



ThePromise has been set up to help children with special needs living in Russian orphanages. Our first project is to pilot an internationally acclaimed pre-school education system called 'Portage' in one 'baby home' in Ryazan. ThePromise is wonderfully supported in this vision by a growing band of fundraisers called 'Ellie's Angels' named in memory of Ellie Setelen, who helped inspire the birth of ThePromise. For further details of the work, please visit our website www.thepromise.org.uk

STOP PRESS !! YOU DID IT !!

We wanted to write to you all and thank you so much for helping make our inaugural Ball an amazing success! Our recent Russian Ice Ball raised over £20,500! So we have easily reached the target that we needed in order to get our project off the ground.



Thank you so much for all your generosity in buying the raffle tickets, bidding in the auction and then offering up your own auction items for people to bid for. It was a wonderful display of warmth and enthusiasm and helped to make the Ball the success that it was.

Please let us know if you have any thoughts or comments about the Ball, so we can try to incorporate them into plans for our next event.



Sandra Hey and Phil Thurston transformed the Rose Room at Twickenham into an ethereal, icy splendour with muslin, blue lighting, candles and stunning table decorations.

Our band of Ellie's Angels is growing steadily thanks to you all. We will keep you posted of our progress in getting Portage out to the disabled children in the baby home in Ryazan.

Thank you so much for making this possible.



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The Azia String Quartet serenaded everyone on their arrival and during the drinks



Before they were allowed to eat, the guests were thrown into a noisy round of Heads and Tails, which alone raised £1,100 for us.

Chris Sheasby, our talented MC, presents a signed rugby shirt to the child prodigy, Alex Prior, who performed so beautifully for us.



David Palmer led our auction with great humour, and raised over £11,000 for us.



Finally the gavel was prized away from the auctioneer and everyone was able to dance to Derek DeSouza's "One foot in the Groove" disco.



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