

CRAIGIEBURN

# Market show for Sammy Joe

## CHARITY EVENT HELPS FAMILIES

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A DEVASTATING diagnosis changed the life of Craigieburn mum Maria Liistro forever.

More than a decade ago her son Sammy Joe was diagnosed with trichothiodystrophy, a rare genetic condition causing allergic reactions to UV light.

She founded Friends of Sammy Joe, a charity dedicated to helping people affected by trichothiodystrophy, xeroderma pigmentosum and cockayne syndrome.

Next month the charity will host its fourth annual Market Stall Day to raise money and awareness of the rare conditions and lift the profile of local businesses.

Ms Liistro said this year was expected to be bigger and better than ever.

"We are looking forward to this year's event and we are expecting a big number of people coming through, more than the 2000 who came last year" she said.

More than 80 businesses will set up stalls to showcase homewares, beauty therapies and toys for the event and three live bands will entertain audiences. Ms Liistro said she wanted to help others who struggled with the diagnosis of the condition.

"It's really difficult for families to deal with and when Sammy Joe was first diagnosed I felt really isolated and lost," she said.

"I'm never going to leave Craigieburn because the support we've had here is just amazing."

The Market Stall Day is on October 25 at Craigieburn Leisure Centre.



Maria Liistro is holding a market day to raise money for her charity in support of her son Sammy Joe.

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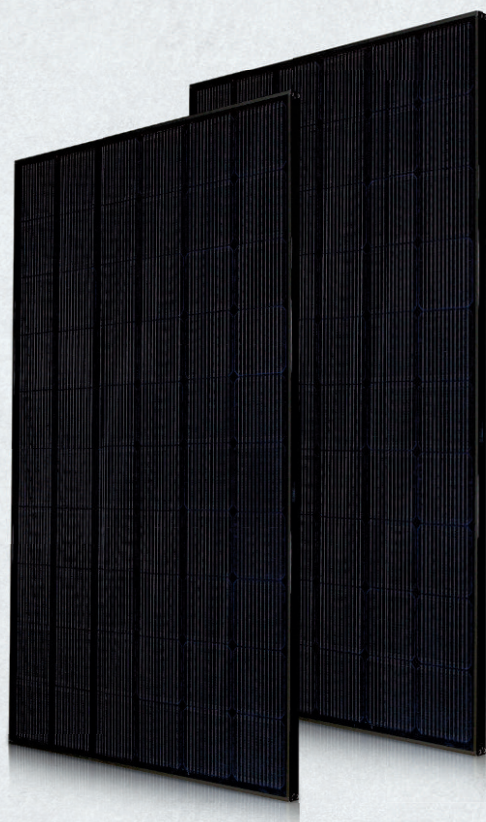
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