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Black Jack & Jazz at the Acorn Autumn Ball

On Saturday 8th November, The Sick Children's Trust will be hosting a glamorous night to remember at The University Arms, Cambridge – come and join in this sparkling event and help raise money for the charity!

The evening will begin with a champagne reception, followed by a sumptuous three course dinner with wine in the stunning ballroom.

After dinner, guests will have the opportunity to bid in the 'money-can't-buy' auction with fabulous lots on offer such as lunch for four in a private dining room at the esteemed Coutt's Bank or a signed Harlequins Rugby Players Shirt, to name but a few.

Following the auction, guests can try their luck at the roulette and black jack tables, each ticket includes £10 worth of chips for the 'fun casino'...so everyone can have a flirt with lady luck. And the person who wins the most chips on the night will receive a top prize; a champagne dinner for four at Gala Coral casino in Piccadilly, London.

As if that wasn't enough, guests will also be tapping their feet and swinging those hips in no time with entertainment from the talented Sam Burkey, a highly acclaimed jazz pianist and vocalist whose previous engagements include principle roles for the English National Opera.

This really is a night out you don't want to miss!

Earlybird tickets cost just £60 before October 10th, thereafter they will be priced at £70. Tables seat ten guests and the dress code is black tie.

All money raised from the event will go straight towards The Sick Children's Trust – so by attending the event you will be helping to provide family accommodation at hospitals across the country ensuring that children are not separated from their family when in hospital – you'll be helping the most basic of medicines to work; family love and support.

To buy your tickets or for further information, please contact Heather Brown on 020 7791 2266 or email heather@sickchildrenstrust.org

**For a night out you'll never forget while helping to raise money for The Sick Children's Trust
come and join us at the Acorn Autumn Ball on Saturday 8th November.**

Notes to Editors:

The Sick Children's Trust runs seven Homes from Home at major hospitals around the country where families can stay free of charge, for as long as they need whilst their child is undergoing treatment - one such house is Acorn House at Addenbrooke's Hospital. There is a growing demand for the Homes from Home as children must increasingly travel long distances to get the specialist treatment they need.

In essence, The Sick Children's Trust ensures that the very basic of all medicines has a chance to work; family love and support. They ensure that mum has a private room to cry, dad can get some much needed sleep, and siblings are cocooned in love and not left out. But most importantly, they help families to stay close by to their sick child at all times making a real difference to their recovery; mum and dad are there for the morning kiss, bedtime story and that all important hug in the middle of the night when things seem really scary.

To date they have helped more than 30,000 families. To run the 'Homes from Home' they rely entirely on voluntary donations; and need to raise nearly £1million this year to keep them open.

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For further information about The Sick Children's Trust, please contact Anna Nason at anna@sickchildrenstrust.org

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