

FOOTBALL FUN IS A KNOCKOUT!

Our fundraising football tournament was yet again a knockout success with many thousands expected to have once again been raised for the Oxford Children's Hospital. 130 budding young footballers soon to become the new Beckham's and Lampard's of the future took to the 3G pitches at Oxford City Football Club on Sunday 16th June to have lots of fun and raise lots of smiles for poorly children in hospital by taking part in the fifth Play2Give held.

The day was another huge hit, and over £4,000 already netted in, much more expected to come from sponsorship. 16 boys teams in under 8s and under 9s took part including Bure Park, Bicester Town Colts, Summertown Stars, Crowmarsh Orange, and Marston Saints, with Bure Park emerging as the victorious under 9s team this year. They took home the Play2Give Cup.

With our huge thanks to our main wonderful sponsors, Breckon & Breckon, for generously funding the entire event, and to Newbury Building Society for their continued unstinting sponsorship support, Elmer Cotton, JACK FM, Kelly Beer for the doughnuts, our hosts Oxford City Football Club, the Oxford Mail and to all the brilliant teams and everyone involved helping make for another fantastic day! Keep posted to the next newsletter for information on the amount we raise, as we hope to present the large cheque to the hospital in the coming months!

See more pictures from the day in the special insert included with this newsletter!!

Play2Give 2013 supported Oxford Children's Hospital – registered charity no, 1057295. www.hospitalcharity.co.uk



You can still donate to the 2013 Play2Give fundraising total for the Children's Hospital: go to www.justgiving.com/play2give2013. All donations gratefully received & well spent.

Every boy went home with a mars bar and a medal for their hard footballing work and despite the rain all the children and families who came along and took part had a great day, and the atmosphere was buzzing. It was another super event, with not just footballing action but other fun entertainment all day long.

We celebrated our most successful raffle ever, with over 30+ amazing prizes donated – with the likes of a Sunday carvery at Four Pillars Hotels, to a pair of tickets to a race day at Newbury Racecourse, to a microwave donated by Tesco and a vacuum from Miele, to days out, plenty of chocolate from Mars, cakes galore from the Fabulous Bakin' Boys to much, much more! This was the hugest and most successful raffle in the event history to date, with **£660.50** raised alone!!

WITH HUGE THANKS ALSO TO KAREN RUSSELL WHO HELPED ADD IN £185 TO THIS YEAR'S FOOTBALL FUNDRAISING TOTAL BY BEING THE WINNING BIDDER FOR A SIGNED ARSENAL TEAM PHOTOGRAPH. This picture was signed by the first team squad and framed with bids open until the eve before. Thanks to the two Arsenal-mad people who kept the bids rising, but Karen was the lucky bidder and was ecstatic with her win adding it to her spare room called an 'Arsenal shrine'!

OXFORDSHIRE CHARITY & VOLUNTEER AWARDS 2013

We are thrilled to announce that Play2Give has been shortlisted in the Oxfordshire Charity & Volunteer Awards 2013. Play2Give is up against two other worthy contenders in the 'Best Community Project' category of these annual awards celebrating the best of charities, volunteers and organisations across Oxfordshire.

Play2Give is also chuffed to report that **Headway Oxfordshire** who we also support as a cause close to Andrew Baker's heart, is also up for not just one but two awards.

Headway Oxfordshire will be battling it out for the 'Charity of the Year' gong and the 'Lifetime Achievement' award, at the evening ceremony at Oxford Town Hall on October 14th, when all the winners will be revealed.

It is a huge achievement for both Play2Give and Headway as only 3 organisations/charities can be shortlisted out of many nominations across all 10 categories.

Joe Robinson, a supporter and friend of Play2Give, we are chuffed to report is a winner for 'Volunteer' in these awards and will receive his award in front of hundreds. Congratulations to Headway, to Joe – who is an amazing young man for raising over £37k for the JR Hospital – and to us as it has been another successful and great year of fund raising for, and for Headway Oxfordshire it is a fantastic achievement to be up for the titles in their 25th anniversary year.

GOOD LUCK ALL and see you there!



More info at www.ocva.org.uk/awards2013



PLAY2GIVE WRISTBANDS

We are delighted to announce that Play2Give wristbands are now available to buy. And for every band sold all the proceeds go to the **Oxford Children's Hospital** as part of our fundraising goal.

These great red and white embossed bands are just **£1 each (suggested donation)** in both **adult and children's** sizes. They have kindly been sponsored by Reading-based **IC-Group Ltd**, and we thank them hugely for their wonderful support for this initiative, as well as **Adband** who are suppliers of these great-looking bands.

All proceeds raised goes 100% to the Oxford Children's Hospital charity. If you would like one, please email Andrew: play2give@hotmail.com. You can also purchase through Newbury Building Society or Zoddy's Tattoos both in Didcot.

DONATE...

Want to support the work of Play2Give?

There are 2 easy ways to donate at any time ...

To donate send a cheque, *made payable to Play2Give* and send in to:

c/o Andrew Baker, 3 King Walk, Didcot,
Oxfordshire, OX11 7PE

Or you can now donate online with an easy, simple bank transfer, using these details:

Account No: 16270851 Sort Code: 62-28-74

Reference: 2863301710

Supporting Oxford Children's Hospital: registered charity 1057295 & Headway Oxfordshire: registered charity 299377

PLAY2GIVE EVENTS PLANNED FOR 2014 . . .

Play2Give Fundraising Evening: A night of fun and fundraising for Headway Oxfordshire and the Children's Hospital.

Our annual football fun day supporting the Children's Hospital will once again return in June 2014, open to children's football teams.

OX5RUN 2014 – TEAM PLAY2GIVE: The annual 5-mile fun run for the Children's Hospital returns next spring. Would you like to run, walk or jog as the Play2Give team? Keep posted for info.

Otmoor Challenge 2014: Sponsored walk with the Play2Give team.



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