

GOAL'S 30th Anniversary Ball Raises A Million Dollars

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Mats Wilander



Lori Jean Hart and Leslie Buckley



Brian McGinley, Maurice and Nancy Buckley



Gary and Lorraine Lilley and Paddy Hogan



GOAL USA Reps Angela Dean and Martha Hourican

GOAL USA's 19th annual Ball was a record-breaking night, celebrating 30 years of operation and raising a phenomenal one million dollars for the poorest of the poor in 11 countries.

The money raised represents a 100% increase on proceeds from last year's Ball and GOAL founder and CEO, John O'Shea, who flew in for the event to act as key note speaker, described the Ball as 'an overwhelming success'. He was introduced on the night by legendary tennis player and GOAL USA President, Mats Wilander, who later auctioned off a game of tennis with the pro himself to the highest bidder in the room.

The black tie Ball took place at New York's Gotham Hall for the second year in a row and guests enjoyed a gourmet dinner, a live and silent auction, casino by Duro and dancing to the Arthur Stuart Band.

The annual Ball raises funds to support GOAL's humanitarian work in the developing world. The live auction alone took in \$358,000 with dinner guests bidding on items ranging from a South African Safari, and a Wine Tasting Holiday in Italy to a super exclusive one-of-a-kind Marc Jacobs bag. Afterwards auctioneer Michael Saperstein asked guests to dig deep to fund a GOAL housing project in Uganda. In the end, enough money was raised to built 32 houses for HIV/AIDS affected Ugandan orphans.

Long term friends of GOAL and new supporters made the evening possible with generous sponsorship from dinner chairs Leslie Buckley and Digicel and Maurice Buckley and ICCUSA, Facey Telecom, AIG, Sony Ericsson, RMK Worldwide, DHL, NECO, ZTE USA, Gemalto, Candidate Manager, Global Excess Partners, Adrian Jones, ICCUSA, Setanta Sports, Tourism Ireland, Terry Michael, Stout and Doug Koch. GOAL would also like to thank the 500 guests who gave so generously, and the committee members, volunteers and caterers who made it an unforgettable night.

All proceeds from the Ball will go towards GOAL's programs in 11 developing countries, which serve some of the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world. GOAL spends millions every year implementing relief and development programs ensuring that those affected by humanitarian crises and poverty have access to the fundamental needs and rights of life, such as, food, water, shelter, medical attention and literacy.

GOAL is proud to have maintained an exceptionally low administration cost over the past 30 years, meaning that the maximum amount of money will get to those most in need.

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