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Aussie star to join forces with his Childhood Hero

Liam Hemsworth, who is in Australia to promote his upcoming movie *The Last Song*, in which he stars with Miley Cyrus, will team up with the Australian Childhood Foundation's Childhood Hero mascot at the Foundation's Mitcham Children's Centre.

Hemsworth, together with his Childhood Hero, will help launch the Foundation's June Appeal, and Childhood Hero Day which will be held on 23rd June.

Media are invited to attend the Australian Childhood Foundation's Centre for Children at 579 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham tomorrow (Tuesday 16.03.10) at 1.30pm. Liam Hemsworth will be available until 2.00pm.

The Australian Childhood Foundation is a national not-for-profit organisation that provides a range of services to support children affected by abuse, neglect and family violence.

Child abuse is Australia's most critical community problem. Last year, there were more than 300,000 new reports of child abuse and neglect received across Australia. That equates to one report every two minutes. More infants under the age of 12 months were found to have been abused or neglected than children in any other age group. Last year, there were more children living away from their family for their own protection than ever before. The number of children in care has more than doubled in the past decade increasing from 13 979 in 1996 to 31 166 in 2008.

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