

Growing Needs

Paul Chick trained as a mechanic and went on to maintain fleets of cars for the police, he is married to Debra who now looks after their three children. Their youngest daughter Katie, who is now thirteen, was born with Angelman syndrome. This is a rare disorder which means that Katie has very poor muscle tone, learning difficulties and is hyperactive.

Paul and Debra approached BEN back in 2000 to ask for help towards the cost of a specialist trike for Katie. We have stayed in touch with the family and over the years have helped with funding for various specialist items for Katie as well as paying towards the cost of a break away for the family. Coping with a child with disabilities is financially very hard. Children grow out of their specialist equipment in just the same way that kids grow out of clothes.



Children like Katie have many, many appointments with specialist services but they still need social contact and fun like any other child. The round of appointments must be exhausting for the whole family but somehow they manage to get through it. Paul and Debra are proud and positive parents who never complain and still make a big effort to include their daughters Lucy and Amy in a normal life. Thanks to the support we receive we will be able to be on hand to help them do this for as long as they need us.