

Rebuilding Lives Affected By Childhood Cancer

# BARRETSTOWN

a seriousfun camp

**To: Geraldine Rooney**



**“Our children arrived back today, safe and sound, exhausted and blissfully happy. It is impossible to measure the benefits of Barretstown. We can only say thank you from the bottom of our hearts – we are deeply grateful.”**

Thank you so much for choosing to support Barretstown. Your support is greatly appreciated and we look forward to working with you to raise much needed funds.

## Barretstown overview

Barretstown was founded by Hollywood actor Paul Newman in 1994. We are a residential camp for children with cancer and other serious illnesses offering a range of adventurous and challenging activities and supported behind the scenes by safe, medical attention and care – always for free.

Barretstown is a break from hospitals, white coats and medical treatment and a chance for sick children to be children again: to have fun, to make new friends and create new memories – all within the beautiful and magical setting of Barretstown castle in Ballymore Eustace, Co. Kildare.

Our camps range from family camps and teenage camps to children's camps with activities as varied as high ropes, horse riding, photography, archery, arts and crafts and drama.

At Barretstown we will look after the physical and emotional well-being of a child with a serious illness by creating a safe environment that will allow the child to have fun again, allow their families relax, unwind and share experiences with other families – supported behind the scenes by a team of medical staff and volunteers.

## Our Vision

We believe that every child with serious illness should enjoy their childhood.

## Our Mission

To rebuild the lives of children affected by serious illness, and their families, through a life changing Therapeutic Recreation programme in a safe, fun and supportive environment.

Our programme here at Barretstown is called our **Therapeutic Recreation** programme. It has very specific objectives and there is a very specific meaning behind every single activity here at Barretstown. In the eyes of the children, they participate in the activities, have fun, laugh and share experiences. Basically, enjoy themselves! There is so much more to it from a Barretstown perspective. We aim to rebuild their confidence, trust and self-esteem through a fun, activity based process of challenge, success, reflection and discovery. Encouraging EVERY child to realise what they can do and what they can achieve despite their illness.



*“Barretstown made me see the potential and ability I had, and gave me the confidence to do anything I set my mind to” Leah Halpenny, Barretstown Camp*

Our fantastic camp staff are pro's at ensuring our campers are taken into a whole new world of fun and laughter, giving them the chance to forget for their time here, the restrictions, pain and upset they and their families go through on their journey through their illness.

Barretstown must raise €4.5 million annually to fund our programmes. 96% of our income comes from voluntary sources.

A big Barretstown **THANK YOU** for choosing to support us!



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