## CHILDREN'S HOSPICE HOPING FOR A WEEK OF SUPERHUMAN FUNDRAISING

## What a super idea!

BUSINESSES have swooped into action, superhero-style, to help the local children's hospice.

Children's Hospice Week starts next week and to help launch the event, staff from the Underfloor Heating Store, visited Little Havens Children's Hospice, dressed as superheroes, to hand over a donation.

The firm, based on Basildon's Festival Leisure Park, have joined companies including LV Insurance, at Kelting House, Basildon, to urge other businesses to get involved.

The fundraising week, starts on Friday, April 26 and all cash raised will go to support seriously-ill children and their families from across Essex who are cared for at Little Havens children's hospice, in Thundersley.

Michael Lewis, from the Underfloor Heating Store, said his company had long supported the hospice. Last week, it gave Havens Hospice £1,700, topping it up with a further £500 during this week's visit.

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He said: "We are thrilled to be repeating our support for Little Havens this year by fundraising during Children's Hospice Week.

"We had a great time dressing up last year and even took part in a superhero-themed collection for the hospice in the Eastgate Shopping Centre.

"We want to encourage everyone to join in the fun and take part too."

Peter Hall, Little Havens community fundraiser, added: "Here at Little Havens, we believe the seriously ill children we care for, and the nurses who look after them, are true heroes and we hope everyone agrees.

"That's why we're inviting people in our local community to Be a Hero for Little Havens during this great fundraising week

"We are really grateful to all the local businesses who have signed up so far, it promises to be a really fun week and a great way to raise vital funds for Little Havens."

Staff at Hobbycraft will be dressing up as superheroes again on Saturday, April 27, and encouraging customers to give generously.

LV Insurance is holding a fundraising day of its own on Wednesday, May 1.

For more information and to register for the event, call 01702 220305, e-mail fradmin@havenshospices.org. uk or visit havenshospices.org.uk/hero



■ Special visit – heating store staff Dominic Lodge, Michael Lewis and Daniel Lodge, with Little Havens' Peter Hall and young Harry and Eva Pearson, whose sister, Vivien is a patient

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