Generous Hibs open doors to 250 elderly and homeless people on Christmas Day

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Hibs are opening their doors to a whole host of people from across the Leith and North Edinburgh communities on Christmas Day who might not otherwise enjoy much of the festive cheer that many of us take for granted.

Hibernian Community Foundation, as part of the GameChanger Partnership with the Club and NHS Lothian, is working with a number of local organisations to create 'A GameChanger Christmas' and invite up to 250 people to the stadium for what promises to be a happy, delicious and fun-filled Christmas lunch.

Activities are also planned, ranging from some Christmas carolling through to enjoying a big Christmas movie — all with good food and good company.

The club's partner organisations are helping to identify people who would most enjoy and benefit from taking part in the event and transport is being organised. Over 4,000 people in Edinburgh are homeless and 40,000 elderly people in Scotland will face Christmas Day alone and these are the priority for the Christmas lunch.

Supporters are being urged to play their part in making Christmas Day much merrier by backing club and foundation staff who have signed up to fundraise for the event by walking, running, or cycling 5K every day in the run up to Christmas, starting from December 1st. Fans can sign up to help at http://bit.ly/2gJmFy4.

Club Chief Executive Leeann Dempster said: "It's the season of good cheer, and also of good will. We thought it would be good to demonstrate that the Club is a good neighbour by spreading a little cheer to people who might otherwise feel left out of things at Christmas.

"I'm really looking forward to it, and myself and a whole host of the people here at Hibernian will be on hand to help out and ensure everything goes with a swing. If you can help, please do."

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