Our fundraising party at the end of February was one of our most successful nights held to date, with records broken in the terms of funds raised!!!

An Evening of Play2Giving 4 Entertaining was held at the Marlborough Club in Didcot on February 22nd, and was organised by our Andrew in partnership with friend and supporter Ross Downes, who works at the Oxford Eye Hospital. The night looks set to raise well over £1,700!! The party – months of hard work – was raising money for our 2014 campaign for the Oxford Children’s Hospital, and also raised funds for the Paediatric Eye Fund at the Eye Hospital, which Ross with a team of staff at the hospital helped to set up this fund last year.

The funds raised for PEF will help purchase a specialised RET-CAM at the Eye Hospital, which is used to photograph the retina of infants with a range of eye disorders, including Retinopathy of prematurity, shaken baby injury and cancer of the retina. PEF aims to raise and has already raised £2,500 with its group of supporters’ abseiling down the JR in May and half marathons later in the year.

A focal point of the evening was our own Andrew having his head shaved, in celebration of achieving his decade of fundraising for the Children’s hospital last year. Andrew who braved the barber’s chair first on the night became shaved to the scalp and has so far raised close on £700 for the charities, his Just Giving page remains open at www.justgiving.com/andrew Baker - headshave

Other highlights of the evening was entertainment from our band for the night, local rock covers 4 Impact Disco – DJs Steve and Diane – provided a cracking disco, hairdresser Diane and Justine who did the waxes. Our raffle saw over 30 prizes donated by individuals and businesses across Oxfordshire:

- Unusual Suspects, who had everyone up on their feet and dancing for nearly 2 hours, with a fantastic range of covers from Kings of Leon, to The Kinks, to Rolling Stones, Nirvana, Oasis and Jam to much more. Impact Disco – DJs Steve and Nathan – provided a cracking disco, hairdresser Diane and Justine who did the waxes. Our raffle saw over 30 prizes donated by individuals and businesses across Oxfordshire:
- Civic Sightseeing Oxford; Liverpool FC; Build-a-Bear; Four Pillars Hotel Abingdon; Ultimate Picture Palace; Baked with Grace; Tesco Didcot; Sainsbury’s Didcot; Cotswold Wildlife Park; Crocodiles of the World; Revolution Karting London; L Dowzall; Jennings; Oxford United; Segais Didcot; Gareth Clark Hair for Men Didcot; Aviva Rugby League; Midcounties Coop; Oxfordshire Aviation Group; Zoddy Tattoos; Oxford Playhouse; Unique Hair Didcot; O2 Academy; Skirmish Paintball; Handmade Burger Co; National Marine Aquarium; Oxford Walking Tours; Bicester Village; Royal International Air Tattoo 2014: Spirit 2 Hair Didcot; Paradise Wildlife Park; and Gulliver’s family theme park

AND BIG THANK YOU TO JOHNSONS CARS OXFORD FOR SPONSORING THIS EVENT – WE ARE TRULY INDEBTED

Congratulations to Mya Harris, a Play2Give inspiration, became a superstar in front of 1,800 people at the New Theatre in Oxford in March. Mya shone amongst hundreds of stars when she was crowned Pride of Oxfordshire at the 2014 Oxfordshire Youth Awards. Mya has been a patient at the Oxford Children’s Hospital since she was born in 2002 with Spina Bifida. She has undergone 30 ops and has been an inspirational ambassador in supporting and encouraging funds raised for the hospital. Mya was one of 700 young people 11-19 nominated in these glittering prestigious awards, organised by Oxfordshire Youth charity. Mya fought off tough competition to be one of 3 finalists in her category – and we are delighted to report she won!! For Mya she stood out to the judging panel – (which included our own Andrew Baker in his first year as part of the awards committee) – for showing incredible courage and strength of character, strong spirit and incredible resilience against coping with the daily challenges that faces her. 700 young people and groups were nominated across 7 categories. Guest VIPs included Paralympic gold medallist Graham Edmonds and the Lord Mayor of Oxford – who presented Mya’s award – well deserved Mya!!
Play2Give Children’s Football Fundraising Fun Day 2014

Sunday 13th July 2014
Oxford City Football Club

Entries open!
Open to Under 9’s and Under 10’s.
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We're YouTube stars

Our annual football fun day kicks off on July 13th for another match of the day. Our football tournament raises many thousands each year for the Oxford Children’s Hospital. SH Creative based in Oxford filmed at last year’s event and has produced a great video highlighting what a super day the event – held at Oxford City Football ground – is.

We are now famous on YouTube – and you can view our 3-min promotional video to give you a flavour of the ‘best tournament’ in Oxfordshire – as described by past teams - at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UTpOv4MRa24

Recycle your old cartridges: You can now recycle your used inkjet cartridges and toners by signing up at www.recycle4charity.co.uk, choose Play2Give as the choice to receive all proceeds worth in value from each recycled item. Thanks F Church Ltd in Steventon being the first to sign up!
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THANK YOU…. Curtis Eggleton-Hart, Alex Harding, Dave Eggleton, Clark Butler, Carl Betteridge, Stephen Stone and Craig Phillips who braved both waxes – some legs, some arms, even chests and armpits, and head shaves (or beard in Craig’s case) and helped Play2Give to raise all records in February’s night of fundraising entertainment – all raising over £640 between them in sponsor – great going guys!

Say goodbye to your hair Curtis

Play2Give limbers up again for a 5th year for this year’s OXSRUN supporting the Children’s Hospital. Play2Give will be amongst 1,250 runners on March 30th pounding around Blenheim Palace. Thank you to Elaine Childs; Rob Bailey-Day; Patrick Mills; James Churchward; Thomas Churchward; Adam Greenough and Jo who make up this year’s P2G team!!

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