

# THE HARVEY PARRY APPEAL

After many years of waiting, God blessed Carole and John Parry with a child. Harvey, a healthy bouncing baby was born on 25th October 2005. Sixteen months later on 7th February 2007 Harvey became unwell and was admitted to hospital. A few days later it was confirmed Harvey had the deadly virus Meningitis Meningococcal Septicaemia.

These were the most harrowing moments for his family, waiting to see if Harvey would live or die. God saved him but the Meningitis Meningococcal Septicaemia resulted in Harvey having both his legs amputated and three and a half of his right hand fingers. He also suffered extensive damage and scarring to his whole body leaving his left hand partially paralyzed. Harvey spent almost five months in hospital, before he was well enough to go home.

Today Harvey is a bubbly, chirpy, giggly, happy 3-year old boy. Despite his terrible illness and the loss of his limbs, he still has his lovely personality, charm and his individuality. He's a remarkable little boy - his mother refers to him as her little soldier as he has had so many battles in his short little life! Harvey will always need help and support throughout his life to enable him to flourish, get on in life and gain the best advantage with his limited limbs.



Harvey faced a lifetime in a wheelchair, as the NHS treatment on offer was limited. The NHS were only able to provide Harvey with white legs which were covered with brown stockings in an attempt to match the colour of his skin. And though he had eight sets of legs, none worked as they were all ill fitting. They were uncomfortable and hurt his bottom; they were heavy and had no knees!



His loving parents wanted to provide Harvey with the best limbs, equipment and the necessary resources to give him a good chance in life. After extensive research they heard about a company in New York called A Step Ahead Prosthetics, who are leaders and innovators in prosthetics, designing and fitting customized prostheses for patients of all ages and skin tones.

These 'state of the art' legs cost on average £25,000, but that did not deter Harvey's family. For the months that followed, his mother, father and sister spent every possible moment fundraising so they could take Harvey to New York to receive the treatment and prosthetics that would benefit him immensely. Their consistency paid off - they raised £40,000.00 from various ways, which included standing on the streets in all weather, cap in hand, appealing to many passers by to give whatever they could to help support the Harvey Parry Appeal. On 30th June 2008 they were able to take Harvey to New York for his treatment and new limbs.



Now Harvey has no pain. He can wear his limbs all day and can play football, he can take himself to the bathroom, and is able to stand at the sink to brush his teeth and wash his face! He can ride his bicycle, drive his toy car and jump in puddles like any other three year old child. He can even dance! His is alive and well, thanks to God's grace and his life has changed thanks to the support of the general public. However for many years, every six to eight months, Harvey will need new legs because of his growth and he will also need extensive therapy and training. This will cost up to £100,000 per year. Therefore, the Harvey Parry Appeal is asking for your help.

If you want to know more about Harvey please go to the website, as there are articles and videos about the Harvey Parry Appeal and details about many of the supporters who have helped with his treatment. If you would like to make a donation, even as little as £1.00 will really help Harvey Parry. You can either post a donation by cheque made payable to 'Harvey Parry Appeal Fund' to 75 Northern Avenue, Edmonton, London N9 9QZ or it can be paid into any Branch of Barclays Bank. The name of the account is Harvey Parry Appeal Fund, Sort code: 20-29-90, Account number 10628034, Branch: Epsom. You can also go to the website and make a donation online or if you wish to be a regular supporter you can download a standing order form at [www.harveyparry-appealfund.com](http://www.harveyparry-appealfund.com)

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