



Stacey Sheehan has organised a fun raiser for her cousin Maddie Sheehan at the East Devonport Football Club on Sunday the 28th July.

Maddie was born with severe cerebral palsy quadriplegia and has every complication that goes with this condition. Maddie completely relies on others to complete every task for her that requires 24-hour care. A few of these complications are spasticity, low and high muscle tone, dystonia, clonus, vision problems, digestive and bowel problems and involuntary movements affecting her entire body. Maddie currently has migration of her hip joints that without hip surgery will progress to dislocation that is causing her to be in a lot of pain and discomfort. She will be having this surgery in Melbourne later in the year.

Maddie has had surgery for a gastrostomy feeding peg tube in her stomach that is used for medications and fluids. In the future it has been suggested that Maddie have an intrathecal baclofen pump inserted that will enable medication to go directly to her spinal cord.

Maddie's quality of life is very important as her prognosis is early teens and she is now 4 ½ years old. Maddie's Mother Sarah is a widow, after her husband Damien lost his battle with depression when Maddie was 9 months old. Maddie has a sister Ashlee who is 7 years old.

Stacey would love to make their lives a bit easier financially. The event is called Dance for Maddie and is a public event advertised on Facebook. Stacey has secured a great line up of local live entertainment with the Ringmasters and Josh Tome. We are wondering if you would like to donate something for the silent auction that is being held on the day. Please contact Stacey Sheehan on 0409 910 411 or through the Facebook event "Dance for Maddie" to make a donation.

Thank you so much for your time.

