



highlights

Hilton in the Community Foundation

Registered Charity No. 1084220 (England and Wales) 38995 (Scotland)

Edition 11 - November 2009



Blackpool Dance Fever

Children from 22 schools came together on Tuesday 24th November to put on a spectacular festival of dance organised by **Hilton Blackpool** to raise money for local charities.

The event at Blackpool's Empress Ballroom in the world famous Winter Gardens was attended by over 800 people who came to see 500 local children between the ages of four and eighteen perform dance routines.

The "One World Festival of Dance" was held in collaboration with the local Schools Sports Partnership to celebrate World Peace Day and to raise money for Hilton Blackpool's three chosen charities through Hilton

in the Community Foundation. Brian House Children's Hospice, Donna's Dream House, for terminally ill children and Progress Recruitment, an into work programme for disabled young people are all long term beneficiaries of Hilton Blackpool's fundraising and will split the £5,000 raised on the night.

Howard Lewis, Hilton Blackpool General Manager, said: **"Having a performance that gives children the platform not just to entertain with their talents, but to support other local young people in need is a fantastic combination."**

Above: children and parents watch the raffle draw

Right: (left to right) Hodgson School pupils Jessica, Hollie, Hayley and Lauren hand out programmes.



Coming Soon...

- 01 Dec - Dublin Airport Quiz
- 12 Feb - Valentine's Dream Ball, Hilton Blackpool
- 18 Feb - Waldorf Hilton, Dream and Achieve Ball
- 19 Mar - Midlands Cluster Ball
- 27 Mar - Hilton Brighton Metropole, Strictly Snow Ball

Did you know? 2010 will continue the Foundation's focus on four key areas for central grants: Disabled children, children in hospitals, life-limited children and homelessness. Sponsored grants will still cover the wider remit of health and education.



Trusting in Sport

HCF funded "Sportsability" Festivals run by the Youth Sport Trust are currently taking place around the UK. Young people with learning and physical disabilities from both mainstream and special needs schools are attending the festivals, which focus on the integration of disabled and non-disabled children through fun sporting challenges.

Hilton team members have attended several recent festivals such as those at **Portsmouth** (pictured above) and **Leicester** where children enjoyed activities such as beach ball volleyball, kurling, bowling, tee ball targets, polybat skittles and boccia.

Robert, one of the children taking part at Portsmouth's festival said, **'My best event was the obstacle race. I won a gold medal and my mum is very proud of me.'**

Schools support

Hilton Istanbul have supported a high profile charity gala night by providing the venue and food and drink for a celebration of the renovation of 200 schools. The evening was hosted by actor Hakan Bilgin (below left) with Hilton Istanbul GM Sascha Koehler (centre) and journalist and project coordinator Irep Cakir (right.) The Istanbul cluster of properties has also supported local elementary schools with the purchase of TL 1.645,00 (£670) worth of building equipment.



That warm feeling

Hilton Brussels are helping the Royal Institute of the Blind to make it a warmer winter with a gift of 200 hotel blankets and pillows. General Manager Jochem-Jan Sleiffer is seen above with housekeeping colleagues and Marie-Jeanne Nachtergaele Head of RIB's Assistance in everyday life department.



Hospital help

Bernadette Gilligan, **Hilton Manchester Deansgate GM**, pictured above with a young mother, paid a visit to the Tameside General Hospital to present over £6,000 worth of new medical equipment from HCF. This included four resuscitators to support premature babies' breathing, and a bilibed to treat jaundiced babies. Vicky Bunnage, project co-ordinator at MedEquip4Kids, said:

"This generous donation allows us to ensure children and babies at Tameside Hospital receive the best possible care when sick or injured."



It's a kind of magic

Well done to the Magic switchboard team at **Hilton London Metropole** who were in good voice at a karaoke night at the hotel raising £1,000.

Glasgow mission

Disadvantaged young families using the Glasgow City Mission's facilities were celebrating new equipment and toys courtesy of fundraising from the **Cadogan Square offices**. Carol McColgan (below left) Office Facilities Manager is pictured presenting the cheque at the centre.



Laying foundations

Team members at **Hilton Edinburgh Airport** got their hands dirty last month volunteering at local school Hillwood Primary. All of the hotel's managers toiled, weeded and laid a new playing area for the pupils, who showed their appreciation for the team's effort below.



Room with a view

A big thank you to Maria Martis, Executive Lounge Coordinator at **Hilton Rotterdam** for helping to raise €1,125 for HCF. She agreed to host a private party for a regular guest's birthday in the hotel's Presidential suite which has stunning views of the Rotterdam skyline (below). She worked hard to make all the invitations, give guests information about HCF and collect donations throughout the evening. Well done Maria!



Have you got a fundraising story that you'd like to see in highlights? Or would you like to be added to the highlights monthly mailout list? Then please get in touch either by e-mailing john.townsend@hilton.com or calling (+44) 0207 605 7733.