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Play2Give – a fun local event supporting an important local charity

Play2Give is a charity football tournament taking place at Oxford City Football Club, on July 15.

We are looking for local kids football teams – under 7's through to under 10's - to take part in what promises to be a really special football tournament.

This fun family event raises funds for the **Oxford Children's Hospital** which treats thousands of local children every year.

The event is organised by former patient, Andrew Baker – who had a brain tumour removed when he was 12, Andrew – now age 23 from Didcot, explains why it is so important:

“This is the fourth time we have organised Play2Give, and each time it has got better, raising thousands for our local children's hospital. This cause is really close to my heart, as not only was I patient, but I have met so many other inspirational youngsters treated there, and I know what a difference the money we raise makes.

“If you run a kid's football team we would like to hear from you – there's limited space at the tournament, so don't leave it too late. It's a fun day for all the family, with Oxford United organising a “beat the keeper” competition and skill sessions, JACKfm providing music and a bouncy castle, and stalls, a coconut shy, food, drink, raffle and more. We'd love as many local people to come along and support the event on the day.

Working with Andrew is Dale Harris, who works at Elmer Cotton in Oxford. Dale's daughter Mya is 9 and has spina bifida, she is a regular patient at the hospital. Dale explains:

“We feel so lucky to have the Oxford Children's Hospital on our doorstep and helping to organise this event is one of the ways we can show our gratitude. Andrew, myself and fellow organiser Teresa Strike work really hard to make this a fun day for all the family and we hope the local community will get behind it.”

It costs £35 per team to enter, and we ask the children taking part to try and raise sponsorship for the hospital. To find out more email play2give@hotmail.com

Many thanks to sponsors, Breckon & Breckon who are generously funding this entire event, so that all the money raised from this unique fund raiser can go towards the children's hospital.

ORH Charitable Funds (reg charity 1057295) raises funds for The Oxford Children's Hospital – to make a donation visit www.ouh.nhs.uk/charity Contact Penny Hambridge on 01865743445 or email penny.hambridge@ouh.nhs.uk