

# Keep Baby Katie Awake Appeal

Gary is the father of a very sick little girl called Katie Maguire from Magherafelt. You may have read about her in the newspapers or maybe seen her on T.V. as we are raising funds for her life saving treatment.

Katie suffers from a rare form of epilepsy, has cerebral palsy, is blind and takes a number of terrifying seizures every day. Last year we started to raise funds for Katie to take to her to America to receive lifesaving treatment after doctors in Northern Ireland sent her home to die.

Initially fundraising went very well and we raised nearly all the cash needed for her treatment at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago. However, our hopes were dealt a major blow when doctors there discovered a serious stomach problem that was missed by doctors in Northern Ireland.

You can imagine our shock when we were told that Katie was suffering so much pain that it was like drinking a pint of battery acid a day, and was causing 60 per cent of her seizures. To cure the problem Katie needed an emergency operation costing in the region of \$175,000, which drastically reduced her medical fund.

Katie's has made remarkable progress since travelling to America last year and we hope to bring Katie back at the end of this month to continue her treatment and therapies.

This means her fighting fund will have to be replenished if she is to receive the best possible care available.

As part of our drive to raise cash the Keep Baby Katie Awake Appeal has being approached by a local estate agent and some high profile sport stars to help with one final push to raise the last of the money needed for Katie's treatment.

As part of the fundraising arrangement we have acquired an apartment on the beautiful and exclusive Flamingo Golf Resort in Turkey which we hope to raffle in order to raise funds.

Sports stars such as **Ricky (the Hitman) Hatton**, Everton's Tim Cahill and Fulham's Andy Johnston all have apartments in the resort and are backing Katie's campaign. A new family four-door saloon car will also be raffled.

**We can confirm that Ricky Hatton will come to Northern Ireland to draw the winner this July and all ticket holders plus a guest will be invited to an Exclusive Champagne Reception to meet and greet 'the Hitman' which will hopefully be his first outing if/when he retains his world title.**

We are kindly asking everyone to give what they can to Baby Katie's Fund with every donation of £300 securing entry to the event and free draw. Tickets will be limited to give ticket holders the best possible chance of winning one of these fantastic prizes.

We would like to make this event more accessible to the members of the boxing clubs throughout Ulster. In that the Keep Baby Katie Awake appeal would be happy

for the clubs to fundraise under the appeal name if they wish and receive tickets for the event by donating all or some of their funds raised.

We hope this will be of some interest and we would welcome any questions or matters you would like to discuss.

More information is available from our website [www.keepbabykatieawake.com](http://www.keepbabykatieawake.com)

Kind Regards,

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