

POLICY OF UNDERTAKINGS

Mission: to create magical gardens for children's hospices

Aims:

- to raise funds to enable the design creation and build of gardens in children's hospices
- to attract applications and satisfy the demand from children's hospices that require new or improved gardens
- to work in partnership with hospice staff and through them, the children they care for, to design and develop the gardens they aspire to have
- to contribute towards making a positive difference to the lives of children with life-limited and life threatening conditions, and their families

Objectives:

- to ensure the gardens meet the needs of those for whom they are intended by providing a therapeutic environment and respite from the immediate hospice environment
- to provide an attractive outdoor space for 'living in' including play and fun as well as areas for solitude and reflection
- to effectively engage funders, the garden industry and general public in raising funds and in-kind support for the gardens
- to provide gardens which are: thoughtfully designed; sustainable; durable; safe for year round usage and demonstrating horticultural excellence

Beneficiaries:

Primary

- life-limited or life-threatened children
- siblings of life-limited or life-threatened children

Secondary

- parents or carers of the life-limited or life-threatened children and their extended family
- hospice staff and volunteers

Overall

- at least 300 children (life-limited and siblings) at each hospice each year

Hospice requirements:

- to work in partnership with Greenfingers' staff
- to provide ground plans and related information as requested
- to give access to Greenfingers' staff and contractors as required
- to not take decisions or actions which impact upon plans/arrangements agreed with Greenfingers' staff
- to monitor garden use and feedback findings to Greenfingers' as required
- to provide, and give Greenfingers permission to use, photographs at all stages of the project
- to confirm that any volunteers working on the garden come under the jurisdiction of the hospice, rather than that of Greenfingers
- to work collaboratively with Greenfingers' fundraising team to help ensure the funding of the garden is met
- to work in partnership with Greenfingers to plan and coordinate an official opening of the garden in partnership with Greenfingers
- to continue to maintain the garden once the garden is created

Greenfingers' commitment

- to provide a complete garden design and creation service to the hospice
- to manage the project from conception to completion
- to work in partnership with the hospice at all times throughout the project.

