

Put on your festive footwear for CHAS this Friday

Edinburgh's Watsonian Hockey Club (WHC) Youth Players are pulling on their festive footwear to raise much needed funds for Children's Hospices Across Scotland – better known as CHAS – and they're urging you to do the same to help give families the greatest gift of all this Christmas – precious time together.



Watsonians' Hockey Club

The national children's hospice service, which cares for babies, children and young people with life-shortening conditions across the whole of Scotland is holding its annual Christmas fundraiser – Festive Footwear Friday – on 14 December 2018.

WHC Youth Players, who range from ages 7-17, will be slipping into their sparkly shoes, festive socks and Christmas slippers and then donating £2 each to CHAS to raise much needed funds this Christmas.

George Thornton, Youth Convenor at The Watsonian Hockey Club, said: "This will be the first time we've supported CHAS and we're delighted to get involved with Festive Footwear Friday and support local families who desperately need our help this Christmas."

600 children from 45 different schools across the capital train at WHC, making it the largest youth hockey group in Scotland.

CHAS currently cares for 51 children with life-shortening conditions and their families across the Edinburgh region via Rachel House and its CHAS at Home team, which supports families at home and in hospital.

Fiona Leslie, CHAS Community Fundraiser said: "There are currently 15,400 children in Scotland with life-shortening conditions and we're on a mission at CHAS to reach them all. Taking part in Festive Footwear Friday is easy and will help us with our ambitious target, so that families facing the unimaginable, that their child has a life-shortening condition, will have our care and support this Christmas."

To help support local families this Christmas, sign up to take part in Festive Footwear Friday on 14 December 2018 by visiting:

<https://www.chas.org.uk/events/festive-footwear-friday-2018>