How to make a difference

#TeamTommys
Welcome to the family! We really can’t thank you enough for the difference you are making to saving babies’ lives.

Thanks to the generosity and determination of our supporters, we are able to fund research into the causes and prevention of pregnancy complications that lead to miscarriage, prematurity and stillbirth. But we can’t stop there; we know that we’ve still got a lot to do. Every penny you raise can make a difference, and that’s why we need people like you.

Thanks again 😊

Kerry’s Story

“My husband and I knew we wanted a family straight after we got married. But it didn’t happen that way for us. It took 8 months for me to get pregnant the first time, but that dream had come crashing down. I experienced my first miscarriage and we were completely broken. It was traumatic.

My second pregnancy came 4 months later, but again something wasn’t right. Deep down we knew it was happening again – I was going to miscarry. Eight months later I fell pregnant again but didn’t want to believe it – I had been left with a complete fear that history will repeat itself. I was right, and miscarried for the third time. We were heartbroken.

I found a Tommy’s research trial and could now get the help we needed. Tommy’s has been an incredible source of support, knowledge and hope. Tommy’s has eased our pain during a turbulent three year journey through miscarriage.

We are now pregnant again and can’t thank Tommy’s enough for all of the fantastic support.”

Where your money goes

- £100: Could pay for a blood pressure monitor to track abnormal heart rhythms, weak pulse, high and low blood pressure, and more.
- £500: Helps fund a Tommy’s midwife on our Pregnancy Line supporting parents and giving specialist pregnancy advice.
- £1k: Could fund an ultrasound scanner for two weeks, helping Tommy’s doctors to identify babies who aren’t growing properly.
- £10k: Could fund a PhD project to help prevent preterm labour. 55,000 babies are born prematurely every year in the UK.
WIN! WIN!

Ask friends, family and local businesses to donate prizes. Ask your employer to donate a day of annual leave to create a real buzz in the office.

Party time!

Get your glad rags on, book a venue and dance the night away! Sell tickets and ask for donations on the night. Host a raffle with donated prizes to raise even more.

Summer Lovin’

Take advantage of the summer months. Invite friends and family around for a barbecue. Ask for donations in return for food.

Cut it out!

Smoking, alcohol, chocolate, talking – whatever your vice, get sponsored to give it up for a month.

Bake off!

Put your Great British Bake Off skills to the test and sell as many cupcakes as you can – yummy...

Dress down day

Request donations at school or work in return for dressing down. Comfy!

Car booty

Have a spring clean and sell that unwanted clutter – simple but effective!

“Fundraising for Tommy’s has enabled me to turn having 3 miscarriages into something incredibly positive. Through sharing my story with friends and family, our event has raised over £1,000 for Tommy’s. It has helped me to deal with such a difficult time in such an uplifting way. Thank you so much for your support.”

Rachel, Towcester
Sweepstake

Ask people to donate a small fee to guess your finishing time to win a small cash prize. We have given you an example marathon sweepstake on the next page!

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Samantha, Croydon

Keep going!

Bag packing
Ask your local supermarket if you can pack shopping bags in return for donations. Do it in fancy dress and you’ll get a lot more donations, whilst having a lot of fun!

Girls night in
Invite your close ones over for a girly night in – give a manicure and paint their nails for a small fee (ask them to donate what they would have spent on a night out).

At the Car Wash
Bring your friends together, throw on some old clothes and wash down those cars. Advertise in your community and at work, and hope for some sunshine.

Coffee time
Host a coffee and cake morning at your home and ask for donations to be made on the day.

Come Dine With Me
Gather your friends and organise a fine dining competition. Wine will be flowing and vital funds will be raised.

Leg Wax
Guys, it’s time for you to brave the shave! Gather sponsors to have your head shaved or legs waxed.

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Running to save babies’ lives.

How long will it take me to run [ ]?

Please donate £2 (suggested minimum) to support Tommy’s and guess my finish time. Write your name next to the time you think I will take to complete the race. The guess closest to my actual finishing time will win: £ [ ]

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Find out more at tommys.org

Funds raised from the sweepstake can be added to your event sponsorship total. Please send sponsorship to: Tommy’s, Nicholas House, 3 Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BB. Or call us on 020 7398 3481 to pay your sponsorship by card.
Why not pay by phone?
Put the funds into your bank account and call us on 020 7398 3481 to pay by credit or debit card.

People love seeing what you’re up to – take a selfie and share it with your supporters. This could help you raise 14% more!

Remember to ask your supporters to Gift Aid it if they are UK Taxpayers!

People can then donate quickly and easily, and the money will be transferred straight to Tommy’s.

Use social media it’s the most popular way to spread the word. The more you post, the more donations you are likely to receive, and don’t forget to tag us!

Fundraising the old fashioned way? Fine with us!
We have included a sponsorship form on the next page. Please don’t count on this until you’ve got the cash!

Set up a Virgin Money Giving Page uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charities/Tommy’s and click ‘start Fundraising’ to set up your safe and secure online fundraising page.

Money raised offline can be paid directly onto your fundraising page.

Don’t forget to include a high target people are likely to give more. Raise it once you reach it!

Ask your generous family and friends first people tend to match previous donations. It also helps to ask around payday!

Please make cheques made payable to Tommy’s and send to:
Tommy’s, Nicholas House 3 Laurence Pountney Hill London EC4R 0BB

Remember, let people know how grateful you are for their support and keep them updated with how your fundraising goes!

Visit gov.uk/guidance/fundraising-legally-and-responsibly and make sure your raffles, competitions and prize draws are following regulations!

Get online!

Personalise your page make it stand out by including a picture and telling everyone why saving babies’ lives means so much to you.

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Sponsorship form

Help us fund research to save babies' lives.

Please sponsor

who has volunteered to raise money for Tommy's for the following event

on (date)

Tommy's funds research into the causes and prevention of miscarriage, stillbirth and premature birth and provides information programmes that support pregnant woman and their families.

Your name

Your address

Postcode

Raise your sponsorship online and save Tommy's money and using Just Giving or Virgin Money Giving instead – search for Tommy's to set up your page.

If I have ticked the box headed 'Gift Aid?' I confirm that I am a UK Income or Capital Gains taxpayer. I have read this statement and want the charity or Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) named above to reclaim tax on the donation detailed below, given on the date shown. I understand that if I pay less Income Tax/or Capital Gains tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all of my donations it is my responsibility to pay any difference. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I have given.

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**Used this paper sponsorship form?** When your fundraising is complete, post a cheque payable to ‘Tommy’s’ to Tommy’s, Nicholas House, 3 Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BB. Please DO NOT send cash.

**To pay in your sponsorship online please visit** [tommys.org/donate](http://tommys.org/donate)

**To pay your sponsorship over the phone please call Tommy’s on** 020 7398 3481.

Tommy’s takes data protection very seriously. The details you have provided are for Gift Aid purposes only. By providing your name and contact details you are not opting in to receive information from Tommys.


**If you have any queries please call** 020 7398 3400 or email fundraising@tommys.org

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Tommy’s is registered charity no 1060508 and SC039280.
Thank you so much for your time, efforts and excitement.
We are so thrilled to have you on board raising crucial funds to save babies' lives. Your support and dedication will ensure more pregnancies have a happy ending.

Alex, Derby
“it was a real privilege to raise money for such a worthy cause.”

Remember we are here to help.
We couldn't squeeze all of our tips and ideas in here, so please get in touch if you would like any more support.

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Tommy's
Together, for every baby

Last, but not least