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Snowman Spectacular!

The fourth annual Chestnut Tree House Snowman Spectacular Ball raised a staggering £221,660 – enough to pay for 32 days of all the care services provided by the children's hospice.

The 537 guests who attended the Ball at the Hilton Brighton Metropole Hotel were treated to a packed evening of entertainment, the high point of which was a performance by Mitch Winehouse, father of the late Amy Winehouse. Mitch also kicked off the evening's fundraising by going up on stage with his wife Jane, accompanied by Amy's mother, Janis and her husband Richard Collins, to present a very generous donation of £10,000 from the Amy Winehouse Foundation to Chestnut Tree House.

Mitch was joined by fellow celebrities, actress Julie Graham, former Welsh goalkeeper Paul Jones and Monty Python actress Carol Cleveland.

There were plenty of fundraising opportunities for the guests including over 500 surprise presents under the Christmas Gift Tree, kindly sponsored and organised by Sue Addis and Donatello Restaurant in Brighton, which raised £5,160.

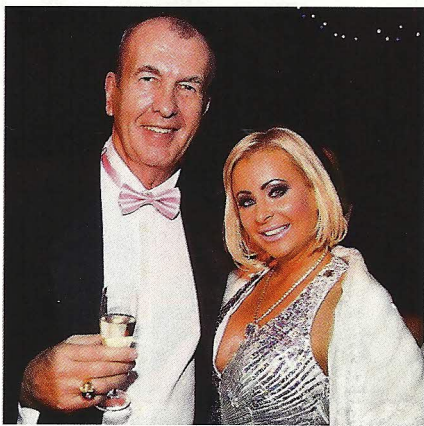
Linda Perry, Director of Children's Services at Chestnut Tree House said: "It is really humbling to see such generosity and support for the hospice. Words cannot adequately express the gratitude of all of us at Chestnut Tree House to our guests, our sponsors Mayo Wynne Baxter, Juice 107.2 FM, *Sussex Life*, WSL Brighton Ltd, Brewin Dolphin, Marlin Financial Group, Patrick Moorhead Antiques, ECE Architecture, Southern Water, the Hilton Brighton Metropole, all who donated auction lots and prizes, and of course the production team and the 90 staff and volunteers who worked so hard to make the Ball such a sell-out success."



Carol Cleveland



Julie Graham



Mike Holland and Jemma Garrett



Mitch and Janis Winehouse



Stacey and Jonathan Bunn



Some of the Chestnut Tree volunteers who helped the evening run smoothly



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