**Kids wanted to keeeeeeep dancing to support  local families affected by cancer!**

Kids just wanna have fun – and what better way than dancing to help other children…

Back by popular demand - Cancer Focus Northern Ireland has teamed up with Ballroom Blitz NI to host its third Strictly Come Dancing event just for kids to raise vital funds.

Cancer Focus NI is looking for budding young stars aged 6-12 to put their dancing shoes on and show us how to dance the night away!.

No previous dancing experience is needed - each youngster will be taught how to strut their stuff by professional ballroom dance teachers from Ballroom Blitz NI. Let your child try out the classic ballroom dances they’ve seen the adults do – now is their time to shine.

Training starts on Monday 23rd September, 5pm-7pm at Cliftonville Golf Club, Belfast, for eight weeks before a sparkling showcase finale on Saturday 16th November. Tickets will be available for friends, family and the public.

Alyson Kerr, Community Fundraising Officer, Cancer Focus NI, said: “We are so excited to launch our recruitment drive for our third Strictly for Kids fundraising event. They are so successful and popular that we wanted to give other children the chance to take to the dance floor too. The kids can really show the adults how it’s done.

“Any child who has danced around the living room wishing they were Strictly stars now has a magical opportunity to make that dream come true.

“It’s a great chance to learn something new, improve fitness and have a fab-u-loussssssss time while raising money for local children affected by cancer.”

All the money raised will go towards the charity’s unique art therapy service, which carries out important work with families when a mum, dad or grandparent has cancer.

Joanne Boal, art therapist, Cancer Focus NI, said: “We know that creating art can have a positive impact by helping the healing process - improving physical, mental and emotional well-being.

“Art therapy is not about being good at art or creating works of art, it’s simply a way of helping you express how you feel when words don’t come easily.”

Anyone who thinks their child would love to be involved should contact the charity today as places for Strictly for Kids are limited. To sign up or for more information email fundraising@cancerfocusni.org

If you have concerns about cancer, speak to a specialist nurse on the Cancer Focus NI free NurseLine, 0800 783 3339.

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