

Grieving brother raises over £10,000 for Sri Lanka victims

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David Linsey lost his siblings Amelie and Daniel last month
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An online fundraiser set up by a bereaved British family for victims of the Sri Lanka terrorist attacks raised £10,669 on its first day.

David Linsey, whose sister, Amelie, 15, and brother Daniel, 19, died in the bombings on Easter Sunday, has set up a foundation in their name to support affected Sri Lankan families. More than 80 people have given to the [Just Giving page](#) for the foundation so far.

Mr Linsey, 21, a third-year Oxford University student reading economics and management, praised his siblings, who he said “craved love and gave love”.

He said: “I’m so happy that people are so generous. We can’t forget that people’s lives have been devastated. It’s unfair that they don’t get the same support in Sri Lanka. Housing, counselling, education for the children is needed. The other arm is medical equipment for the hospitals — ventilators, imaging equipment, precision surgical tools. We want to fly out surgeons to Sri Lanka to teach as well.”

He added that Daniel, a keen charity worker who had volunteered in Ethiopia and Mongolia, would be proud of their efforts.

Mr Linsey wrote on the Just Giving page: “Amelie and Daniel were loving, caring people, and we hope to continue their spirit of giving by providing support to the local victims’ families, and improving the medical facilities that were overwhelmed in the tragedy.

“We aim to give them both the physical and social infrastructure necessary to rebuild their lives.”

An estimated 253 people, including eight Britons, died in a series of suicide bombs at churches and hotels on Easter Sunday, for which Isis has claimed responsibility.