Chestnut House hosts fifth birthday tea party

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The Sick Children's Trust's Chestnut House – which supports families with seriously ill babies at The Rosie Hospital in Cambridge – is getting ready to celebrate its fifth birthday.

On Tuesday 26 September, Chestnut House will be celebrating its fifth year of supporting hundreds of families with free 'Home from Home' accommodation when their babies are undergoing lifesaving treatment at The Rosie Hospital. The event will be held at the charity's other 'Home from Home' in Cambridge, Acorn House, which is just a few minutes' walk away at Addenbrooke's Hospital.

Chestnut House, which opened in October 2012, supports families with free 'Home from Home' accommodation. It has eight en-suite bedrooms with a direct telephone to the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) and has a communal dining area, living room and laundry facilities. The 'Home from Home' is located a floor below NICU, so parents are never more than just a few minutes' walk from their baby's hospital bedside. Over the years, Chestnut House has supported over 1,000 families alone. **Chestnut and Acorn House Manager, Abi Abdel-aal, says:**

'We hope to see many familiar faces at our tea party on Tuesday. Families and supporters are all welcome to come along for a slice of cake and a cuppa. It's always lovely to catch up with families who once stayed with us and to hear how they're getting on – so we'd love to see you there."

Joining in the celebrations will also be the Mayor of Cambridge and the Cambridge Fundraising Committee who over the years have raised over £500,000 for Acorn and Chestnut House.

The Sick Children's Trust runs ten 'Home from Homes' across the UK supporting families with seriously ill children in hospital. The charity supports around 146 families each night, 365 days a year.

If you would like to attend Chestnut House's birthday, please email abigail@sickchildrenstrust.org.

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