

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Edinburgh Children's Hospital Charity (EHC) transforms the lives of over 120,000 babies, children and young people, from across Scotland, each year, so they can be a child first and a patient second. The charity supports and complements the work of Edinburgh's Royal Hospital for Sick Children as well as other healthcare settings across the Lothians, Borders and Fife.

Thanks to our dedicated supporters, we provide vital services through our youth work and family support service and run one of the largest and most innovative arts programmes in the UK. In addition, we run a Grants Programme, which distributes around £1 million each year to enhance the healthcare experiences of children and young people in hospital, in community healthcare and mental health settings.

The opening of the new Royal Hospital for Children and Young People in March 2021, marked the beginning of an exciting new chapter for EHC. Demand for our services continues to grow and the charity is needed now more than ever before. Following a period of recovery, we are ready to rebuild and increase our impact for the babies, children and young people we exist to support.

## **SUMMARY OF CURRENT PORTFOLIO OF EHC SPECIAL EVENTS;**

Over the last 20 years, EHC has established two flagship fundraising events, the EHC Girly Get Together and the EHC Ultimate Sports Quiz, both of which now take place at the prestigious Prestonfield House Hotel, Edinburgh. The charity is also privileged to be a beneficiary of the renowned Prestonfield Spring Ball.

- **EHC Girly Get Together;** Hosted by the entertaining, Scottish broadcaster and EHC Ambassador, Grant Stott, this popular event sees over 350 ladies join us for a night of games, glitz and glamour in The Stables, Prestonfield House Hotel, Edinburgh. Since the event moved from a Thursday evening at Harvey Nichols to a Friday evening at Prestonfield, it has grown in stature and in recent years, has sold out. Guests are treated to an exceptional event experience and in true EHC style, very quirky and fun fundraising. As the name implies, the Girly Get Together provides an opportunity for ladies to come together with friends, many of whom have a connection with the charity and the hospital.
- **EHC Ultimate Sports Quiz;** Originally the EHC Boys' Bash, this event started out as a birthday celebration organised on behalf of the charity by a generous supporter and it has grown significantly over the last 13 years, assisted by EHC Fundraising Ambassador Frankie Cusack. From a small quiz of ten teams taking place at Cargo, the event is now a sell out at Prestonfield House Hotel, boasting up to 41 team/410 guests, and with a cohort of sports stars in attendance. Guests are in the professional hands of host/broadcaster Scott Wilson, who is supported by quiz master extraordinaire Johnny Craig.
- **Prestonfield Spring Ball;** EHC is a beneficiary of this well attended and well regarded event, which raises funds on behalf of two charities, EHC and Crohn's and Colitis. This magical ball is organised by a volunteer events committee and with support from EHC.