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Fundraising

How does Alexander Devine Children's Hospice Service benefit?

Approximately half of the £395 will cover your jump and the other half will come to us at Alexander Devine to be put straight to good use in helping our local children and families. 100% of anything raised over this amount will come directly to us. If you have chosen to self-fund your jump then 100% of what you raise will come to us.

What is the best way to raise sponsorship money?

Fundraising can be fun and we are on hand to help you at any time to reach and even smash your target, you will be amazed how easy it is. As well as sponsorship, you could hold a bake sale, a quiz night or host a dinner party. Please get in touch with us at fundraising@alexander.org for further support

We advise you to set up an online giving page, as this is easiest to share with friends and family on social media and by email. They can sponsor you at a time convenient to them and you do not have to collect the money. We can also provide you with a paper sponsorship form as some may find this easier. You can use a combination of both.

When do I need to raise my sponsorship by?

You will need to raise a minimum of £395. 80% of this (£315) must be raised by 4 weeks before your jump (10th May 2020) and the remaining 20% (£80) must be with us by 15th June 2020.

What happens if I do not reach my target?

To be able to jump you must raise the money in the allocated time, but we do not want this to worry you. If you spread the word and give yourself enough time this is very achievable. However, if you reach a point where you are struggling do get in touch and we can discuss options for you. You may be able to make the rest up yourself in a one off payment.

Do I still need to fundraise if I want to fund my own jump?

We are coordinating this special day to enable people to fulfil a dream (or face a fear?!) but also to raise much needed funds for our local children and families who need our support so, yes, we really hope everyone jumping will try to raise as much as they can.

What ways can I pay any sponsorship money I collect in cash or cheques?

- Send a cheque payable to Alexander Devine direct to us at Alexander Devine Children's Hospice, Snowball Hill, Woodlands Park Avenue, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 3LU
- Pay direct into our bank, please contact us to request our bank details
- By prior arrangement, you can bring the money to us at the hospice.

Do I need to do anything with the money that comes into my online giving page?

No, these monies will come directly to us and if you are not self-funding your jump then we will be invoiced by Skydive Centre for the cost of your jump (after your £50 deposit this will be £200 out of your sponsorship money) before the day. All of this will be organised from our end. Any other fundraising you undertake offline will need to be paid directly to the charity yourselves.

About the skydive day

Where is the drop zone?

Chiltern Park Aerodrome, Icknield Road, Ipsden, OX10 6AS

Reading has a main line rail station with easy access from London Paddington and the South of England. The Aerodrome can be reached by taxi from Reading station.

Parking: There is a carpark onsite.

What time do I need to arrive?

Arrival time is 8am. This is not your jump time. You must expect to spend the whole day there so please come prepared. Of course, every effort will be made to get everyone up as soon as possible.

Can spectators attend?

Absolutely! It will be lovely to have some support there on the day but please also pre-warn them of the potential long wait. The parachute landing area is off limits to members of the public. There is a viewing platform.

Is there somewhere warm and dry to wait?

Yes, there is an indoor waiting area.

Will there be refreshments available to purchase on the day?

Yes, there is a hot and cold food catering van.

What happens if the weather isn't suitable on the day?

Weather plays a vital role in skydiving and it can affect jumps taking place. **If it is not possible to jump, you will be notified Friday afternoon via email from Skydive Centre. Alternatively, if there is a late change and you are unsure you can call them between 7pm and 11pm and there will be an answerphone message confirming the weather and whether if it will be going ahead.** On the day, weather may be unsuitable first thing but can improve so we will remain positive but expect to stay all day. If the weather does make it not possible to jump, you will be able to book another date in the next 6 months.

What should I wear?

Please wear comfortable, sensible clothing and you must wear trainers or lace up shoes. We advise you to bring an extra layer in case the weather turns chilly and gloves if your hands are sensitive to the cold. A jumpsuit, hat and goggles are all provided for you. We will be very pleased to lend you a t-shirt for your jump as this will be great for any pictures you take to show friends and family who have supported you. This can go over your jumpsuit.

What should I bring with me?

You must bring photo ID, any outstanding sponsorship monies and your signed medical form if you have existing medical conditions. We advise you to bring either snacks/lunch or cash to buy something from the catering van.

Am I covered by insurance?

Included in the price of your skydive is temporary membership to the BPA, which covers you for third party Liability only up to £5,000,000. This does not cover you for personal injury so, although this is not a requirement, we recommend that you arrange personal cover for yourself. You can visit the BPA website for more information here <http://www.bpa.org.uk/member/insurance-and-travel/>

Are dogs allowed?

No, unfortunately not. Four legged friends will have to hear of your adventures on your return home.

What if I can't jump?

If you are suddenly very sick and are unable to jump, you must advise the Skydive Centre as soon as you can and may rebook as soon as possible, but within a 6 month time period. In the event of cancellation by you, Alexander Devine will retain your sponsorship money from your online fundraising page, unless any of your sponsors contact us directly.

Can I wear my GoPro?

Regulations state that camera equipment cannot be carried by tandem students (you).

Will there be a chance to buy photos and videos?

Yes, when you book your place with Skydive Centre you will be given a personal password and you will then be able to manage your account online. You will then have the opportunity to book in advance to have photos and a video done on the day.

What if I have a medical condition or disability?

Please speak directly with Skydive Centre and they will confirm if you are safe and eligible to jump.

Is there an Age, weight and Height limit?

The weight limit for parachuting is 15 stones for Males and 15 stones for females. There is no height limit for Skydiving; however, your weight should be in proportion to your height. The minimum age for this event is 16. Anyone aged under 18 years must get permission to take part from their parent or guardian before registering and must be accompanied by them on the day.

I can't make this date, can I jump on a different day?

Of course! We would love you to join our special day but if you cannot then simply contact Skydive Centre direct, <https://www.skydivinglondon.com/> to arrange a day that works for you and then be sure to let us know of your plans!

When is the latest I can sign up?

To be sure of securing a place on our special day you must pay your £50 deposit at least 6 weeks before the jump date. Please note that places are subject to availability. It may be that we can add people to a later date but this is not guaranteed. The sooner you sign up, the easier you will find it to reach your fundraising target.