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Fundraiser Ivan gets honour from the PM

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A doting dad who has raised hundreds of thousands of pounds for charity has received an award from the prime minister.

Ivan Hollingsworth, from Monkseaton, has raised more than £340,000 for the Children's Heart Unit Fund (CHUF) at the Freeman Hospital after it saved his son Seb's life.

Ivan has since been made a trustee of the charity, and was awarded with a Point of Light, which recognises outstanding individual volunteers who are making a change in their community and inspiring others.

The new award has been developed by David Cameron to honour volunteers.



Ivan Hollingsworth receiving his award from MP Alan Campbell.

Ivan, who has organised and taken part in a series of mammoth challenges, said: "I am humbled and honoured to be given this award."

"This award is a huge honour and I dedicate it to the surgeons, doctors, nurses and every individual who have helped us in our fundraising."

Mr Cameron said: "Ivan is an extraordinary fundraiser,

capturing the imagination with challenges that many others would not even dare to attempt. I am delighted to recognise Ivan's service by making him a Point of Light."

Tynemouth MP Alan Campbell, who gave Ivan the award, added: "He has given so much of his time and effort and it is fantastic that he is being given this recognition."

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