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## Local Mums Launch Lifesaver Appeal

Two mothers whose children have been saved by Magpas have launched an appeal calling on mums across the region to raise money for the local charity.



(left to right) Christian Morris from Magpas, Jane and Kane Hawes and Kate and Jude Burland

Jane Hawes from Marshland St James and Judy Burland from Little Paxton, know only too well the difference the Magpas team on the Air Ambulance and police helicopter make in Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire.

Jane's 2 ½ year old son, Kane, went missing from his home last March and was found face down in their pond. Jane pulled him out and called 999 before starting CPR. The Magpas doctor and paramedic team was called and flew to the scene on Anglia Two, the East Anglian Air Ambulance helicopter.

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There they intubated Kane at the scene before flying him to Addenbrooke's hospital. He went on to make a full recovery.

Judy Burland's daughter, Kate, broke her back in two places after being thrown from her horse three years ago. The Magpas team flew to the scene on the police helicopter.

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March, the two mothers and their children visited the Magpas team at RAF Wyton to meet their lifesavers and to launch 'Mums for Magpas' – an appeal that is calling on mums across the county to fundraise for the charity.

Jane said, "If it weren't for the Magpas team on the Air Ambulance it is very unlikely that Kane would be alive today. I can't thank them enough for what they did for us that day and I hope lots of other mums will take part in Mums for Magpas by doing a sponsored run, walk or by holding a coffee morning or anything like that."

Judy said, "We could have lost Kate that day and I can't even contemplate what our lives would have been like if that had happened. Magpas' doctors and paramedics make such a difference at the scene. They don't just save lives, they keep families together. That's why we would like lots of other mums like us to support them. None of us know if one of our children might need their wonderful service one day too."

Magpas provides the lifesaving team on the East Anglian Air Ambulance. Outside daylight hours they switch to the police helicopter also based at RAF Wyton. The charity also operates 37 Community First Responder groups across Cambridgeshire. They are non-medical volunteers that the charity trains and equips so they are able to save lives in their local towns and villages when someone suffers a cardiac arrest or a stroke.

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Magpas spokesman, Christian Morris said, “It was lovely to see Kane and Kate and we are very grateful to Jane and Judy for launching Mums for Magpas. This is a very difficult time for all charities so the support of lots of mums will make a real difference to people’s lives in this region.”

If you want to do something to raise money for Magpas’ lifesavers or wish to make a donation, please call the charity on 01480 371 060 or visit our website [www.magpas.org.uk](http://www.magpas.org.uk)

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