

# PORTSMOUTH ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND

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Dear Pompey Joggers,

We here at Portsmouth Association for the Blind have a guaranteed Silver Bond place for The London Marathon 2010. The Silver Bond place ensures someone can complete the Marathon without having to go through the ballot process.

All we ask is for you to run for us and raise money through sponsorship. The minimum amount we ask to be raised is £1000. We will provide the sponsorship forms, your travel costs to London on Marathon day, any refreshments you would require and a designed tee shirt promoting PAB. I as Fundraiser would endeavor to find corporate sponsorship through my contacts, i.e. for the cost of £100 your company logo would be printed on the back of the Associations official PAB London Marathon tee shirt.

We are a local independent charity supporting blind and partially sighted people. which has several staff members, 3 of which are solely employed as home visitors.

In addition to our staff we have active volunteers without which we could not function. Our volunteers act as drivers and escorts in our mini-buses, organise and run various groups including social activities, singing, bingo, handicraft, a younger members social and ten pin bowling group both during the day and evening. We also run day trips and an annual holiday for our membership which currently stands at 530.

Within the centre we have a resource area which holds a number of aids and gadgets which enable visually impaired people to lead an independent life. This service allows individuals to try before they buy.

Our services enable our member's inclusion within the community as many of them are elderly and live alone. Anyone who is visually impaired in any way is eligible for membership at no cost to themselves. Our centre, staff and volunteers provide a lifeline and contact point. We receive no funds from outside sources and rely on the community for our funding.

If you would like to take up this challenge please contact Paul on 023 9266 1717.

Yours sincerely,

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