

## PLAY2GIVE CELEBRATED AT OXFORDSHIRE CHARITY OSCARS



Play2Give was nominated for the Best Community Project title in the Oxfordshire Charity & Volunteer Awards 2013.

In a special awards evening held at Oxford Town Hall on October 14th, Play2Give's main trio – Andrew, Dale and Teresa – celebrated being in the top 3 amongst hundreds of dazzling volunteers and charity groups. Sadly, we did not take home victory. But, we are immensely proud of our shortlisting out of over 100 nominations across the board, and for being recognised in this way on this wonderful evening. Thanks to our supporters for making it possible!

Huge congratulations to young Joe Robinson – friend and supporter of Play2Give – who won a Volunteer Award for his incredible fundraising efforts raising over £37k for the JR Neurosciences Intensive Care Unit. Amazing work Joe – well done on your much deserved award!

Thanks also to SH Creative Oxford for producing a great short promotional film showcasing our fantastic football fundraiser filmed at this year's event in June. This video will be available to view on our website from December – so please do keep an eye out. Link will be shared in next newsletter!

Picture courtesy of Oxfordshire Guardian



Back: L-R: Keith Stacey (sponsor, Breckon & Breckon), Penny Hambridge (Children's Hospital), Teresa Strike, Andrew Baker and Dale Harris (Play2Give organisers)

Front: The Oxford City FC Nomads Under-10s who raised the most money out of any of the 13 teams in 2013's tournament

We are pleased to announce that following June's football tournament, we have been able to give another large donation to the Children's Hospital.

With 13 boys teams' that took part and lots of on side entertainment and fun, including our most successful and largest raffle in the event's history, we are pleased the day was another success. We raised an amazing **£4,812.40** this year - this includes wristband sales!

Dale, Teresa and Andrew – the trio behind the football mastermind – is pictured above presenting Penny from the hospital charity with the huge cheque. Oxford City Nomads Under - 10s are also pictured raising the most money out of any team this year. With huge thanks to our brilliant sponsors, Breckon & Breckon and Newbury Building Society to Elmer Cotton and Jack FM.

HUGE THANKS to all who helped make this year's event a success!

**NB: DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES – 2014'S FOOTBALL FUNDRAISING DAY FOR UNDER 9S & UNDER 10S TEAMS ON SUNDAY JULY 13<sup>TH</sup>. ENTRIES FOR TEAMS WILL OPEN IN JANUARY!**

**WISHING ALL OF OUR SUPPORTERS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND SEASONS GREETINGS FOR A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!**

# Play2Give Band Aid Taking Didcot by Storm!

Since **Play2Give's Wristbands** were launched at June's football fundraiser, we are delighted to have had a phenomenal response with local outlets taking stock of these stylish bands raising money for the Children's Hospital. With huge thanks to **Terry Murrell and IC-Group Ltd** and latterly the **Monument Community Trust (MCT)** for sponsoring our bands.

Get your wristbands from the following **Didcot** outlets, for a **suggested minimum £1** donation: **Newbury Building Society** on the Broadway, from **Sainsbury's** customer services desk, or **Zoddy Tattoos** on Wantage Road or from **Spirit 2 Hairdressers** on the Broadway. If you live in or around **Wantage** you can also pop into **Art Haus** in **The Butler Centre – The Wantage Children's Centre** on Thursdays, 10-11am on Mill Street.



Alternatively, please contact Andrew – [play2give@hotmail.com](mailto:play2give@hotmail.com) – if you would like to purchase yours, or contact us if you are able to stock supplies in your local business whether it's an office, shop or other organisation. Every single donation from these bands goes to the **Children's Hospital**.

**THANK YOU . . . TO the following companies** who have recently boosted Play2Give over the months supporting our 2013 fundraising for the Children's Hospital. We are incredibly indebted to each and every one of them:

**Sainsbury's Didcot** who raised **£106** over nearly 2 months through a full collection tin at customer services raised from spare collected change and sales of the wristbands. They're now embarking on round 2!

**Jennings & the Monument Community Trust**, and the **Oxford Bus Company**, for both their **£300** donations.

Thank you all for your tremendous support!

## A NIGHT OF PLAY2GIVING: SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2014

An evening of fun and fundraising – 'A Night of Play2Giving' – will be taking stage at **The Marlborough Club in Didcot** on **22<sup>nd</sup> February** raising money for the **Oxford Children's Hospital** and the **John Radcliffe Paediatric Eye Fund**. With a collaborative event with the **Didcot Rugby Club** we hope for a fantastic evening of musical entertainment, together with some hilarity all in the name of charity!

This will also celebrate all that of Play2Give's success over the last 6 years, as well as Andrew Baker's achievement in netting in close on **£33,000** over the last decade. Andrew began fundraising with school-friends at **St Birinus School** in **Didcot** aged 14 in 2003, and with an army of other kind-spirited and generous giving friends, family and Play2Give supporters.

*There will be all the entertainment with a disco from our DJ for the night, as well as a band or two, to a raffle, and bar to keep you quench-refreshed all evening long. As well as this there will be plenty of hilarity galore as a bunch get waxed or head shaved live on the night!!! If your interested in taking part by a head shave or a mini waxing, please make touch! With all this entertainment we hope to raise many hundreds of pounds for these two good causes.*

Entry into the evening which starts at **7pm** and runs until late is just **£5 pp**, no need to buy tickets, just donate on the door into the bucket and part with your cash to support our fundraising on the evening.

**Are you a local company and would love to sponsor this event so all proceeds go to our deserving charities – the Oxford Children's Hospital & the JR Paediatric Eye Fund? You will receive free promotion & publicity – email [play2give@hotmail.com](mailto:play2give@hotmail.com)**

## PLAY2GIVE EVENTS COMING UP . . .

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup> 2014:** A fun fundraising evening in collaboration with **Didcot Rugby Club**, at the **Marlborough Club in Didcot**. Supporting the Children's Hospital and the **JR Paediatric Eye Fund**.

**OX5RUN 'TEAM PLAY2GIVE' SUNDAY MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup> 2014:** Team Play2Give will again take part in this annual 5-miler fun run at **Blenheim Palace** supporting the Children's Hospital. Last year Team Play2Give raised over **£3,000!**

**SUNDAY JULY 13<sup>TH</sup> 2014:** Our annual children's football fun day for 2014 supporting the **Oxford Children's Hospital** returns open to **u9 & u10s** boys' teams. More information in the next newsletter!

We also have plans to team up for a collaborative fundraiser with our friends at **Headway Oxfordshire** – keep posted to [www.play2give.org.uk](http://www.play2give.org.uk) for all our events news!

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