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Dear Jane

### FUNDRAISING FASHION PARTY IN SUPPORT OF CARING MATTERS NOW



Fay is just a year old and was born with a large brown birthmark on her body, known as a Congenital Melanocytic Naevus. It is similar to a mole but covers over 65% of her body capacity and doctors say it can lead to complications such as an increase risk of malignancy and involvement of the brain and spinal cord (neurocutaneous melanosis).

Sadly, doctors don't know enough about this type of birthmark, so we are holding a charity fundraiser at Esse in Melbourn, on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May to raise money for the charity Caring Matters Now.

Caring Matters Now was set up by a CMN sufferer in 1998 to help support other sufferers and their families, to raise awareness of the condition and to raise funds for the CMN research. It costs £30,000 a year to fund research at the Great Ormond Street Hospital in London. Money to fund this research comes only from direct donations and fundraisers arranged by families of those affected by Congenital Melanocytic Naevus.

We write to you with a request for your help and ask whether you would be able to provide us with a gift that we could put in to our raffle on the night.

We appreciate that you will receive requests like this every day, but we hope you will realise that achieving our target of £2,000 for this particular charity is very close to our hearts.

All money raised from the Ladies Night Fashion Party, through the raffle, ticket sales, donations and also a percentage of items sold on the night by Esse, will go to Caring Matters Now and assist with the vital research required to learn more about this condition, which in turn will help Fay and children like her.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter, we really hope that you will be able to consider our request for help. We look forward to hearing from you very soon.

With many thanks

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