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Residents and staff at a local retirement home are busy planning a jam-packed fundraising day to raise vital cash for Little Hearts Matter, a charity that supports families on their journey with half a working heart.

Staff and residents at Chiswick House in Leebank, Birmingham have a host of activities planned for the fundraiser, which takes place on Friday 21st August. Activities include two head shaves, a range of games, a music quiz, a raffle and lots of fun!

The generous residents and staff have been supporting Little Hearts Matter since 2008, after a member of staff highlighted the excellent work the charity does. To date, Chiswick House has raised £4,382.51 for the charity.

Julie Monaghan, Scheme Manager at Chiswick House has a grandson called Jack who was born with only half a heart and found Little Hearts Matter a source of valuable information and support during a very confusing time.

Julie said: "Jack was born with a very serious heart condition called hyperplastic left heart syndrome (half a heart) and needed three open heart surgery operations, the first one being at three days old.

"Jack had his third surgery when he was four and suffered no major complications. Jack is eight year's old now and doing well, with the help of specialist education and the excellent care of the Birmingham Children's Hospital."

The fundraiser is also supported by Axis and Icare.

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