## **ORGANISING YOUR EVENT**

Do something special and show off your superb shrubs and perfect perennials by opening your garden this summer. Whatever the size, it's the perfect way to share your love for gardening with others and raise all-important funds for LOROS.

#### Pick your date and location

First step you'll take is to decide on the best day and time for your Open Gardens. Weekends are generally the best option as most people have more free time then. Think about where you are going to hold this. Perhaps you choose your garden or with neighbours, the street or the local community.

#### Get ready to promote

Think about spreading the word at least a month before your event date. You could do this via your social media pages. It's a great free way to spread the word and don't forget to mention us by tagging **@LOROSHospice**. If your fundraising is in the local community or at a work place. Don't forget to use the poster in the toolkit and let everyone know it's happening.

#### Planning your fundraiser

Think about the timings? Are you allowing dogs? Where would you like people to park? Are there going to be any accessibility issues? If you are providing food at your event, please visit **food.gov.uk** for guidance.

#### What to charge?

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Think about the cost of entry and how you would like people to pay. You can open your own JustGiving page and use the QR code for people to donate directly to there, or you can use some of our LOROS buckets and collection tubs for any cash.



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#### **Maximise the potential**

**Regular Giving** is a wonderful way for us to receive your support. Give every month so we can be here every day. For more information or to request literature for your event please contact **fundraising@loros.co.uk** 

**Did you know?** 1 in 4 of our patients are funded by gifts in Wills. A gift to LOROS in your Will costs nothing today, but will make a real difference in ensuring LOROS can continue this vital care in the future. For more information or to request literature for your event please contact **legacy@loros.co.uk** 

**LOROS Lotteries** would love to support your fundraiser! Invite the team along on the day for some extra FUN, with the LOROS Lottery, 'Support and Win' scratch cards and big WIN seasonal raffles. Get in touch at **loros.co.uk/lottery** 

Or you could add your own tombola, raffle, quiz or games to raise extra funds and keep your guests busy!

#### After the event

Don't forget your 'thank you' posters for you to be able to display your total raised.

All the details in getting your donations to us are on the money matters page. We will send you a letter and certificate to thank you too.



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### **MONEY MATTERS**

#### **Gift Aid**

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Gift Aid allows us to reclaim tax on donations made by UK taxpayers. This means that for every £1 donated, LOROS may be able to claim an additional 25p from the Government. Ask your supporters to tick the Gift Aid option on your sponsorship form or when donating online. If you will be collecting donations then please ask us for Gift Aid envelopes.

#### **Match funding**

Check whether your employer offers a Match Funding Scheme. Many companies will match fundraising completed by employees. This is a very easy way to double your funds!

#### Sending your money to LOROS

There are lots of ways to give your donations to LOROS:

- ★ Cash can be handed in at the Hospice or at any of our LOROS shops
- ★ Cheques can be handed in or sent to Fundraising, LOROS Hospice, Groby Road, Leicester LE3 9QE. Please make cheques payable to LOROS
- ★ Payment can be made using a debit/credit card. Please call the Fundraising team on (0116) 231 8431
- ★ Payment can be made via BACS. Get in touch to ask for our bank details
- ★ If you have a JustGiving page then the money will be sent to us directly so you won't need to do anything!

Remember! Include your details when sending money to LOROS so that we can write and thank you for your tremendous fundraising efforts and making a difference to our patients and their families



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# THANK YOU

Together we raised an amazing