

MOVING ON



Charlie, Simon, James, Mathew and Jane

Simon Beedle and his family were involved in a major car accident in 1998. Fortunately, their two boys and their baby escaped injury but Simon and Jane were not so lucky.

Simon's injuries caused a rare condition to develop, affecting his nervous system. Severe pain and loss of function in the upper right side of his body gradually spread to the left side and into his lower limbs. He also suffered from depression and his short-term memory and concentration were impaired. During the following 18 months he required significant periods of time off work for treatment and hospitalisation and in 2000 he was made redundant as Vice President of a major bank.

CABA helped the family with financial assistance for two-and-a-half years. They also assisted with the purchase of a voice activated computer system to help Simon communicate with the outside world, thus reducing the time it took him to write a simple letter from days to hours. Simon's condition improved significantly and he was able to return to work on a part-time basis in 2003. Although it is challenging, both physically and mentally, Simon enjoys being back in the workplace.

Upon speaking to Mrs Beedle recently, she was delighted to report a new addition to the family.

Simon wrote

"CABA gave my family and I tremendous moral support at a very difficult time in our life.

They provided a friendly voice & advice when it was needed most."