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Venues across Hertfordshire are swotting up in preparation for The Big Pub Quiz in aid of Essex & Herts Air Ambulance (EHAAT).

The life-saving Charity is asking pubs and venues to hold fundraising quizzes during March.

On March 16th H@me & Eat in Bishop's Stortford is holding a fun-filled quiz night and raffle. Each £15 ticket purchased includes a delicious chicken or veggie curry, with £10 going towards EHAAT.

Gaynor Wareham, a Critical Care Paramedic with EHAAT who lives nearby, is putting together a team of quizzers to take part.

She said: "As part of the Air Ambulance team I see first-hand how the Charity uses the funding to help people. I live in Bishop's Stortford and as soon as I found out The Big Pub Quiz was happening in a venue so close to my home I had to get involved. I'm looking forward to the night, I hope my team win!"

Dane Gillam, Events Manager at H@me & Eat said: "We are proud to support EHAAT. A close friend to H@me & Eat's life was saved due to the quick response of the Air Ambulance, so it is a Charity we hold dear to our hearts.

"H@me & Eat will continue to help raise funds and contribute in any way we can. We wish EHAAT every success in the future."

Natasha Robertson, Fundraising Manager at EHAAT said: "We are delighted that Gaynor will be able to join in the fun at what should be a great night supporting such a worthwhile cause.

"If any other pubs or venues are able to hold a quiz for the Air Ambulance, we would be delighted to hear from them. Even if you've never organised a quiz before, our free pack contains all the information you'll need to put on a quiz, with questions for every ability of quizzer."

For further information on the Big Pub Quiz, visit <u>ehaat.org/big-pub-quiz</u> or call the Fundraising Team on 0345 2417 690.

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Photograph: Gaynor Wareham (Critical Care Paramedic with EHAAT) at H@me & Eat in Bishop's Stortford with Natasha Robertson (EHAAT Fundraising Manager) and Dane and Mark from H@me & Eat.

For more information please contact Gavin Sherriff, PR Officer, on 0345 2417 690.

Notes to Editor:

Essex & Herts Air Ambulance (EHAAT) is a Charity that provides a Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS) for the critically ill and injured of Essex, Hertfordshire and surrounding areas.

The service is provided free of charge but, unlike NHS emergency services, the Charity receives no direct funding from the Government or National Lottery. It costs in excess of £750,000 every month to keep the service operational and saving lives, and this would not be possible without the generosity and goodwill of people and businesses of Essex, Hertfordshire and beyond.

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Each of the Charity's HEMS teams consist of a Pilot, a Co-pilot, a Pre-hospital Care Doctor and a Critical Care Paramedic.

These teams, made up of highly-skilled individuals, tended to 1491 patients in 2018 and are the backbone of your local life-saving Charity.

The fleet, consisting of two Air Ambulances, and four Rapid Response Vehicles (RRVs - cars) operates seven days a week from 7am to 9pm. After sunset, the Critical Care Team continues to provide the service using Rapid Response Vehicles.

In addition, a Rapid Response Vehicle is operational on a Friday and Saturday evening from 6pm until 2am with a Pre-hospital Care Doctor and Critical Care Paramedic.

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