

## The History of Unique

Unique was founded in the UK in 1984 by Edna Knight as the Trisomy 9p Support Group.

In 1989, the group expanded to include families affected by any rare chromosome disorder.

In 1993, the group was granted charitable status and the new logo Unique was adopted.

Since 1999, membership has grown hugely and is increasing year on year. With the roll out of microarray technology this expansion is likely to continue as many more previously-undetectable sub-microscopic chromosome defects are diagnosed. Unique's services, activities and staffing levels need to expand to meet this increasing demand.

We aim to keep membership FREE but securing grants, voluntary donations, gift-aid donations, regular giving and fundraising are absolutely essential. Your support will be very gratefully received.

The group is generously supported by parents of affected children volunteering their own professional expertise and by the expert support of numerous medical and other professional advisers.

## Membership and Information

To join Unique, please return the attached slip, or for further information write to:

**Beverly Searle**  
**Unique Chief Executive Officer**  
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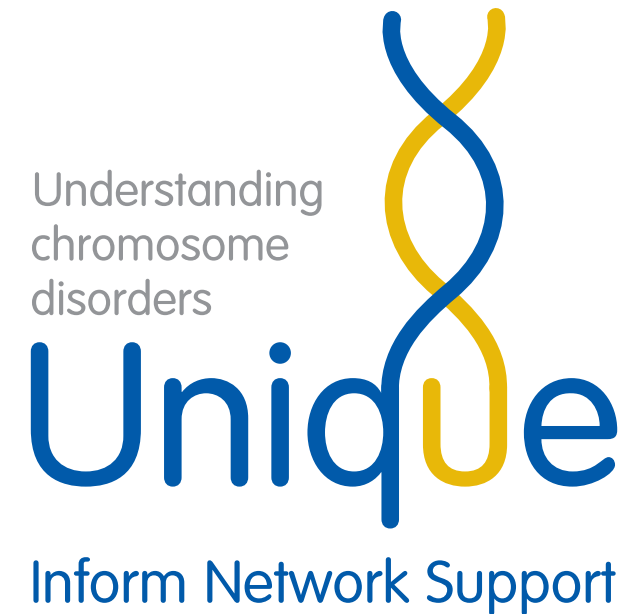
## Donations and Fundraising

Please give generously to Unique if you can. To donate funds, or to discuss gift-aid donations or fundraising, please contact:

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Please make cheques payable to **Unique** in UK£, Euros, US\$, Canadian\$, Australian\$ or send an International Money Order in your own currency. Unique accepts most major credit cards and has a secure payment facility on its website.

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## Rare Chromosome Disorders

Rare chromosome disorders occur because of extra, missing or rearranged chromosome material but do not include the more common disorders like Down Syndrome. Using the latest technology, it is now possible for sub-microscopic chromosome changes to be identified. The amount and origin of extra, missing or rearranged chromosome material can vary a great deal.

The symptoms arising because of a rare chromosome disorder can also vary widely, even when the chromosome changes are apparently the same. Extra or missing chromosome material will usually cause some degree of learning difficulties, physical disabilities, health and/or behavioural problems. Most carriers of balanced chromosome rearrangements will have no symptoms but might have problems having children.

Rare chromosome disorders can lead to desperate feelings of isolation in affected families. This is where Unique aims to help.

“I can't express how much comfort I got for reading the leaflet. It gave us some answers that we have been desperately looking for.”

## Unique:

- Supports, networks with and informs anyone affected by a rare chromosome disorder
- Links affected families
- Maintains a confidential registry/database detailing the lifetime effects of rare chromosome disorders
- Provides family-friendly information about rare chromosome disorders
- Publishes a regular magazine and e-news alerts
- Holds regular conferences and study days
- Provides local and internet-based networks and forums for member families
- Acts as a conduit between families and researchers
- Raises awareness and understanding of rare chromosome disorders among professionals and the public
- Raises funds to support the group's work

“Thank you so much for your time yesterday, it did mean an awful lot to have a caring and informed voice on the end of the phone.”

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FIRST NAME: .....

FAMILY NAME: .....

ADDRESS: .....

TELEPHONE: .....

EMAIL: .....

*Please tick*

I am a parent

AFFECTED CHILD'S NAME: .....

MALE/FEMALE *Please delete as appropriate*

DATE OF BIRTH: .....

CHILD'S CHROMOSOMAL DISORDER: .....

KARYOTYPE, FISH and/or MICROARRAY CGH RESULTS:  
*(if known)*

I am a professional

PROFESSION: .....

EMPLOYER: .....