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All proceeds from a family fun day organized by Karina Reinhardt of Turtle Tots Edinburgh at Gymboree in Slateford on Sunday 10 August 2014 will go towards an international fund to care for six month old baby Elizabeth Soffe who almost perished in a house fire.

The Baby Elizabeth fund was set up by the Soffe's friends and family in Qatar, Ireland and Edinburgh, in order to meet the ongoing medical costs for the tiny tot who is receiving specialist treatment in Birmingham. Elizabeth has already had thirteen operations since she suffered burns to sixty percent of her body when the air conditioning unit above her cot caught fire as she napped in her parents' rented house in Qatar.

As a non-British resident Elizabeth does not receive NHS support and her parents are currently facing an insurance battle with their landlord in Qatar.

Karina, from Greenbank, Edinburgh is a close friend of the Soffe family and is organising the fundraising event said:

"Our fun day is all about showing support for Elizabeth and her family during this difficult time. Parents and their little ones can come along for half an hour of soft play fun with the Gymboree team and then enjoy face painting and arts and crafts as their parents enjoy tea, coffee and cake.

"We'll have soft play timeslots for children up to the age of

five so that everyone can enjoy themselves in safety. In addition to the fun day we are running a fantastic raffle with lots of amazing prizes from some lovely local businesses, including Edinburgh Buggy Bootcamp, Edinburgh Baby Massage, Nurture Me, Lazy Daisy, Gymboree, RugbyTots, CloserToYou, Monkey Music, Clear Photography, Physiobumps, and of course my own business Turtle Tots Edinburgh.

“Elizabeth’s parents Sinead and Liam are touched by the amount of support the preparations for the fun day have already received from people in Edinburgh and we just hope that lots of families will make it along on 10th August for a great day in aid of a great cause.”

Tickets for the fun day cost £6 per child. Tickets must be booked in advance but can be paid for at the door on the day. To book a ticket or to buy raffle tickets at £1 per ticket contact edinburgh@turtletots.com.

More information about the baby Elizabeth fund can be found at <http://www.youcaring.com/medical-fundraiser/the-baby-elizabeth-fund-/190347>

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