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Brothers gave Christmas gifts to sick children

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TWO businessmen from Huddersfield visited Poland to give Christmas cheer to sick children.

Brothers Nick and Paul Szkiller travelled to a hospital for young leukaemia sufferers in the mountains of southern Poland.

The brothers, who run classic car business Grundy Mack in Lockwood, linked up with charity Children In Crisis for the trip.

Mr Paul Szkiller is a founding director of Children In Crisis, set up by the Duchess of York to help children all over the world hit by war, famine, poverty and environmental problems.

For the last three years, the charity has been involved in helping young cancer victims in the Polish town of Upper Silesia, described as one of the most heavily polluted areas on earth.

The area has been poisoned by industrial waste, giving it the highest infant mortality rate in Europe. In the last 12 years, the number of childhood leukaemia cases has doubled and three-quarters of the town's 10-year-olds have chronic illnesses.

Children In Crisis is involved in a project to give the young cancer victims a clean-air respite break. It is developing its own mountain haven where children will be able to recuperate away from the pollution which is thought to have caused their illnesses.

During a short visit to the mountain haven, the brothers helped to distribute Christmas presents to the hospital's young patients and also took the children on a sleigh ride through the snowy local villages.



Nick Szkiller: latest fund-raising trip