

Twelve ways to support Air Ambulance this Christmas



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Thank you for choosing to give the gift of life this Christmas



On average, the air ambulance is needed twice a day to help a critically ill or injured patient. During the month of December, when most of us will be enjoying Christmas festivities with family and loved ones, the helicopter emergency medical service is expected to be called out over 60 times.

When needed, the team fly at an average of 180mph, direct to the patient. The doctor and paramedic on board, bring emergency care to the scene of the incident, delivering interventions that can be life-saving.

With your continued support, it's a service that is there, 365 days of the year, for every one of us.

It is not only the medical crew who save lives, but the people like you who support our service.

EACH DAY IT TAKES
£6,850
TO SUSTAIN THIS SERVICE



**BLOOD IS
GIVEN ON
AVERAGE 2
TIMES PER
MONTH**



**ONCE TASKED,
THE TEAM ARE
AIRBORNE
WITHIN 5 MINS**

**WE OPERATE
7 DAYS A WEEK
12 HOURS PER DAY**

Your support helps people like Anna

A family day out moto-crossing to celebrate Anna's 11th birthday ended up in disaster with life-changing consequences for Anna. Her mum, Grace said, "It was Anna's 11th birthday, and we took her to a motocross track to celebrate. She was involved in an accident and thankfully the air ambulance team attended. The initial assessments were



not at all positive. Anna had received a fractured skull, multiple bleeds on the brain, collapsed lung, detached retina and damage to her hearing as well as multiple fractures. She spent over 3 months in hospital. Without this lifesaving service, the outcome for Anna would have been very different.

The expertise, professionalism and compassion of the entire Air Ambulance NI Team is outstanding, they hold a very special place in our hearts".



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1



Become a member

Show your commitment to saving lives by signing up to Club AANI. You can choose to give a small donation each month or gift an annual membership to yourself or a loved one.

2



Host your own fundraiser

Whether you **Light Up Your Home**, organise a **Sponsored Winter Walk**, **Christmas Movie Night In**, or **Christmas Jumper Day** your support will make a difference to saving lives!

3



Visit our online shop

We have Christmas cards, calendar and stocking fillers for friends and loved ones on our online shop.

Or click here to buy and send e-cards.

4



Take on one of our events

Take part in one of our 2025 fundraising events. We have something for everyone whether it's an abseil, dragon boat race, marathon or skydive.

5



Gift the child in your life a membership

Why not gift the child in your life a Junior AANI membership this Christmas. Junior members can help the Air Ambulance team save even more lives!

6



Leave a Gift in your Will

By leaving a gift in your Will to Air Ambulance Northern Ireland, you are giving our patients the very best chance of survival when the worst happens.

7



Ask your workplace to have Air Ambulance as a charity of choice

Helping to save lives, limbs and brains across Northern Ireland 365 days a year. Support us today!

8



Donate your time by volunteering

Our volunteers are at the heart of the Air Ambulance and we literally couldn't fly without them. To find our more information about becoming a volunteer please click [here](#).

9



Recycle your clothing in one of our recycling banks

Clear out your wardrobe before the New Year and support Air Ambulance through our [clothing banks](#).

10



Make a donation

We'd be grounded without your support! Why not make a donation this Christmas to help save lives and keep the Air Ambulance Service running by simply clicking [here](#).

11



Ask for donations in lieu for your birthday, anniversary or retirement gift

Your donations help keep the medics flying, support us whilst you celebrate!

12



If your getting married, order your 'wedding favours'

Share the love on your wedding day and support Air Ambulance Northern Ireland, knowing your helping to save lives, click [here](#) to purchase.

How We Can Support Your Fundraising

- We can provide key information, patient stories and statistics on call outs of our HEMS team including those local to your area.
- We can help advise on fundraising legalities and best practice.
- We can help you maximise your fundraising and provide sponsorship forms and on-line fundraising links.
- Should you need them, we have fundraising materials including disposable banners, balloons, collection boxes and T-shirts (NB: there may be a small charge for some items). As these items are produced at a cost to the charity, we ask you to return when your event is completed.



Marketing and Profile:

- We can provide poster templates for you to personalise and if appropriate, we can help you with wording for the local papers and our website in advance of your event or afterwards with the fundraising total.
- We can organise for a cheque presentation if appropriate.
- We will always provide a thank you receipt for the funds raised (emailing this helps us save on postage).



JustGiving™

JustGiving is our preferred platform for online fundraising.

Follow the steps below to set up your very own JustGiving Page:

1. Go to www.justgiving.com and click 'Start Fundraising'.
2. When asked 'What are you raising money for?', select 'A charity'.
3. Search for '*Air Ambulance Northern Ireland*'.
4. Select whether you're taking part in an event, celebrating an occasion, fundraising in memory or doing your own thing.
5. If you can't see your event listed, select 'Add your own' at the bottom of the page and tell us a bit more about your activity.
6. Choose your fundraising web address – this is the link you'll be sharing with friends and family when asking them to donate.
7. Donations to your page won't be eligible for Gift Aid if you're running a bake sale, or selling tickets to an event, raffle or auction.
8. Click 'Create your page'. Your Fundraising Page is now set up and ready to accept donations. The money you raise will go directly to Air Ambulance Northern Ireland.

Top Tips:

- Personalise your page by editing your story section.
- Upload your photo so your friends and family know who's page it is.
- Give your thank you message a personal touch.
- Post updates on your page to let your followers keep track of your progress.
- Download your QR code within your JustGiving page admin settings and use it on posters/ banners connected to your event. Individuals can then donate to your page via their smartphone.



Returning your Donation to Air Ambulance N.I.



There are plenty of ways to return your donation to Air Ambulance Northern Ireland safely, without having to do it in person;

- **JustGiving**

If you decide to set up your own fundraising page on JustGiving and it is connected to the Air Ambulance Northern Ireland account, your funds will be automatically transferred to our charity as your supporters donate.

- **Air Ambulance NI website**

You can donate your proceeds online via our website using a PayPal account or a credit / debit card. Simply visit:

www.airambulancenireland.org/support-us/

- **Bank Transfer**

If you'd prefer to donate via bank transfer, please let us know by calling 028 9262 2677 and we'd be happy to share our relevant account details with you.

**Don't
Forget!**

Gift Aid!

If you are a UK tax payer, you can boost your donation by 25p for every £1 you donate! Simply tick the gift aid option where relevant and fill out your details.