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air ambulance

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HELICOPTER HEROES

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This booklet is full of really useful information about the important work of Children's Air Ambulance. Plus you can find lots of really fun ways you can help us by raising money!



What does Children's Air Ambulance do?

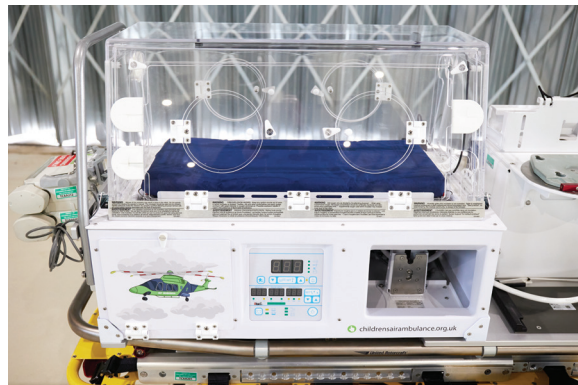
Children's Air Ambulance is an inter-hospital transfer service flying critically ill babies and children from one hospital to another for specialist care. Although other air ambulances can transfer children in emergencies, they do not have the specialist equipment needed to transfer babies and children who need intensive care.



OUR HELICOPTERS We have two super-fast AgustaWestland 169 helicopters, capable of speeds up 165 miles per hour! A transfer by helicopter is much faster than a transfer by road, up to four times faster, and time saved can make a big difference when a child needs help quickly.



OUR PILOTS have a huge amount of flying experience and have been specially trained to carry precious patients, our crew and the transfer teams.



DID YOU KNOW
We have England's first and only incubator on a helicopter to assist specialist NHS transport teams during lifesaving flights.

Harry's Story



My name is Harry, and in May & June 2020 I was flown from my local hospital in Kings Lynn to Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH) in London, because I wasn't well. I had a heart condition that caused abnormal heart rhythms, these could be very dangerous.



I had a device called an ICD (a small defibrillator) inside my chest. In the morning I didn't feel well and my ICD had gone off. It needed to shock my heart. I needed to quickly go to GOSH where my heart team were.

A doctor told me that it would be safer and quicker if I travelled by air. I was very upset because I was afraid. I had never been in a helicopter and was worried about my ICD.

The pilots introduced themselves, they knew I was anxious so spoke to me and explained it was very safe and that the weather was nice, it was a good day to fly. I was given a headset to talk through as it was very noisy.

Once I was calmer my bed was pushed into the helicopter. With my mum by my side, we were all set to go. The helicopter blades started spinning, and lifting off the ground! The pilots asked if I could see my house - I could see the view and it was amazing!

As we got into our journey to London, I realised that being in the Children's Air Ambulance was actually quite good, and it meant that I would get to GOSH and my heart team quicker than by road. The air ambulance was calming, I closed my eyes and relaxed. I safely arrived at GOSH 40 minutes later.

How you can help

This is where the fun starts! There are many activities you can choose from to raise money. Here are just a few ideas to get you started.

FUNDRAISING IDEAS



TAKE PART IN OUR SUPERHERO CHALLENGE

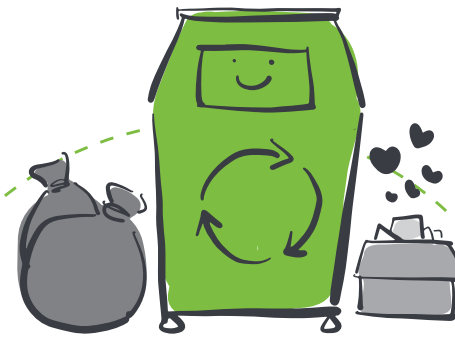
You're already heroes to us and you can join us for our superhero fundraising challenge in July. Ask your teacher or grown-up to check out the superhero page on our website to learn more.

PLAYGROUND PLOD

Get sponsored to do laps of the playground or playing field at lunch time.

ORGANISE A WEAR GREEN DAY

Turn the whole school green for the day, in return for a £1 donation from each student.



HOLD A DONATION DRIVE

Our charity shops are always in need of quality pre-loved items! Host a donation drive to generate stock for us to sell or host one of our clothing banks.



SPORTS DAY SPECIAL

Sell refreshments and treats to parents/guardians who come to watch the action.



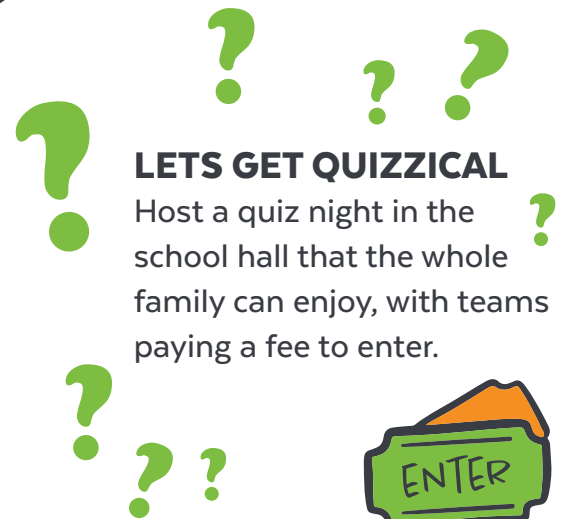
TOP TIP

ALWAYS ASK YOUR TEACHERS FOR HELP WHEN HANDLING MONEY.



SCHOOL DISCO

Organise an afterschool boogie. Sell tickets and refreshments to raise money!



LET'S GET QUIZZICAL

Host a quiz night in the school hall that the whole family can enjoy, with teams paying a fee to enter.



ADOPT CHILDREN'S AIR AMBULANCE AS YOUR 'CHARITY OF THE YEAR' AND SUPPORT US THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!

How we use the funds

Children's Air Ambulance does not receive any funding from the Government and we are lifted in the air purely through kind people like you, who choose to fundraise for us. Take a look at how your money and donations can help.

£40

Could pay for 2,400L of oxygen to be carried on board the Children's Air Ambulance to help critically ill children breathe.

£5

Could pay for 300L of oxygen to help critically ill children breathe.

Could pay for a pair of children's ear defenders to protect little ears from our noisy rotors.

£24



£10

Could pay to fly one mile towards the specialist care patients desperately needs.

The average cost of a mission is **£3,500** so every penny you raise helps to keep our helicopters in the air.

School council goodies



We are so thankful that you have chosen to support our charity.

We have special packs for your Council members to request to help with your planning. The pack includes a note book, pen, pencil, pencil case, lanyard and badge plus other useful goodies.

Ask your teacher to email us to request yours today:
schools@theairambulance.org.uk

#TheCrew

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#TheCrew is our children's club linked to Children's Air Ambulance, where members can learn new skills, have access to special events and support our vital work. The club is completely free to join and you'll receive quarterly newsletters as well as an awesome welcome pack.



Want to join?

Ask your grown-up to sign you up by scanning the QR code or visiting:

<https://theairambulance.org.uk/childrens-air-ambulance/the-crew/>

Want to learn more about us? Ask your teachers to book us in for a school assembly! You may even get a visit from our mascot, Blade.



THANK
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A HUGE thank you from all of us! You
really are our Helicopter Heroes!



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