



Dear President / Coach,

.....(insert name) would like to participate in 'Cuppa for HeartKids' as a sports club fundraising campaign to raise awareness and much needed funds for HeartKids in the fight against Childhood Heart Disease.

**Some suggested ideas of how your club can get involved:**

- Cake Stall where team members are invited to make a cake / slice from one of our celebrity recipes on [www.cuppaforheartkids.org.au](http://www.cuppaforheartkids.org.au) to sell at your sports club canteen with all proceeds to HeartKids.
- Donation tin handed around at your games.
- Proceeds from your movie / disco / sausage sizzle go to HeartKids

**To register please visit [www.cuppaforheartkids.org.au](http://www.cuppaforheartkids.org.au) and we will send you a host kit for your club.**

**HeartKids Australia is a national charity that works to:**

Support families who have a child with heart disease

Reduce the incidence of Childhood Heart Disease

Decrease the mortality rates for Childhood Heart Disease

**We do this by:**

Employing Family Support Coordinators in each of the major children's hospitals in Australia

Running Family and Teen activities

Funding Research into CHD

Providing equipment and facilities

Assisting families with travel and accommodation needs

Commissioning a White Paper into the needs of CHD from a clinical and community perspective

Advocating the needs of CHD to Government

**Alarming Facts about Childhood Heart Disease**

- ♥ Heart disease is the most common birth abnormality
- ♥ One in 100 kids are born with heart disease - That is six babies every day across Australia - Over 2000 per year
- ♥ Heart Disease is the greatest killer of children under the age of 5
- ♥ It takes more lives than all other childhood diseases combined – twice that of childhood cancers
- ♥ HeartKids fill almost half the ICU beds in all the major children's hospitals in Australia.

HeartKids receives no government funding and therefore relies solely upon the support of the community. Your contribution will make a real difference in the fight against childhood heart disease. 100% of all funds go to support HeartKids in its work.

Thank you in advance for supporting HeartKids.

Yours sincerely,

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