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Play2Give
Children’s Charity Football Tournament
16th June 2013
Oxford City Football Club

Play2Give is back for its annual charity football tournament in aid of the Oxford Children’s Hospital (CHOX). Once again, Oxford City Football Club will be playing host to ‘Play2Give’ for the day. The Play2Give Children’s Football Tournament last year was a huge success, with 16 boys’ teams taking part in this 7 a side contest and helped break all Play2Give fund raising records by raising over £5,000. This hotly awaited fun packed contest will see age groups Under 8s and Under 9s take part on the 3G Community Arena pitches to help raise money for Oxford Children’s Hospital.

Play2Give was set up in 2007, as a fundraising organisation, by Andrew Baker, 24, from Didcot. Play2Give has proved to be hugely successful, and every year these football tournaments have raised more and more money. Play2Give football tournaments have been hailed as ‘the best tournament for charity in Oxfordshire’. Play2Give has raised over £17,000 in over five years, including over £16,000 of that with the football fun days.

We are once again calling on boys’ teams from local football clubs to take part in this special unique fund-raiser, uniting the children’s families and community together, to help us raise as much as we can for the Oxford Children’s Hospital. Examples of funds raised has helped to buy include a cooling machine for new-born babies that have suffered a lack of oxygen during birth, a mobile intensive care unit and a relaxation area for teenagers with cancer.

The tournament is only for boys in the age groups Under 8s and Under 9s, and we ask each team to pay an entry fee of £35.00 towards the fund raising and to guarantee a place into the tournament. We then also ask for each child in each team to raise as much sponsorship as possible from their family and friends, or the team could aim for a specific amount of money. Last year the AFC Brightwell Youth Under 9s team raised an amazing £535, the Manager’s son having been treated at the hospital.

As well as football this will also be a family fun day. Jack FM will also be in attendance, there will be a bouncy castle, there will be a coconut shy, food and drink available and also a raffle all helping to generate extra funds for the Hospital.

Every boy taking part will receive a special Play2Give medal. The event will finish off proceedings with the prize-giving of the top final Under 9s teams. The winning Under 9s team will receive the Newbury Building Society-sponsored Play2Give Cup. This event would not be possible without our brilliant sponsors, Breckon & Breckon, who are again generously funding this entire event.

All you have to do is see the attached entry form, complete and return with entry fee – made payable by cheque to Play2Give – (please see details on the form) – and return, no later than April 30th. We also ask each player/team to raise as much sponsorship as possible. Last year over £2,100 was raised by the teams through sponsorship. For more information on Play2Give, please visit www.play2give.org.uk.

We hope to have you as part of this special day of fun and fundraising!

The Play2Give 2013 Football Tournament Organisers