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About us

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ABOUT US

The Child Growth Foundation is a UK charity making a difference wherever growth is a concern.

We were founded in 1977 by Tam and Vreli Fry following a discussion between six sets of parents whose children were being treated at Great Ormond Street Hospital for a variety of growth conditions.

We are a dedicated team of staff, trustees, volunteers and Medical Advisors working to support the child growth community.

OUR VISION

Our vision is that the UK has a system where all families affected by growth conditions can receive a clinical diagnosis and corresponding care plan, and no-one feels alone or isolated.

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OUR PURPOSE

- To support children, young people, adults and families affected by rare undergrowth and overgrowth conditions.
- To raise awareness and understanding of growth conditions and growth concerns, to improve their detection and support their earlier diagnosis.
- To support healthcare professionals in the optimal diagnosis and management of these conditions.
- To enable research into greater understanding and management of these conditions.

WHAT WE DO

We are focused on the support, understanding and management of rare growth conditions and concerns to improve the lives of children, young people, adults and families with growth conditions, those with a concern about their child's growth and those seeking a diagnosis.

CONDITIONS WE SUPPORT

We provide expert information, advice and support relating to growth conditions including:

- Growth Hormone Deficiency (GHD)
- Hypopituitarism (MPHD)
- Primary IGF-1 Deficiency
- Premature Sexual Maturation including Precocious Puberty
- Silver -Russell syndrome (SRS) / Russell-Silver syndrome (RSS)
- Smith-Kingsmore syndrome (SKS)
- Intrauterine Growth Restriction (IUGR)
- Small for Gestational Age (SGA)
- SHOX Deficiency
- Sotos syndrome
- Tatton-Brown Rahman syndrome (TBRS)
- Weaver syndrome
- Patients without a diagnosis/awaiting a diagnosis

SUPPORT LINE

Our nurse led Support Line is available to anyone concerned about their child's growth or if they have a diagnosed growth condition. We are here to listen and support you.

The Support Line is also available to healthcare professionals looking for information.

How to contact our Support Line

- Complete our Support Line online contact form at: childgrowthfoundation.org/supportline
- Email us at: support@childgrowthfoundation.org
- Call our dedicated Support Line number on:
- 020 8995 0257
- Scan the QR code

By contacting the Child Growth Foundation Support Line you are providing consent for us to collect, process and store your data to provide you with the information or services you are contacting us about, in line with our Support Line Privacy Statement and our charity's Privacy Policy at: childgrowthfoundation.org/privacy

OUR SUPPORT AND INFORMATION

We have detailed information on our website:

For those with a diagnosis:
childgrowthfoundation.org/conditions

For those with concerns about their child's growth:
childgrowthfoundation.org/growth-concerns

OUR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Recently we welcomed over 100 children and families to our convention, over 100 children and families to our new Meet Up events, over 35 parents and carers to our bi-monthly Virtual Cuppa & Chats, worked collaboratively to host our South East London Information Day, launched our Peer Support Programme and launched our Youth Ambassadors Programme.

> The CGF provides invaluable peer support for children and adults living with growth conditions. Their website and convention, supported by Medical Advisors, gives up to date information that can help once a diagnosis is made and beyond.
>
> -Professor Justin Davies,
> Consultant Paediatric Endocrinologist

OUR WIDER WORK

Healthcare professionals

We provide expert information, resources and training to healthcare professionals who are providing care and support for people with growth concerns and growth conditions.

Research

Since the charity launched over 45 years ago we have provided over £1,000,000 in grants to researchers who are working to improve the lives of those affected by growth conditions and concerns.

Collaborative working

We work in collaboration with a number of groups, organisations, healthcare professionals and academic institutions to drive progress and advancements relating to our child growth community and the wider rare disease landscape.

RAISING AWARENESS

We raise vital awareness and understanding of growth conditions and concerns to support families, and to improve detection and support the earlier diagnosis of undergrowth and overgrowth conditions.

Our awareness campaign was developed to reach those who are concerned about their child's growth to encourage them to **leave no shadow of doubt, trust their instincts and get in touch** with our charity.

We have a dedicated campaign webpage at:
childgrowthfoundation.org/instinct



OUR IMPACT

Recently we've supported hundreds of children, young people, adults and families through our in person and virtual events, and have supported thousands of people in the UK and beyond with our online information, guidance and support.

> "The CGF are unique as they support people with a wide range of growth-affecting conditions. Their team, supported by Medical Advisors, encompass extensive expertise and importantly includes those with lived experience. The CGF is a very friendly and approachable charity that provides numerous opportunities for patients and families to connect with each other and Medical Advisors.

-Professor Helen Storr,
Professor and Honorary Consultant in Paediatric Endocrinology

Through donations, fundraising, membership, and funding received towards our charity's work from individuals, families, organisations, schools and more we can continue our much needed support and activities to the child growth community.

> Knowing there is somewhere, and someone, you can turn to for reliable, informed advice and support is truly invaluable.

-Support Line caller

GET INVOLVED

Fundraise



Fundraise individually, as a family, as a school, as a workplace and in many more ways to support our work.

Volunteer



As our work continues to expand we have a range of volunteering opportunities within our charity.

Help us continue making a difference wherever growth is a concern.

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GET INVOLVED

Make a donation



Your donation, be it one-off or a regular contribution, will help us continue to make a difference wherever growth is a concern.

Become a member



Access member only benefits while making a lasting impact on the children, young people, adults and families we support.

Find out more on how to get involved at:
childgrowthfoundation.org/get-involved

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