements in pupils’ readiness to learn, confidence, and sense of belonging. The quantitative evidence confirms that Yorkshire Children’s Charity’s initiative is **highly effective in reducing barriers to education for vulnerable children**. By addressing basic needs, the program enhances pupils’ attendance, confidence, and sense of belonging, while simultaneously strengthening family-school relationships.”

98%

said the program helped identify and support vulnerable families

62%

said the campaign helped them to improve family engagement

82%

described the impact as “significant”



“One family did not have correct footwear or coats. On a rainy day they did not attend school... now they are in breakfast club from 8am.”

“The support from the charity has given my family Christmas back as earlier in the year I didn't think we would be celebrating this year”

“Our school is in a deprived area but our parents are very proud. This support has helped to build trust in knowing that school is here to offer support wider than just in the classroom.”



Yorkshire Polo



Challenge Yorkshire



The Yorkshires.
Commercial Real Estate Awards

As a needs-led charity, **our work is made possible** not only by our regular supporters and public donations, but also **by the thousands of people who attend, sponsor and support our events** each year.

From awards events to sporting challenges, our events are a platform for us to share our mission with large and diverse audiences, often reaching hundreds or even thousands of people in a single day - impact that spreads far beyond the event itself.

We hope to see you at a Yorkshire Children's Charity event in 2026!



Yorkshire Ladies Lunch



Yorkshire Ride 'Owt



The Yorkshires.
Business Awards



THANK YOU.

As a 100% needs-led charity, we support families in many different ways - but if there's one thing that's true about all of our work: none of it would be possible without **you!**

We are incredibly ambitious, but our work is only possible because our incredible supporters across Yorkshire stood up to do the right thing for our region's most vulnerable children.



Charity partners

Volunteers

Individual and corporate fundraising

Sponsors

Donations

School Network mentors

Donating Easter Eggs



Joining us at Schools Out events

Running initiatives

Supporting the Winter Support Campaign

Regular givers



In parts of Yorkshire, 1 in 2
children live in poverty

Families with disabled
children are over twice as
likely to live in poverty

Two-thirds of UK special
schools are at or over capacity

"CHILDREN DON'T TALK
ABOUT POVERTY...
THEY TALK ABOUT
CIRCUMSTANCE."

*Dame Rachel de Souza, the Children's
Commissioner*

The Children's Commissioner's report, "***Growing up in a low-income family: Children's experiences***," detailed the impact of poverty on children's lives, with findings on shame, inadequate housing, lack of food, and unmet needs. It described how in England, some children are now growing up in **Dickensian levels of poverty**.

From the quality of housing and access to nutritious food, to the security and stability of daily life, poverty infringes upon every building block of a healthy childhood. Our work to "make things better" for children living at a disadvantage has never been more needed.

YORKSHIRE'S CHILDREN NEED **YOUR HELP.**



The impact of our work is **happier, healthier and more independent** children and young people, who are empowered to meet their unique potential and have the most fulfilling future possible.

We have BIG plans to keep delivering on this impact in 2026 - and there are so many different ways you can help...



Help our small team achieve big things. Please email hello@yorkshirechildrenscharity.org to find out more and get involved.



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Thank you!