





### Dear Supporter,

We are looking for people from all over the Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre to make a sponsored 10,000ft freefall parachute jump on our behalf, and in return we are willing to pay for it! Everything you need is enclosed in this information pack – we've made everything as easy as possible for you to take part.

Here at Trinity Hospice, we provide specialist end-of-life care to everyone across the Fylde coast, and as a charity our care costs more than £9million to provide each year. And so we're asking you to raise £395 in sponsorship for your jump – it means you will be able to jump for free and guarantees us a donation of around £140. Every penny you raise on top of this come straight to us, so please try to raise as much as you possibly can!

The enclosed information has been written by the professional skydiving instructors at Skyline Events who perform thousands of skydives each year, so if you have any questions about the practicalities of your tandem skydive, please email them directly at info@skylineevents.co.uk.

We sincerely hope that after reading through this information pack you will decide to give it a go. We are in desperate need of funds in order to continue our work and don't forget, all you have to do is raise the minimum amount of sponsorship and you will get to jump for free!

Yours sincerely,

**Antonia Hawkins** 

Fundraising Assistant & Previous Parachute Participant





#### What is it all about?

OK, so imagine sitting at the door of the aircraft at 11,000ft, legs dangling over the edge and preparing yourself for the 120mph rush back down to earth. Imagine experiencing this whilst raising money for a good cause. Well, with Trinity Hospice you can!

### What is a Tandem Skydive?

In a tandem skydive you will be connected to a BPA qualified instructor by a harness. The instructor will be in charge throughout the whole decent, from getting ready through to landing. You do not need any previous experience and will be given a safety briefing on the day of your jump.

You'll be able to experience the 120mph rush once you and your instructor have left the aircraft for approximately 30 seconds. Then your instructor will deploy the parachute and you will then experience the peace and quiet whilst gliding slowly back down to the ground.

# Covid-19

We are delighted to be returning to the skies. In order to resume skydiving and, in accordance with the latest UK Government guidance, all airfields will be operating with the following measures.

- All skydivers (including tandem students) entering the Dropzone will be required to complete a Covid-19 declaration.
- Temperature checks will be in place. Anyone with a temperature over 37.8oc will not be allowed to enter the Dropzone.
- All skydivers & spectators must wear a face covering. Please bring your own gloves if you wish to wear them.
- All instructors are required to wear a full face helmet.
- Spectators are limited to 2 per student.
- Safety brief, gearing up and preparation will take place outside, weather permitting.
- Do not travel to the Dropzone if you develop Covid-19 symptoms or are advised to self-isolate by NHS Track & Trace.

At certain airfields, additional restrictions on top of the above may be required. All participants will be contacted before their jump and made aware of the requirements they will be expected to follow.

We are constantly reviewing government guidelines and if necessary we may need to cancel your skydive due to government guidance. An alternative date will be offered, if the skydive is cancelled due to Covid-19.





# So how much sponsorship do I need to raise?

In order to receive your free tandem skydive, you must raise a minimum of £395 per person or more. The cost of your skydive will be deducted from the money you have raised, so every penny you raise over the minimum will be a further contribution to Trinity Hospice. The minimum committed sponsorship must be paid to Trinity Hospice by 11th June 2021.

# When can I jump?

We have booked a limited amount of spaces for 'Team Trinity' on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021. However if you are unavailable on this date you can always book a date to suit you. During the winter, jumps are on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays; whereas during the summer the airfield is open every day, as long as weather conditions are suitable.

# Where can I jump?

This year we will be using Black Knight Parachute Centre, North of Lancaster, Junction 33 of the M6. The postcode for the centre is LA2 0DY. Please remember to put the space in between the postcode when using a Sat Nav, otherwise you may end up somewhere in the Lake District! You can however book another location in the UK. To see the full list of parachute centres please contact Skyline Events at info@skylineevents.co.uk.

## Are there any restrictions?

To complete a tandem skydive, you must be over the age of 16, under 15 stone for males and 13 stone for females. You must also be over 7 stone.

If you have a pre-disposing medical problem, are aged over 70 or have a physical disability, this won't necessarily stop you from taking part in your skydive. You will, however, need to contact the centre to arrange an assessment with the Chief Instructor prior to proceeding further with the booking. Please contact Skyline Events at 01524 791 820 before you pay your deposit.

#### Am I insured?

You will automatically be covered by the British Parachute Association, which is a third party insurance for up to £2,000,000. This, however, does not cover personal injury. Should you wish to arrange further insurance, please email skyline at <a href="info@skylineevents.co.uk">info@skylineevents.co.uk</a>. Please note, skydives are classed as an extreme sport and you may not be covered on basic life insurance, always check with your insurance providers first.

### How do I pay in my sponsorship money?

You must send us your £395 minimum sponsorship money three weeks before the event. If you have raised all of your sponsorship through JustGiving, your sponsorship will automatically be transferred to us. If you have not raised the full committed sponsorship by 11th June 2021, you may need to pay any outstanding money yourself. Keep in touch with us, and let us know if you are struggling to reach your target. Our fundraising team is here to support you in your fundraising journey.





# So..... How do I sign up?

## **First Step**

Register with us so we can send you your personalised sponsorship pack so you can start raising funds. You can register online at www.trinityhospice.co.uk/parachute. You can also kick start your fundraising by setting up an online fundraising page at www.justgiving.com/trinitycare.

### **Second Step**

You will need to pay a £70 non-refundable deposit to secure your place.

Ask friends and family to sponsor you for your skydive and if you raise £395.00 in sponsorship and you'll receive your jump for free. All committed sponsorship money must be with Trinity Hospice by 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

Closer to the date of the Skydive you will be sent an email to validate your booking and confirm your arrival time. Please read the email carefully and complete all necessary actions.

### **Step Three**

Arrive at the airfield on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021 in good time for your jump. Please remember you have chosen a weather-dependent sport and, as such, we are unable to parachute if the weather is not within the safe limits to skydive. We will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible if the weather is unsuitable, so please ensure you keep us up to date with your current contact number.

#### **Finally**

We hope this information has helped to encourage you to complete a charity skydive for Trinity Hospice. This is an excellent way to raise funds whilst completing a once in a lifetime experience.

Please remember that there could be a possibility that you may be there for the majority of the day and could potentially have your skydive postponed if weather conditions are not safe to do so. Family and friends are more than welcome to spectate in line with Covid-19 restrictions; however, please ensure that they are aware that it can potentially be an all-day event.

