

Dear Supporter

Thank You for enquiring about doing a parachute jump for Different Strokes.

We are always looking for people from all over the country to make a sponsored 10,000 feet freefall parachute jump on our behalf and in return we are willing to pay for it! Everything you need is enclosed in this pack including your reservation form and sponsorship forms and we've made everything as easy as possible for you to take part.

Different Strokes is a registered charity which provides information and support to stroke survivors of working age and younger. As you will see from the enclosed literature we ask you to raise £395 in sponsorship money in order for you to jump for free and in turn we will receive an average donation of £140. In addition to this, every extra pound that you raise over the minimum comes straight to the charity, so please try to raise as much as you possibly can!

The enclosed information has been written by professional events organisers Skyline who receive a flat rate per jumper for organising the jumps for us. Skyline specialise in organising fundraising events for charities so if you have any questions please ring them directly as they are in the best position to answer your questions - you can contact them on 020 7424 5522.

We sincerely hope that after you have read through this information pack you will decide to give it a go, all you have to do is raise the minimum amount of sponsorship and you will get to jump for free! You will also be raising valuable funds for Different Strokes.

We look forward to hearing from you soon and I will be happy to help with setting up a fundraising page and I can also send you one of our lovely t-Shirts!

Yours sincerely

Jo Aurora
Fundraising Manager



What is it like?

Imagine standing at the edge of an open doorway in an aircraft flying at 10,000 feet - the noise of the engines and the wind ringing in your ears with only the outline of distant fields below. Now imagine leaning forward out of that doorway and letting go - falling forward into the clouds, diving down through the air as you start freefalling at over 120mph! Then imagine the peace and quiet as the canopy opens, the steering toggles come down either side of you and you begin a tranquil parachute descent from a mile up in the air, steering yourself back down to the centre of the drop zone below. Imagine being able to do this for FREE whilst harnessed to a professional freefall parachute instructor and at the same time being able to help a national charity! Stop imagining, it's real and it's happening all the time and you can be part of it...

What does the jump involve?

Technically the jump is called a 'Tandem Skydive'. It is a Skydive because you will be freefalling through the air (without the parachute deployed) for several thousand feet; it is in Tandem because you will be harnessed to a professional parachute instructor at all times throughout the descent (see front photo). This is the only way you can jump from such an altitude without spending thousands of pounds becoming a freefall parachutist. This is literally the chance of a lifetime!

This jump is also much less demanding than the traditional 'static line' jump as the jump and training are completed in one day and your instructor will be in control of your landing.

10,000 FT FREEFALL PARACHUTE JUMP! CONTINUED

Points to remember:

- Jump and training completed in one day
- Harnessed to an experienced parachute instructor at all times
- Jump from at least 10,000 feet - just like the professionals
- Freefall down to 5,000 feet - falling through the air at 120 mph!
- Ride the parachute down to the ground - we teach you how to steer onto the drop zone
- Landing controlled by your instructor
- Certificate to prove that you have completed a 'two-mile high' Tandem Skydive!

What must I do to qualify for a free jump?

All you have to do is raise £395* (or more!) for Different Strokes by asking your friends and colleagues to sponsor you, using our specially designed sponsorship forms which you will find at the back of this information pack. Please do not be put off by this amount - if you ask everybody you know to sponsor you, you will find you can quite easily raise the minimum £395 sponsorship and remember, every penny you raise over the minimum will be further contributing to Different Strokes and giving you the chance to make an exhilarating freefall parachute jump for FREE!

** For airfields based in Scotland and Northern Ireland the minimum sponsorship level for a tandem skydive is £450*

What do I do next?

Read the pages entitled 'Important Information' and 'Paying Your Sponsorship Money' and then simply choose a date for your jump and complete the booking form at:

<https://www.skylineregistrations.co.uk/parachuting/booking.aspx?clientid=52646>. After that all you have to do is make an exhilarating Tandem Skydive from 10,000 feet for FREE!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

When can I jump?

We have organised a select number of dates for you to choose from, which are listed on the booking form. If you are unable to jump on any of these dates please contact us on the number below to discuss the possibility of jumping on alternative dates.

Where is the airfield?

The British Parachute Association approved centres that we use are located across the UK and are indicated on the enclosed map. Once we have received your reservation form we will do our best to place you at your nearest available centre but if this is not possible we will contact you to discuss the alternatives.

Are there any restrictions on age or health?

For a tandem skydive you must be at least 16 years old and be under 15 stone in weight. Please note some centres have lower weight limits - please contact us for details. The principal medical restrictions are diabetes, epilepsy, fits, recurrent blackouts, heart or lung disease, mental illness and some cases of asthma. You will be required to sign a medical form before your jump declaring your fitness to take part - this will be sent to you upon receipt of your reservation form but is also available on request. Those under the age of 18 will need the medical form signed by a parent or guardian; those aged 40 and over, or those with a medical condition, will need it signed by their doctor.

Pre-existing physical conditions will not necessarily prevent you from taking part but please inform Skyline of any physical condition as this may affect the location of your jump. If you are in any doubt then please contact us for further information.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONTINUED

What about insurance?

You will automatically be covered for up to £2,000,000 third party insurance but this will not cover you for personal injury. Should you wish to take out cover for personal injury you should either arrange this through your own broker or you can contact us on the number below and we will send you a Personal Insurance Form.

How do I book my place for a FREE jump?

Simply complete the reservation form at:

<https://www.skylineregistrations.co.uk/parachuting/booking.aspx?clientid=52646>

Please note you must also provide a £70 booking deposit made payable to 'Skyline' which can be taken out of your minimum sponsorship money.

Paying your sponsorship money

You have four weeks from the date of your jump before your money to charity is due. Full details of our sponsorship payment system are included on the following page entitled 'Paying Your Sponsorship Money'.

Finally

We sincerely hope that you decide to give it a go - it has often been described as a thrilling 'once in a lifetime' experience and is an excellent way in which to raise funds for such a worthwhile cause. There will be lots of other people trying parachuting for the very first time on the day, so you are welcome to bring along your friends and family so they can watch you on a day you will simply never forget: The day you perform an exhilarating skydive or parachute jump in aid of Different Strokes.

**Fill in YOUR Reservation Form
NOW!**

PAYING YOUR SPONSORSHIP MONEY

Tandem Skydive

The following sponsorship system makes it easy for you to take part and ensures that you do not have to pay all of your sponsorship money in advance. At all airfields you must pay for your jump and training on the day but your money to charity is not due until four weeks after you have completed your jump. Remember, as long as you raise the minimum sponsorship level for your jump (£395* for a tandem jump), you can recover both the cost of the booking deposit and the jump from your sponsorship money - which means you get to jump for FREE!

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Booking Deposit

Whichever airfield you jump at you must provide the standard £70 booking deposit which must be sent in advance but can be taken out of the minimum sponsorship that you raise.

Tandem Skydive

Payment for your jump will be required on the day which varies from airfield to airfield but is generally between £170-£220. You must also provide the remaining sponsorship money due to the charity but this can be postdated by up to four weeks. This postdated method of payment makes it as easy as possible for you, allowing you plenty of time to collect your sponsorship money after the jump before it is due to the charity. Precise instructions on how to operate the above system (including how much to pay your local airfield on the day and how much sponsorship money is due to the charity) will be sent to you upon receipt of your reservation form and booking deposit.

NOTE: We cannot start organising your jump for you until you send in your reservation form and appropriate booking deposit - please do this as soon as possible so that we can give you the date of your choice and so that you can start preparing yourself for what has often been described as 'the experience of a lifetime'!