



Information Release

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The Freemasons' Grand Charity continues its support to help keep air ambulances flying

Somewhere in England and Wales an air ambulance takes off roughly every ten minutes, flying a total of over 19,000 missions every year and costing in excess of £5,000,000. The money to fund this important work is met almost entirely by donations from organisations like The Freemasons' Grand Charity and members of the public. The Freemasons' Grand Charity is therefore pleased to continue its support of these potentially life-saving services, provided nationally by eighteen air ambulance charities, with a further grant of £180,000.

As in 2008, Provincial and Metropolitan Grand Lodges were invited to nominate a service to receive a £4,000 share of the total grant. During the summer, representatives of the Provincial Grand Lodges have been visiting their local helipads, meeting the air ambulance crews and presenting cheques for the donations.

To find out how the grant of £180,000 has been shared between the air ambulance charities, visit:

http://www.grandcharity.org/pages/air_ambulance_charities.html

Visit The Freemasons' Grand Charity website at www.grandcharity.org

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Grants to Air Ambulances – 2009

Air Ambulance Trust	Total Grant	Nominating Provincial Grand Lodge(s)/Metropolitan Grand Lodge
County Air Ambulance	£20,000	Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire and Worcestershire
Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Rutland Air Ambulance (working name of Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance)	£16,000	Derbyshire, Leicestershire & Rutland, Northamptonshire & Huntingdonshire and Warwickshire
Devon Air Ambulance	£4,000	Devon
Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance	£8,000	Dorset and Somerset
East Anglian Air Ambulance	£16,000	Norfolk, Suffolk, Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire
Essex and Hertfordshire Air Ambulance	£8,000	Essex and Hertfordshire
First Air Ambulance Service Trust	£4,000	Cornwall
Great North Air Ambulance	£12,000	Cumberland & Westmoreland, Durham and Northumberland
Great Western Air Ambulance Service	£4,000	Bristol
Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance	£4,000	Hampshire and Isle of Wight
Kent Air Ambulance (incorporating Surrey Air Ambulance Fund and Sussex Air Ambulance Fund)	£16,000	East Kent, West Kent, Surrey and Sussex
Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance Charitable Trust	£8,000	Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire
North West Air Ambulance	£12,000	Cheshire, East Lancashire and West Lancashire
Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance	£12,000	Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire



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Virgin HEMS	£8,000	London and Middlesex
Wales Air Ambulance	£16,000	Monmouthshire, North Wales, South Wales and West Wales
Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance		See Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Rutland Air Ambulance
Wiltshire Air Ambulance	£4,000	Wiltshire
Yorkshire Air Ambulance	£8,000	Yorkshire, North & East Ridings and Yorkshire, West Riding