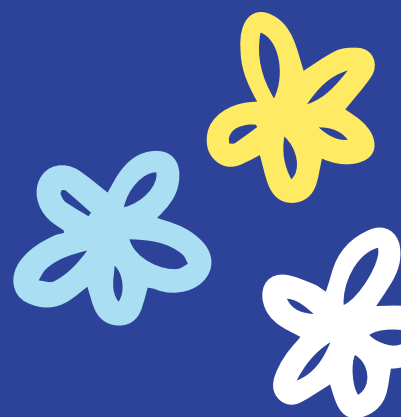




DofE

Volunteering

Guide



WHO WE ARE

Alexander Devine Children's Hospice Service is a local charity that provides specialist care and vital support to children with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions, and their families, across Berkshire and into surrounding counties.



Alexander Devine

John and Fiona Devine set up the charity in memory of their extraordinary little boy who in early 2006, aged just eight, sadly passed away from a rare brain tumour. Their personal experience, and subsequent extensive research, led them to realise that there was a vital need for a local children's hospice service with a hospice facility in Berkshire.

VISION & AIMS

We deliver palliative care to children and families through an holistic approach that meets the individual needs of each child and their family.

Our vision is to provide a service within Berkshire and into surrounding counties that will give children and families the choice of care and support from a skilled and dedicated team.

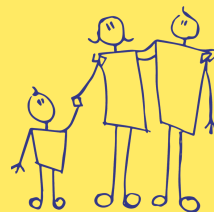
OUR MISSION

Reaching out to every child and family that needs us, offering support and care from people who understand



THE NEED FOR OUR SERVICE HAS NEVER BEEN GREATER

200+



children and families currently supported by Alexander Devine



2,765+

children in Berkshire and the surrounding counties with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions and research shows that this number is likely to increase by a further 11% by 2030



“ Alexander Devine stepped in and made such an unforgettable impact on our lives



THE DIFFERENCE YOU CAN MAKE

WHAT IT COSTS

The specialist care and support is free of charge for families. But it costs

over £3million each year

just to maintain our current level of care.

With minimal government and NHS funding, 78% of what our charity needs to meet the cost of running our service, comes from donations, fundraising and gifts in Wills.

This means for every one hour of specialist care and support that we provide to each child and their family, only 13 minutes is funded by statutory sources.

ONLY
10
minutes each hour is funded



The support we receive from individuals, businesses, schools, community groups, clubs and volunteers enables us to run our vital children's hospice service across the whole of Berkshire and into the surrounding counties

HOW YOU CAN CHANGE LIVES



£17

could provide a memory box for a bereaved family, full of things to treasure forever

£51



could give a child with complex healthcare needs an hour of specialist care from an Alexander's Nurse

£93



could pay for a Splash session in our hydrotherapy pool, time for a family to come together and have fun

£115



could pay for a visit from a Clinical Nurse Specialist to help improve a child's quality of life through symptom management

£429



would fund a day at our hospice for a seriously-ill child, with plenty of fun and play as well as specialist clinical care

£1,400



could pay for a child with complex healthcare needs to stay with us overnight at the hospice

VOLUNTEERING WITH US

Volunteering for your DofE Awards could not be easier when you choose to volunteer with Alexander Devine Children's Hospice Service. Our DofE Programme is focused on the Fundraising module and means you can take ownership of your volunteering.

We will be your volunteering assessor and can sign off your volunteering hours to complete the award.

You **MUST**:

- Be working towards your Bronze, Silver or Gold DofE award
- Be completing your DofE award with your school or a similar organisation
- Be ready to get involved and have fun!



You will be part of a fundraising team within your school or organisation, working towards various events, projects and community outreach to fundraise for Alexander Devine. You can come up with your own ideas or use some of our suggestions to help make a difference in your local community. The programme can be split into terms, with a different event to focus on and work towards within your school each term. You can also get the one-off opportunity to spend a day volunteering directly with us to help understand what we do and why our service is so important.



SCHOOL FETE

Add stalls, food and activities that can raise money for our charity.

SPONSORED EVENT

Students and staff could make the miles count for our charity by taking on a challenge - walk, run, cycle, scooter, etc.



FAMILY PICNIC

Invite the parents into the school for a charity picnic with a suggested donation for admission.



FILM DAY

Host a cinema for your school with suggested donations for popcorn and tickets.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Host and run a Christmas Fayre, selling Christmas goodies that you can make and sell to fundraise for your local children's hospice service.



SET YOUR GOAL

First things first, you need to decide how much money you would like to raise when completing your DofE volunteering programme. Be achievable yet challenging; think about how big your school or organisation is, how many are in your DofE group working on fundraising together, how long you have and how determined you are to reach that goal!

Whether your target is large or small, we will help you reach it with suggestions, advice and some friendly motivation along the way.

However much you raise, we are so grateful for all your fundraising efforts. Every penny will help us be there for more local children and their families that need us.

Children just like Talia

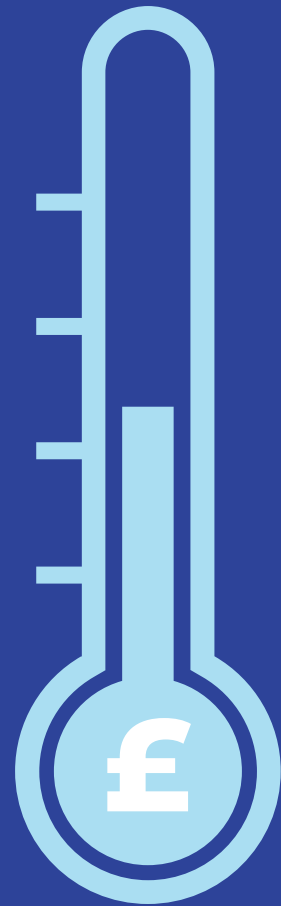
Five year old Talia was born with a number of serious medical conditions. She needs 24/7 care and Alexander's Care Team gives her family the vital support they need to cope with every day life. As well as specialist nursing care, we give opportunities for Talia to do things other children her age would do and give Talia's parents the much-needed respite they deserve.

We count our blessings for the continuous support Alexander Devine gives us. They've enabled us to watch Talia enjoy a new, safe and exciting environment at their hospice, given us respite from her medical demands and most importantly backed us as a family through every step of our journey
Talia's mum, Gemma

By raising just **£52** could help fund an hour of specialist care for Talia with one of our Alexander's Nurses



Talia with Alexander's Nurses at our hospice



AUTUMN TERM

This term your focus could be:



RUDOLPH RUN

Encourage students and teachers to take part in a festive sponsored run or walk around your school. You can decide the length of the run, where it will take place and ignite the competition in your peers to see who can raise the most!

For the Rudolph Run challenge you will need to think about where, when and who will be taking part, how much sponsorship you want to challenge people to raise and what your overall target for this event will be. Work out how you will get people to sign up and want to take part, maybe set up an assembly or some marketing to spread the word.

Think about how the day will work: What time? How far? Will runners dress up? Where is the start and finish line? Would you want a festive warm up? What is their prize for completing the run?

Other ideas for Autumn Term:

- Autumn festival
- Pumpkin carving contest
- Harvest walk
- Stall at a Christmas fair
- Carol singing
- Run a Christmas card postal service
- Have a Christmas present swap
- Organise toy collections
- Sell stocking fillers
- Bucket collections in your community



SPRING TERM

This term your focus could be:

Big Chick Knit

Be part of our Spring Chick Campaign in which we try to sell as many knitted chicks as possible to raise vital funds for our children's hospice.

You could set up a Crème Egg Donation Station at your school or in your community to provide the eggs that get stuffed into our knitted chicks, approach local craft groups to be part of our big knit or have your very own box of chicks to sell in your community.

If you have some free periods or extra-curricular time, you could volunteer your time to help us stuff the thousands of chicks with Crème Eggs, be part of our chick hospital making repairs to chicks who may need some stitching or even get your craft on and learn to knit some chicks!



Other ideas for Spring Term:

- Chocolate lines
- Supermarket bag packing
- Organise a quiz night
- Have a bake sale
- Make and sell Easter crafts
- Hold a casual clothes day
- Valentine's Day fundraising
- Pancake race

SUMMER TERM

This term your focus could be:



ROCK THE BLUE

It's time for you to choose how your school can #ROCKTHEBLUE! In celebration of Children's Hospice Week you have the chance to choose any event, activity, sport and make it **BLUE!**

How will you Rock The Blue? How will you make it the most **BLUE** it could be? This challenge gives you the freedom to choose how you fundraise, using all your event organising and fundraising skills and putting yourself to the test.

Be as creative as you can and think of the best and **BLUEest** way to reach your fundraising target!

Think about planning, setting up, running and evaluating your event and give yourself goals each step of the way from how many people get involved to how much you raise in total.



Other ideas for Summer Term:

- Stall at the Summer fete
- Sponge throw at your teachers!
- Wash your teacher's cars
- Fundraise at sports day
- Do a sponsored hike
- Organise a Bake off
- Hold a talent show

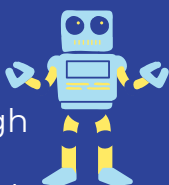


VOLUNTEERING DAYS

If you want to learn more about what we do, you can have the opportunity to spend a one-off day with us doing some additional volunteering at our facilities. This is your opportunity to see behind the scenes of our charity, try something new and get stuck in with what we do!

What you could do:

Toy sorting



Help us sort through pre-loved toys and teddies which can then be used to fundraise for our charity.

Event preparation

Help us get ready for some of our major events such as Santa Dash, Heaven Sent Ball, Golf Day and more!



Run a stall



Run a stall with us at one of our many community events, operating our teddy tombola, raffles, lucky dip and pocket money toys to name a few.

Event volunteers

We also need help at some of our major events, whether it is being a car parking marshal, Santa Dash cheerleader or helping behind the scenes, there are lots of opportunities for you to try.



How We Can Help

We are here to help you every step of the way with your DofE Volunteering and we can provide you with as much guidance as you need.

We can:

- Have monthly check-ins to see how things are going
- Provide marketing and branding for your events
- Show you different ways to make your fundraising most effective
- Give you a tour of our hospice building so you can see what all your hard work goes towards
- Help with any questions and queries along the way
- Be your DofE Volunteering assessor and sign your volunteering hours off once completed

Contact us to get started



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