## **Glenlola Collegiate School**

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**Dear Parent** 

We are a group of Sixth Form students from Glenlola Collegiate & Bangor Grammar School who are hoping for your support with a fundraising initiative we are holding, in aid of the NI Children's Hospice.

We are organising the fundraiser in memory of our friends Megan Ogle & Josh Martin. Both teenagers were diagnosed with cancer within months of each other and both bravely endured many months of surgical procedures, along with exhausting chemotherapy sessions and drug treatments, to try and fight the disease. Sadly, Megan lost her battle with cancer on the 21 September 2016 and Josh lost his fight on the 27 February 2017.

We felt strongly that we wanted to fundraise for the NI Children's Hospice to honour Megan & Josh's memory and to help support the amazing work that they do as both families availed of the services provided by the Hospice. The Northern Ireland Children's Hospice cares for children and young people with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions and supports their families and those close to them. 300 children and their families are supported by the Hospice each year through their provision of specialist nursing, friendship, advice, care and support. It costs £3 million each year to run the Children's Hospice services and with only £500k available from government funding the generosity and support of the local community to raise £2.5 million each year is crucial.

Our Fundraiser Show will be held on Thursday 14 February 2019 at Bangor Elim Complex with teachers and pupils from both schools performing on the night and we are hoping to sell at least 600 tickets for the event.

We would value support from the local business community. We are therefore asking for you to get involved by sponsoring one of the eight acts performing on the night. We are suggesting a minimum sponsorship amount of £100. Your Business name will be advertised with one of the acts on the night and will appear in our programme. All the money raised will go directly to the NI Children's Hospice contributing to the much needed funds for the Children's Hospice and will be part of the wider tribute to Megan & Josh's memory. If you would like to contribute or find out more about the event could you please contact Mrs Will at Bangor Grammar School on 02891473734 or by email on kwill478@c2kni.net.

Thank you in advance for your generosity,

Parmine Doherty



