

PRESS RELEASE

Run the London Marathon for a Cornish Charity

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Cornish runners who fail to win a 2009 Flora London Marathon place following the results of the ballot, due to be announced this week (September 24), can still get a guaranteed place by running in support of Cornwall Hospice Care.

The charity holds 17 guaranteed Gold Bond Places, which enables people to run in the world's most popular marathon effort and at the same time support a local Cornish charity.

Events Officer, Clare Bray said: "If you missed out on a place why not help raise much needed funds to support people in Cornwall who have a life-limiting illness. All you need is a strong commitment to raise a minimum of £1,500 for the charity, and of course a lot of training to take part in this world famous and truly amazing event!"

Clare added: "It costs around £5.3 million to meet the annual running costs of our charity. Most of this has to be met through donations – that's a huge ask on the people of Cornwall and in the present financial situation we are struggling to meet this figure. We are so grateful to those who work so hard in raising funds for us through events such as this."

Cornwall Hospice Care incorporating Mount Edgcumbe Hospice in St Austell and St Julia's Hospice in Hayle, provides specialist care to people who have a life limiting illness and gives support to their family, friends and carers.

Entry forms can be obtained from the charity's website www.cornwallhospicecare.co.uk, or by telephoning the fundraising office on 01726 66869. Successful applicants will be notified in October.

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