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Community Groups Fundraising Pack

st elizabeth hospice

Bring your group together. Make a difference close to home so Christmas can be a little brighter for local people this year.

From your WI's Christmas gathering to your Rotary club's festive fundraiser, a little community spirit can make a real difference.

Bring your members together to support St Elizabeth Hospice and help local people living with progressive and life-limiting illnesses receive care at the hospice and in their own homes. Choose an idea that suits your group and help families share precious time together this Christmas.

The difference your group could make:

£21.30 could provide a Christmas dinner for a patient and loved one

£55 could provide specialist advice and support to three families through the 24/7 OneCall service

£82 could fund a one-to-one bereavement counselling session



Carla's hospice story

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One person who knows the difference our care can make at Christmas is Carla Harris, whose mum, Tina Tye, received our support during Christmas 2024.

"From the moment we were told there was nothing more the doctors could do, we knew it would be our last Christmas together with Mum," explained Carla.

"The hospice helped make our Christmas so special and enabled us to be together as a family beside Mum.

"She even had her own decorations in her room, just as she would at home, creating a little festive grotto.

"St Elizabeth Hospice helped our family create so many positive Christmas memories. I cannot thank the hospice enough for that.

"Christmas is a very hard time of year when you have lost someone. That is why it feels even more important that our community continues to support St Elizabeth Hospice in whatever way they can over the festive period."

Carla's mum, Tina, with our hospice team



Upcoming fundraising events



Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 10 December

or any December date that works best for you!

Add a little festive fun to your December meeting: invite members to wear their favourite Christmas jumper and make a voluntary donation.

Enjoy a catch-up and a group photo, knowing your gathering is helping local families. Meeting on another day? Choose whichever date suits your group.

Suggested donation: £2 per person.



Shine Bright for St Elizabeth Hospice

Do your Christmas lights brighten up the neighbourhood? Turn that festive sparkle into support for local hospice care. Why not use your first switch on as a time to invite friends and family to watch your house light up and make a voluntary donation to the hospice.

Spread the word locally and encourage the community to enjoy seeing the illuminated display and donate either using the QR code poster created for you by our team or dropping cash into a collection bucket or pot.

More fundraising ideas

Pedal off the Pudding

Start the new year with a shared goal. Invite members to clock up miles on their own exercise bike at home or a stationary bike at their gym throughout January. Take part in your own time and bring your miles together for a group total. Please use your own or your gym's equipment; hospice bikes are not provided.

Make it your group's challenge: Choose a manageable individual or group target, keep a record of your miles and share progress at your next meeting. You do not need to cycle at the same time or in the same place.

Make every mile count: Invite friends and family to support your challenge with a voluntary donation or a pledge per mile. For example, a sponsor pledging £1 per mile towards an agreed 50-mile target would contribute £50. Agree a maximum donation with each sponsor before starting.



pedal off the pudding

Set up a JustGiving™ page

Setting up a JustGiving page is a simple way to collect donations, share progress and encourage friends and family to sponsor you and your group, to help us fundraise even more.

Visit JustGiving to set up your page, select St Elizabeth Hospice as your chosen cause, add your details and personalise your page. All funds raised will be sent directly to the hospice.

More ways for groups to get involved

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Give Secret Santa a fun charitable twist!

Does your group usually exchange gifts at Christmas?

Invite members to donate their usual gift budget to the hospice instead. Or keep the festive fun with a charity-shop challenge: who can find the funniest £5 Secret Santa gift in one of our hospice shops?



christmas day dip

Friday 25 December 2026, 10am

Felixstowe seafront (opposite Mannings Amusements.)

Support this festive fundraising tradition by taking part and seeking sponsorship, or cheering on your group's dippers. Read the organiser's participation requirements and terms before registering.



Ready to bring your group together?
Tell us what you have in mind and we'll help you get started.

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Let us know if your fundraiser needs collection buckets, pots or flag banners to support it!