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SSBA join Unity Lottery giving you the chance to win £25,000 every week

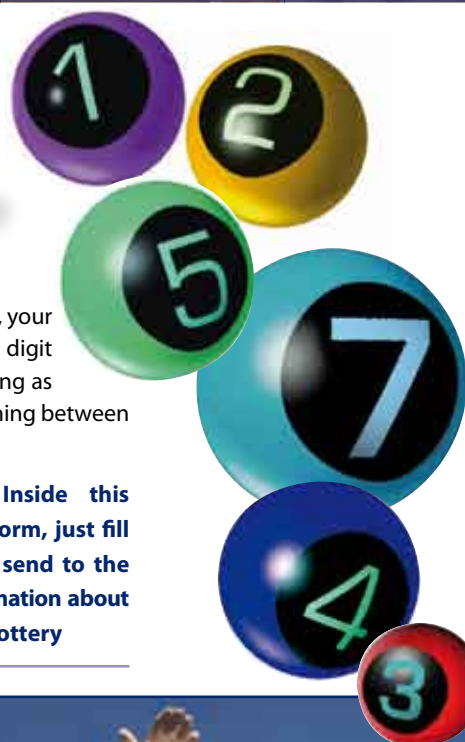
The Scottish Spina Bifida Association have joined an exciting new lottery and are inviting you to be part of it. Unity Lottery is a lottery with a difference, aptly named the Nation's Charity Lottery, the organisers donate 50% of each entry fee back to the SSBA, so the Association are asking for as many people to join as possible.



Each weekly entry with the Unity Lottery costs only £1 and 50p of this will be

donated to the Association. In return, your £1 weekly entry gets you a six digit number and every Saturday, for as long as you play, you have the chance of winning between £5 and £25,000!

Joining couldn't be easier - Inside this newsletter you will find an entry form, just fill this out, detach as indicated and send to the freepost address. For further information about the lottery visit www.ssba.org.uk/lottery



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Grand Christmas Raffle 2007 raises £2,622

Thank you to all those who supported the SSBA Christmas Raffle. The winners were: Louise Martin, Mrs L Mathers and Mr M King

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Adventurous people throughout Scotland to do something like this...

Help us to raise funds by making an exhilarating 10,000 feet freefall parachute jump. No experience is required as full training will be provided and if you raise the minimum amount of sponsorship you will get to do the jump for FREE! For larger groups or companies we can also

organise a skydiving day dedicated to your team.

For further information or to apply please call Clare on 01236 794508 or email fundraising@ssba.org.uk

Whitewater Rafting challenges are also available.

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GORDON'S GALA DINNER

Gordon Ramsay OBE hosts a spectacular dinner for his favourite Scottish charity

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It was the 26th November 2007 and as the mist descended on Stirling the preparations were already in place for one of the most spectacular charity events Scotland had ever seen as Gordon Ramsay OBE, and his wife Tana, hosted the Scottish Spina Bifida Association's St. Andrew Day Gala Dinner which raised £135,000.

The magnificent Stirling Castle was the venue for the red

carpet event which included a champagne reception, 4 course meal, Diamond Raffle and wonderful entertainment in the form of Ronnie Corbett OBE as after dinner speaker, The Red Hot Chilli Pipers and a breathtaking falconry display.

The exclusive event was only for 250 guests but included well known faces from TV, sport and radio such as Ronnie Corbett OBE, Duncan Bannatyne OBE, Michelle Mone and John Collins.

As this evening drew to a close the guests remained generous and raised £105,000 in the auction. This was an amazing sum to have raised but not too surprising when the lots included Chefs' Tables at Gordon's Restaurant Petrus, an exclusive invitation for 2 to the grand opening of Gordon's new Parisian restaurant, a signed Dr Who script, award winning photography and a 5 star weekend in London.

When asked his thoughts on the evening Gordon said *"The entire evening was a complete success and I am looking forward to hosting another dinner for the Association in 2008"*.

(Photos: Top Left - Gordon & Tana Ramsay welcome Ronnie & Anne Corbett and Duncan & Joanne Bannatyne; Below - Gordon takes part in a falconry display; Top Right - A traditional Scottish highland dancer dances as the Beat Retreat finish a wonderful evening)



Hot off the press:

Gordon will be hosting his exclusive Gala Dinner once again, on 30th October 2008 at Stirling Castle, for the Scottish Spina Bifida Association and in order to make the event even more spectacular the SSBA are currently looking for a corporate partner to sponsor the event.

Tickets: £500 per person or £5,000 Table of 10.

For further information on sponsorship packages or to book tickets please contact Deborah on 01236 794505.



Before the dinner...

Before joining his guests at Stirling Castle, the Honorary Patron of the SSBA, Gordon Ramsay OBE, made a quick visit to the Family Support Centre in Cumbernauld to see how some of the Charity's families were getting on.

The children had been working away, creating gingerbread masterpieces and painting works of art so when Gordon arrived they were ready to show

him what they had been working on. As you can see there were smiles all round.

(Photos: Far Left - Gordon Ramsay OBE, Below - Gordon meets Beau, Top Right - Gordon chats with Kirsty, Below Right - Gordon and Tana Ramsay catch up with Demi)



£25,000 to be won every week

Be a part of something **Big** ! www.ssba.org.uk/lottery

SSBA CHARITY GOLF DAY

The Scottish Spina Bifida Association are holding their first Corporate Charity Golf Day on Thursday 14th August 2008. The Westerwood Golf Course in Cumbernauld will be the venue for the challenge which promises to be a fantastic networking and social event.

The Westerwood has a magnificent 18 hole, par 72 golf course which is a feast for the senses. You will be surrounded by sparkling scenery, meandering through a paradise of silver birches, firs and heathers with many holes overlooking the Kilsyth and Campsie hills.

Designed by Seve Ballesteros and Dave Thomas the course features a wide range of challenges for golfers of all abilities, including water hazards and devilish bunkers, which will challenge players of the highest calibre.

Teams of 4 will compete on a Best 2 Score Stableford basis with full handicap allowance and the event itself will comprise of: goody bags, a light lunch, golf, hole in one

challenge (with the opportunity to win a car), raffle and a 3 course dinner to finish the day.

The Westerwood Hotel, an opulent 4 star hotel and golfing paradise, has been very supportive of the Association since their Family Support Centre moved to Cumbernauld in 2006 and they are very kindly sponsoring this inaugural event,

"We are delighted to be able to support the Association in this way as we are very aware of the essential support services that they provide, not only in our local community, but across Scotland"

Nic Oldham, Director of Leisure & Golf, Q Hotels

Cost for a Team of 4: £400

(includes lunch, golf, hole in one challenge, 3 course dinner and goody bags)

If you would like to take part in the SSBA Charity Golf Day or look at our sponsorship opportunities please contact Clare on 01236 794508 or email Clare@ssba.org.uk



ADAPTED COTTAGE GETS FUNDING BOOST

The Redrow Foundation donate £10,000 to Rebecca Cottage

Rebecca Cottage is a fully wheelchair adapted holiday cottage in Carnoustie, Fife. Donated, in the 1970's, to the Association, it is available to rent for members of the Charity at a greatly subsidised rate.

With full wheelchair access, specially adapted bathroom, kitchen and living areas and a superb view of the Tay Coast and local beach, this is the ideal holiday destination for SSBA service users.

The Cottage is maintained thanks to a loyal group of volunteers who not only fundraise for the Cottage, but provide cleaning, on a rota system. However, to fully maintain the cottage and subsidise the holidays of all the families who wish to use the facility the SSBA have to raise a substantial amount annually.

This is where the Redrow Foundation Trust have come to the rescue by donating £10,000

to fund the subsidised holidays.

The Redrow Foundation Trust was set up by Redrow PLC to celebrate the milestone of their 50,000th home completion.

On receiving this gift Andrew H D Wynd, Chief Executive of the SSBA said *"We are very grateful to the Redrow Foundation Trust. This donation will make a big difference to the Cottage."*

For further information on subsidised holidays from the SSBA please visit www.ssba.org.uk/holidays



(Colin Crombie, MD of the Falkirk Redrow Office presents cheque to Cheryl Adams, Sarah Anderson and the staff and volunteers of the Association at Rebecca Cottage)

RUN IT FOR RAMSAY

SSBA is chosen as charity partner for the Cumbernauld 10k for 2nd year

Don't worry if you missed the Cumbernauld 10k in 2007 as the Association has been chosen as the nominated charity for a second year and is asking those who enjoy keeping fit to 'Run it for Ramsay'. Gordon Ramsay, Honorary Patron of SSBA, launched the F Word Appeal in 2006 when he asked everyone to participate in, or hold an event, to raise funds for the Scottish Spina Bifida Association.

The 10k run was set up last year, by North Lanarkshire Council, to celebrate Cumbernauld's 50th anniversary and was such a success that they expect double the number of runners this year. Taking place on Sunday 14th September at Broadwood Stadium this will be a fantastic way to keep fit and raise funds for Gordon's favourite Scottish Charity.

If you are unable to attend the Cumbernauld 10k there are many other races throughout

the year that you can take part in to 'Run it for Ramsay'. The following are just a few of these: Glasgow Womens 10k (18th May), Edinburgh Marathon (25th May) and the Great Scottish Run (6th & 7th Sept).

If you are already involved with a race but would like sponsor forms the SSBA Fundraising Team will be happy to send these out to you along with any other marketing materials you may need to make your challenge a great success.

For an application form, sponsor forms or marketing materials please call Clare on 01236 794508 or email clare@ssba.org.uk



FUNDRAISERS GALLERY

Many people take up all sorts of exciting challenges and organise fundraising events to raise money for the Scottish Spina Bifida Association AND some of those people kindly took photos...

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Terence Tochel & Friends organised a wonderful Bands Night



Bikers & Babes

Billy Kirkwood held a special birthday celebration in aid of the Association



The Burns Supper Committee (pictured with Gordon Ramsay) held 2 successful Burns Suppers in Glasgow and Edinburgh



Glasgow District Job Centre Plus Organised a Christmas Hamper Raffle



The Children of Dullatur perform 'The North Pole X-mas Factor Show'



Firewalkers proudly display their certificates after their challenge

If you have any photos of activities or events you organised or took part in to raise funds for the Scottish Spina Bifida Association, please email them to fundraising@ssba.org.uk

BLAZE OF GLORY

Participants raise over £6,000 by fearlessly walking over broken ice and a bed of fire

Walking over 20 feet of razor sharp broken glass or a bed of fire may not be everybody's cup of tea but the SSBA found 20 people who did just that on the 23rd February at their Family Support Centre in Cumbernauld.

After a superb team building and motivational training session run by Errol Gordon of fire/glass walk organisers, Blaze, the excited volunteers took part in this unforgettable challenge and successfully raised over £6,000.

Deborah Roe, Head of Fundraising said "This is an astounding amount of money to be raised through one event and the Association is very grateful to everyone who took part. £6,000 means that we can continue visiting all the new babies

born with spina bifida and their families. This can be a very traumatic time for families and having a Support Worker on hand for advice can make a real difference."

The Association would also like to thank the Round Table, Area 51 - Central Scotland for sponsoring the event. Because of their support every penny raised will go directly into the work that the Association provides across Scotland.

If you are looking for an unforgettable and exciting challenge to participate in then call fundraising for more information on 01236 794508 or email fundraising@ssba.org.uk



FUTURE EVENTS

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■ 25th May 2008 -

Edinburgh Marathon

We still have some guaranteed places for this, the 2nd biggest marathon in the UK.

■ Great Scottish Walks

25th May Glasgow & 22nd June Edinburgh

The fun and healthy way to raise money for charity is back. Applications available from the Association.

■ 1st June - **'Ladies who give an F!'**

£35pp. **Venue: Radisson SAS Hotel, Glasgow**

Champagne reception, sumptuous lunch, games, auction, guest speaker, and disco all hosted by ITV1's John Amabile. Tickets are on sale now.

■ 7th June 2008, Edinburgh Airport Hilton -

Hilton Charity Ball

3 Course Gala Dinner with live band, auction and raffle organised by the Edinburgh Airport Hilton to benefit the Association. Please call 0131 519 4400 to purchase tickets.

■ 19th July - **Starlight Parade**

Venue: Peterhead. 9pm

Further details below.

■ 14th August - **Charity Golf Day**

Team of 4 £400. **Venue: Westerwood Golf Course.**

Don't miss the inaugural SSBA corporate golf day. Further details on page 3.

■ 10th-14th September -

London to Paris Cycle Ride

You'll enjoy cycling through beautiful English villages and the stunning countryside of rural France into Paris, one of the most magical places on earth.

■ 14th September - **Cumbernauld 10k**

Venue: Broadwood Stadium, Cumbernauld

Run it for Ramsay. Run this, the 2nd Cumbernauld 10k in aid of the Gordon Ramsay Appeal.

■ 30th October -

Gordon Ramsay's Gala Dinner

£500pp **Venue: Stirling Castle**

The most luxurious event of the year is back, hosted by Gordon Ramsay OBE. The red carpet will be rolled out and the Association will once again welcome guests from the world of television, radio and sport to this feast of entertainment. Ticket reservations being taken.

Diving with Sharks, Whitewater Rafting & Skydiving

can be undertaken at anytime of year to suit you, so please call 01236 794508 and get your challenge booked today. **GREAT FOR TEAMS OR INDIVIDUALS!**



Creative Oceanic successfully held the first IRN BRU Scottish Curry Awards on March 13th at the Thistle Hotel, Glasgow. As the nominated charity for this event all money raised through the raffle and auction is being donated to the Association.

Deborah Roe, SSBA Head of Fundraising says "We are very grateful to the Creative Oceanic team, it was a great event which has helped raised much needed funds."

BY THE LIGHT OF THE SILVERY MOON

On the 19th July 2008, people from all over Scotland will be taking to the streets of Peterhead in support of the Association by taking part in a very special sponsored moonlit walk called the 'Starlight Parade'.

Linda Mathers, with the help of some friends, is organising a fundraising event to help those affected by spina bifida and hydrocephalus by launching the Starlight Parade, a walk taking participants round the town of Peterhead, during Peterhead's Scottish Week. Each person will decide whether to tackle the 10k or half marathon distance and all money raised will be donated to the Scottish Spina Bifida Association.

Linda has first hand experiences with spina bifida and the Association, as her son, Steven Mathers, and grandson, Dylan Forman, were both born with the condition.

Carol Donald, who is assisting with the organisation of the event along with Fiona Smith,

Lynn Beagrie, Jeanette Ross and Roselyn Bruce, explained: "We really wanted to do something to raise money to help others with this condition, so we are urging people to get involved and register for the walk now."

If you would like more information or a registration pack please telephone Carol Donald on 01779 480293 or download a form from www.ssba.org.uk/starlight

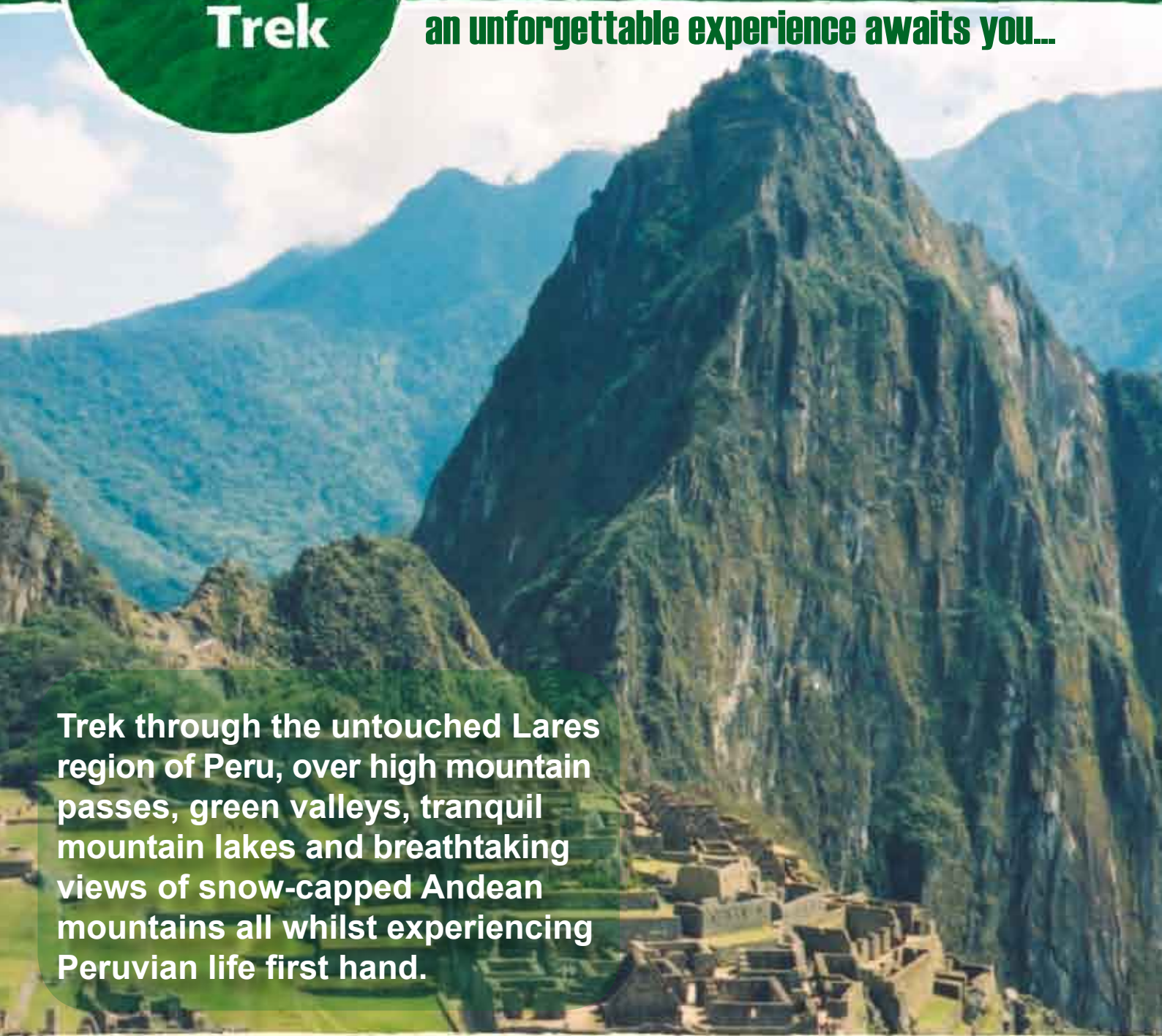


Linda Mathers (Right) with (from R-L) Steven Mathers, Dylan Forman and his mum Vicki Forman



Peru Trek

For those of you with a love of landscape, a passion for history and a sense of adventure, an unforgettable experience awaits you...



Trek through the untouched Lares region of Peru, over high mountain passes, green valleys, tranquil mountain lakes and breathtaking views of snow-capped Andean mountains all whilst experiencing Peruvian life first hand.

Take your first step towards a trip of a lifetime and call the Fundraising Team today on 01236 794508. Alternatively get further information and apply online at www.ssba.org.uk/peru



A YEAR IN THE LIFE of...

The Scottish Spina Bifida Association

The past 12 months have been an exciting year for the Scottish Spina Bifida Association. After moving to the purpose built Family Support Centre in Cumbernauld in 2006, with your support, the Association have been expanding on the support services already offered to those affected by spina bifida and / or hydrocephalus across Scotland.



Above: An organised creche for children during the Family Conference (Feb 08), Far Left: Family Conference attended by 36 families, Middle Left: Wheelchair Training Course (Sept 07) Left: Children's Christmas Party (Dec 07) Below: Wheelchair Training Course.

Services provided include:

- Lo-Call Helpline: 08459 11 11 12 • Direct contact with an experienced Family Support Worker • Drop-in centre
- Specialised tailored advice • Intensive support for all families with new-born babies • Home visits • Specialised clinics in hospitals across Scotland • Subsidised holidays • Information and training days • Social and leisure groups • Financial assistance for families in crisis • Health checks with nurses and specialists • Telemedicine conferencing equipment • Advice on medical management, mobility, education, benefits, local services • Parents and childrens groups



HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Scottish Spina Bifida Association receive less than 4% in government funding yet need to raise over £500,000 to maintain the current level of services offered to over 3,000 children, young people and adults affected by spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus and allied conditions across Scotland.

Single gifts.

A gift of £20 could provide information and support to a new family or £250 could allow a family support worker to help 5 families throughout Scotland.

Regular Giving.

By making a small commitment of a monthly gift we are able to plan ahead and develop our services across Scotland confident in the knowledge that we have a regular source of income

£5 per month could pay for a support worker to visit a family at home with a new baby who has spina bifida or hydrocephalus.

£10 per month could help sponsor a young person with spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus to enjoy a week long self catering break in our fully adapted holiday cottage or at an outdoor adventure centre.

PLEDGE FORM

If you would like to make a donation to the Scottish Spina Bifida Association or would like more information on regular donations please fill in the form below.

- ☐ I/We would like to donate the following £
- ☐ I/We would like more information on Regular Giving to the Association

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If you pay tax, you can increase the value of your donation, at no extra cost to yourself, by ticking the gift aid box. ☐

NAME: _____

COMPANY/ORGANISATION (if applicable): _____

ADDRESS: _____

POSTCODE: _____ TEL: _____

Please make all cheques/postal orders payable to Scottish Spina Bifida Association. For security purposes please do not send cash.

Post to: Freepost Plus RRAE-SCGY-CSJA, Scottish Spina bifida Association, 6 Craighalbert Way, Dullatur, Glasgow, G68 0LS

HOME MONEY BOXES



Loose change put to good use

The Scottish Spina Bifida Association runs an initiative where over 700 homes across Scotland save their loose change in a SSBA collection box. Then twice a year the Association write to all participants asking them to send a cheque or postal order to the amount collected in the box.

While being a very simple idea, this initiative raises over £9,500 annually. As this is such a successful and easy fundraising idea the Scottish Spina Bifida Association would like to invite other supporters to get involved. By calling the

number below you will be sent your own Home Money Box so that you can start collecting.

Clare Cogan Turner, Fundraising Officer for the Association says "Donations small or large can make a huge difference and this initiative highlights that perfectly. If people haven't managed to save any loose change by the time we write to them, it doesn't matter but the box is always there just in case."

Please contact Clare or Deborah on 01236 794508 for your Box.



HARRY GETS HIS BIG DAY AT MURRAYFIELD



Seven year old, rugby mad, Harry Stratton (pictured front right) got to live his dream at the Scotland v France RBS 6 Nations rugby international at Murrayfield on Sunday 27th January when he was one of Scotland's mascots.

Born with spina bifida and hydrocephalus, Harry, who lives in Chapelhall, Airdrie proudly entered the pitch in his wheelchair

in front of 68,000 people. He was nominated to be the mascot for this prestigious international by Cumbernauld Rugby Club, who were awarded the opportunity to represent Scotland at Murrayfield with a mascot place. They gifted the opportunity to the Scottish Spina Bifida Association who thought of Harry straight away.

"Harry is a huge rugby fan," said proud mum Anna. "Having both spina bifida and hydrocephalus means Harry can't walk without his callipers and rollator and he has had several major life-saving operations. Despite this, he is always full of life and loves to watch Scotland's rugby games on TV."

Harry was such a hit with Cumbernauld Rugby Club that they have kindly decided to bear the Scottish Spina Bifida Association logo on their rugby shirts for the upcoming season.

THANK YOU

All the staff at the the Scottish Spina Bifida Association would like to say A VERY BIG THANK YOU to EVERYONE who has raised or donated money to them. Your contributions, large or small, are always gratefully appreciated.



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John Amabile will once again host this lavish event including a champagne reception, sumptuous 2 course lunch, guest speaker, raffle, games and auction



Ladies Lunch

Tickets: £35 or Table of 10: £350

Sunday 1 June 2008 • Radisson SAS Hotel • Glasgow

Book your seat today - Call 01236 794508



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give an