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News Release

The Simone Cowland Trust Dinner and Dance 2007

London, UK – Saturday 20 October marked the benefit dinner and dance of the Simone Cowland Trust, in aid of London's Royal Brompton & Harefield NHS Trust.

The prestigious Dorchester Hotel was the chosen venue to hold the Simone Cowland Trust benefit and it lived up to expectation. 360 guests were treated to a champagne reception and fine dining. The evening was hosted by cystic fibrosis sufferers and avid cystic fibrosis campaigners Emily Thackray and Emma Harris.

The four poofs and a piano from the Jonathan Ross show were the chosen house band for the evening and completely stole the show! Their fabulous collection of melodies, infectious comedy and wonderful delivery ensured the evening started on the right note!

Tenors Incognito brought everyone to their feet with their fantastic operatic ensemble and a special live performance from platinum selling artist Andy Abraham brought the house down!

The evening consisted of a stunning auction, with special guest auctioneer Lord Jeffrey Archer on hand to help raise funds for the Royal Brompton & Harefield NHS Trust, Foulis Ward. A number of high quality items were up for grabs including a weekend stay at the 5 star Chateau De La Messardiere in St. Tropez, Valentines Day 2008, 5 Star stay in Paris for 6 people flying by private Jet, four tickets to see Ricky Hatton Vs Floyd Mayweather World Title Fight in Las Vegas, a limited edition halter neck dress by Matthew Williamson, a bespoke pair of Jimmy Choo shoes, a chance to fly a MIG-29 Jet Fighter over Moscow Russia and a match worn Cesc Fabregas shirt signed by the entire Arsenal FC team caused a credit card frenzy!

The star prize on the evening was a brand new VW Eos Cabriolet, which one lucky guest walked away with on the evening.



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All in all it was a truly memorable evening which helped to raise much needed funds and awareness of cystic fibrosis and the Simone Cowland Trust. In total, the evening raised in excess of £100,000 for the Trust.

Father of the late Simone Cowland and spokesman for the Trust, John Hawkins comments: “The Committee and I are overwhelmed with the level of support we have received once again from family, friends and companies for both the Trust and the evening itself. We are absolutely delighted with the amount of money raised, all of which will help provide new facilities for the Foulis Ward. “

Dr. Susan Madge from the Royal Brompton Hospital said: “The funds raised have truly exceeded our expectations, yet again! We are thoroughly thrilled and overjoyed as we will be able to continue our much needed work on the Ward from last year and we'll also be able to continue to purchase further new equipment that will help both existing and future patients of the Ward.”

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

Simone Cowland Trust

1. The Simone Cowland Trust was founded in memory of Simone Cowland who tragically lost her life to Cystic Fibrosis. The aim of the Trust is to support babies, children, young adults and families who suffer from Cystic Fibrosis.
2. The Simone Cowland Trust is in aid of The Royal Brompton & Harefield NHS Trust, London. The Trust aims to increase the awareness of Cystic Fibrosis, the UK's most common life-threatening, inherited disease by raising funds for The Royal Brompton & Harefield NHS Trust, Foulis Ward, which caters for a wide variety of respiratory conditions including Cystic Fibrosis. Charity number 1116036.
3. For further information please visit www.simonecowlandtrust.com

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