

Special guest at the Chestnut Tree House Snowman Spectacular Fundraising Ball

A VERY SPECIAL guest is expected at the fourth Snowman Spectacular Fundraising Ball in aid of Chestnut Tree House, the children's hospice for Sussex. Mitch Winehouse, father of the late Amy Winehouse, who tragically died in July, will be taking to the stage to sing a couple of songs and entertain guests at the Ball.

Following Amy's untimely death, Mitch launched the Amy Winehouse Foundation on 14 September 2011. The Foundation has been set up in Amy's memory to support charitable activities in both the UK and abroad that provide help, support or care for young people, especially those who are in need by reason of ill health, disability, financial disadvantage or addiction.

Mitch was introduced to Chestnut Tree House by a close friend who is also a supporter of the hospice. He visited in October, had a tour of the hospice's facilities and met some of the children and families staying there. He felt that it was definitely somewhere the Foundation could support and pledged a donation of £10,000 from the Amy Winehouse Foundation to Chestnut Tree House. "I was delighted to visit Chestnut Tree House," said Mitch, "I was very moved by the care the hospice provides for sick children and their families and very much hope that our donation will really help make a difference. I am looking forward to performing at the



Snowman Spectacular Ball – it's going to be a great evening for a very worthy cause."

Said Linda Perry, Director of Children's Services at Chestnut Tree House: "We are so grateful to Mitch for visiting the hospice and to the Amy Winehouse Foundation for this very generous donation which will go towards setting up a neonates service to help very young babies who have been diagnosed with a life-limiting or life-threatening condition. It will be fantastic to hear Mitch singing at the Snowman Spectacular Ball and to have the

chance to thank him in person for his support of Chestnut Tree House."

The Snowman Spectacular Ball takes place on Saturday 3 December at the Hilton Brighton Metropole. Tickets for the Ball have now sold out and the 530 guests can look forward to an evening of superb entertainment, a sumptuous three course dinner, dancing and, of course, lots of fundraising activities, including the spectacular 'money can't buy' auction with some amazing lots up for grabs.