



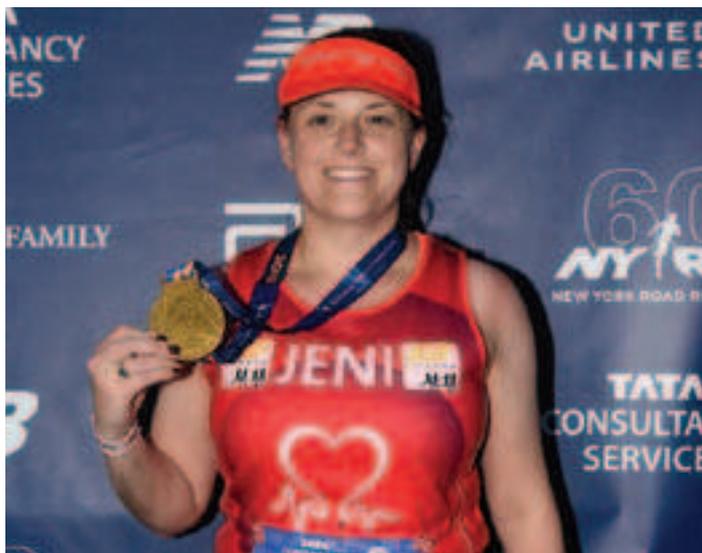
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British Heart Foundation



Jenni Bowden is calling on people in the area to help beat heartbreak forever by joining a new fundraising group in support of the British Heart Foundation.

Around 44,000 people across Wirral are fighting a daily battle with heart and circulatory disease. Each year these devastating conditions claim the lives of more than 1,000 people in Wirral alone.

Fundraising groups are the face of the British Heart Foundation in their local communities. From running fundraising events to supporting schools and local businesses, organising collections or running marathons, they are a fantastic way to support the charity's vital work.

Three years ago Jenni's dad, Phil sadly died of a sudden heart attack. Following her tragic experience, Jenni joined the BHF.

Jenni says: "My dad was so fit and healthy, so when he had a heart attack it was a massive shock for us all. It was then I decided to join the British Heart Foundation as a volunteer. I want to raise funds and awareness so that other people don't have to go through the same life-shattering experience that my family did. It would be great to get new members on board in Wirral. We organise events and hold collections and have fun. I have even started running marathons, which is something I never thought I would do. And we do all this while raising funds for such important life-saving research."

Being part of the group is a way to meet new people, make great friends, get involved in your local community, all while helping to fund pioneering research into better understanding and treating heart and circulatory disease, and most importantly, having FUN!

Hayley Gough, Fundraising Manager in Wirral for the British Heart Foundation, said: "Wirral is such a wonderful community and we are so excited to expand the local group and start up new ones. Heart and circulatory disease is Merseyside's biggest killer. I think everyone knows somebody who has been impacted by heart and circulatory disease, which is why our fundraising groups are so important. Without them, we wouldn't be able to carry on funding our life-saving research."

For more information about joining the group, call Hayley Gough on 07823 337 995 or email goughh@bhf.org.uk

Ambassadors Ball



Merseyside fundraising supremos Mandy Molby and Claire Gallagher hosted their annual Ambassadors Ball in November at Thornton Hall Hotel to raise funds for various local good causes.

The glamorous black tie ball, supported by Durastic Flooring, Integral, The Festive Decorators, Luxury Leisure Travel and Radio City's Cash for Kids, was hosted by Radio City's Peter Price. Over 350 guests were welcomed with a Champagne Reception, followed by a sumptuous four-course dinner.

Entertainment included performances from the sensational dance troop Boogie Storm, Marc Kenny, comedian Josh Daniels and a fantastic set from Marcus Collins. DJ Charlie C kept the music flowing with a selection of floor fillers until the early hours. The highlight of the night was an impromptu performance of *Rappers Delight* by Liverpool legend John Barnes.

The event raised over £130,000 for the nominated charities and the Ambassadors are delighted that the event is set to fund various local projects.

Celebrated artist Mackenzie Thorpe donated 15 limited edition prints, the sale of which raised £28,000 and will be partially used to fund a party for 1,500 children.

Pete Price showcased his exceptional auctioneering skills, ably assisted by Jan Molby, with some amazing auction prizes including VIP tickets for Ollie Murs, a meet and greet with Alfie Boe, tickets to the UEFA Champions League final and hospitality tickets for Paul McCartney. Also up for grabs were holidays in the Maldives, Caribbean and La Manga.

Mandy Molby, Ambassador, said: "The generosity of the guests, sponsors and prize donators has been absolutely overwhelming tonight and we genuinely do not have enough words of thanks for those who have supported us. The hard work and kindness shown tonight will ensure that we can continue our work improving the lives of those who are vulnerable, less fortunate, or in need."

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