Our Christmas Market is one of the highlights of our festive fundraising calendar and a real favourite among our local community.

For one day, much of the Hospice is taken over with stalls, entertainment, raffles and tombolas and visits from special guests including the big man himself... Santa Claus!

What happens on the day?
We deck our halls, open our doors and spread some festive cheer in our community. There is a mix of stalls including gifts, toys, food and drink and home wares, plenty of family entertainment and the chance to win prizes in our games and raffles.

Who comes along?
Everyone!
The market is perfect for a family day out, for those looking for an unusual Christmas gift or for people simply getting into the Christmas spirit, there really is something for everyone. You can pay on arrival and browse at leisure from 11am - 3pm.

Did you know?
Last year’s Christmas Market raised £17,500 for St Oswald’s – that’s over £4,300 an hour!

Could you give the gift of time this Christmas?
Here are some of the ways you could support our Christmas Market and make a real difference to the families who rely on us not just over the festive season, but all year round:

Great for...
- Spreading festive cheer throughout your office
- Staff participation
- Flexibility – you decide how you want to get involved
- There are a number of opportunities to get your company’s name out there
Christmas at St Oswald’s

Carole Irving, Auxiliary Nurse on our Adult Inpatient Ward, tells us what happens on Christmas Day at St Oswald’s:

Christmas is an emotional time at the Hospice. For some of our patients, the reality is, it may be the last one they spend with their loved ones. We offer a warm, homely environment where families, young and old, can get together, laugh together and enjoy some quality time.

It’s a privilege to be part of. Staff and volunteers go the extra mile to make it memorable - kitchen staff, fundraisers, housekeeping, nurses, everyone! We don’t usually get the chance to dress up but at Christmas we make an exception.

On Christmas morning we do our usual rounds, wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and every patient receives a gift from us all too. It’s amazing how overwhelmed some people can be from this small gesture.

Our wonderful kitchen staff and volunteers cook our Christmas dinner. Some of the patients have a small lunch, and for those who wish to, they can have Christmas dinner in our main reception, where Christmas songs are playing and tables are laid with crackers and Christmas decorations. For people who are well enough and want to have their meal at home, our volunteer drivers can take them if they wish – so it is a full team effort.

Did you know?

• St Oswald’s is open 365 days of the year so we can be there for patients and their families when they need us – including Christmas Day.
• 81% of people said they would prefer to work for a company that gives back*
• 1 in 2 people said they give more than normal to charity at Christmas**
• A Company’s attitude towards CSR is one of the main factors people use to judge what they would be like as an employer***

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• Big Bake
• Shop Takeovers

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The Important Stuff

Volunteer slots fill quickly at our Christmas market – probably because it’s so much fun! Get in touch with our team as early in the year as possible and we will help you find the most appropriate roles for you.

If you help us raise money, either through matched funding or by running a stall, this amount will count towards your fundraising total. If you support us in a non-monetary way, we will allocate the equivalent amount to your total.

*Source: CAF  **Source: First Capital  ***The Journal of Organisational Behaviour

All money raised in Sunderland and South Tyneside will support our Children and Young Adults Service. St Oswald’s Hospice, Regent Avenue, Gosforth, NE3 1EE. Registered Charity Number 503386.

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