

## Mums love for son raises thousands of pounds for North West Air Ambulance

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**Joseph Andrews was only nineteen years of age when he lost his life one fateful morning whilst driving home with his girlfriend after watching the sun rise.**

The 5.30am collision with a lorry at Swarthmoor, Nr Ulverston, resulted in Joseph being emergency air lifted from Furness General to the Royal Preston Hospital.

His parents, Julie and Gavin Andrews, have channelled the grief and love they have for their son into a relentless mission of fundraising for the incredible North West Air Ambulance, and plan a big fundraiser for what would have been his 25th birthday in February.

The North West Air Ambulance is a charity funded service and is not part of the NHS Emergency Services, and so it heavily on donations. The NWAAs own lottery plus many personal donations helps to generate the millions of pounds it costs to provide Cumbria with this critical service. Costs are rising every year, as well as generic overheads and running costs there is a lot going on behind the scenes too, and a lot of kit to provide for the Pilot, Doctors and onboard Paramedics etc.

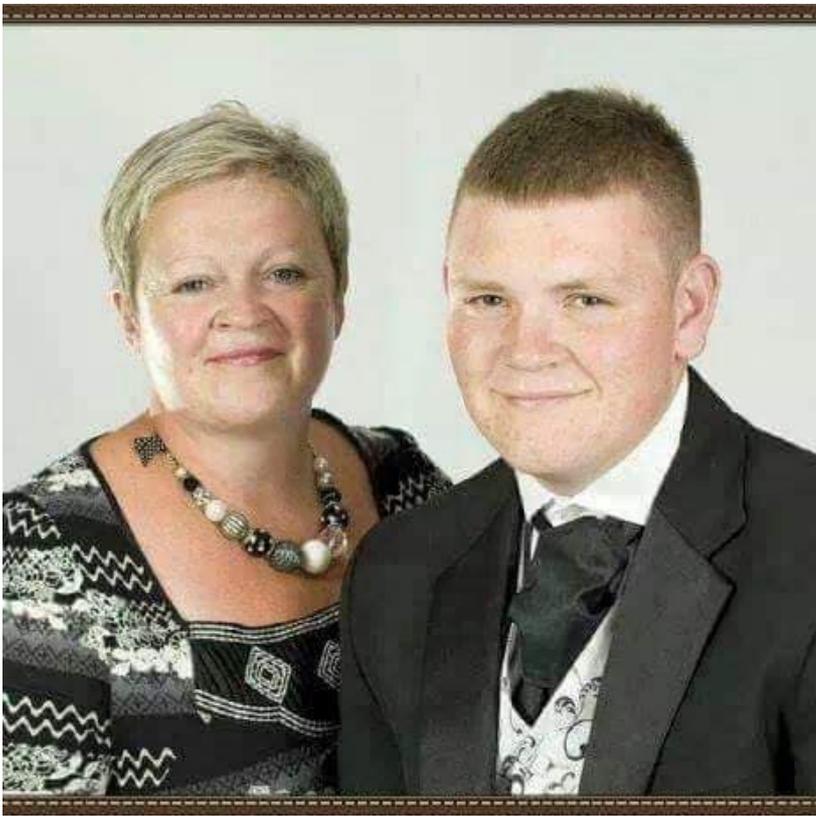
Julie Andrews, Josephs mum told us Joseph was 19 at the time of his accident so we decided to try and raise 1,900 a thousand pound for every year of his life."

"Over the last 5 years myself, my family and the #doitforjoe team have raised over 70,000 doing all kinds of things from selling cakes, afternoon teas, Keswick to Barrow Walk even sky driving. We have even completed a huge 200 mile coast to coast walk in 2017 raising 22,000. Last year a team did the west highland way walk and climbed Ben Nevis. We have also raised around 16,000 from our grand Christmas raffle every year. I would like to thank all the local people and businesses for donating the prizes to our 2018 grand Christmas raffle which raised a staggering 4,500."

We want to give something back to the people that helped to save our sons life so that hopefully other families dont have to suffer the heartache we have. Unfortunately because of the timing of Josephs accident it was too early in the morning as the air ambulance starts running around 8am and Joe was air lifted at 9am. Doing this fundraising when we can helps to keep his memory alive, which is very important to us. We would like to thank the Furness people, their generosity is second to none. Many families around this area have needed the Air Ambulance in some way, or have friends who have used it, which makes people very happy to help in any way they can. It costs over 8 million pounds a year to fund our three helicopters, 40k a month just for fuelling, a service we really couldnt do without in our remote area. Transporting many people to specialist hospitals within 15 minutes instead of a two hour journey by road. This amazing service really wouldnt be here without the support from the fundraisers and the general public, working 365 days a year saving many lives.

To celebrate what would have been Joe's 25th birthday we are holding a Race Night at the Ambrose Hotel, Barrow, at 7.30pm on Friday 8th February. There will be a free supper, raffle and play your cards right. Its going to be a great fun night and everyone is welcome





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