

New Year's Eve Fundraising Gala Ball 2014



HAPC Committee members, Chanelle, Corelle and Rudy, at the Entrance Ticket Desk.

The Charity is extremely grateful to its many supporters, and their families and friends, who attended the annual HELP A POOR CHILD New Year's Eve Fundraising Gala Ball at the ParkInn Radisson Hotel, Heathrow.



Main Hall, complete with a full-sized dance floor, all ready for guests to be escorted to their allocated seats



Maz & Co kept the guests entertained with their fabulous music.

The buzzing crowd was entertained with non-stop music by the fabulous Maz & Co and popular seasoned duo, Benny & Denzyl, who go by the name Velvet Touch (ex-Black Velvet).



Velvet Touch – Denzyl & Benny's blend of new and old time favourites, kept the guests dancing the night away



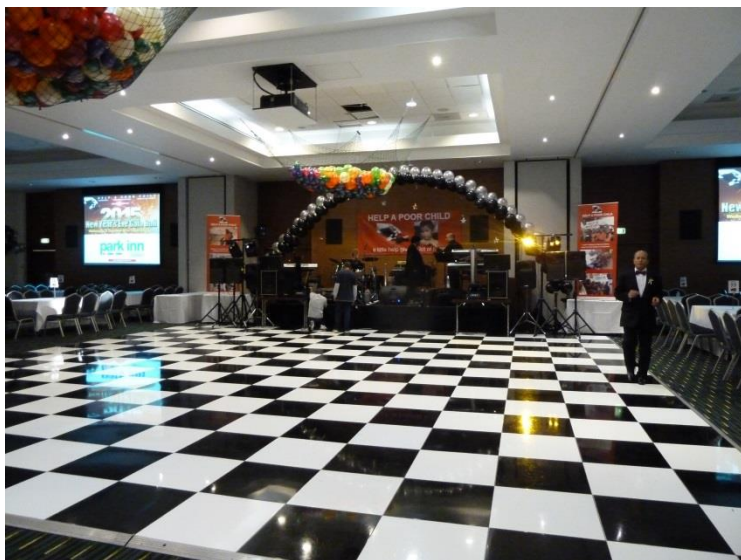
DJ Deevine entertaining guests in the adjoining hall

In an adjoining hall, Marcellus Alfonso, also known as DJ Deevine, was mixing the latest club sounds all night long. A popular choice among many of our guests, he maintained a lively atmosphere throughout the evening, entertaining both the younger crowd and those young at heart.



Pledge Campaign – The Charity was overwhelmed with the response to its Pledge Campaign, with several guests committing to the minimum monthly payment of £4 – the cost to educate one child at the HAPC Gambia Village School. If you wish to support this campaign, please [email us](#) for more information.

Total Raised – Thanks to the invaluable contribution from you, sponsors and those who donated raffle gifts, a total of £5,348 was raised, which will be utilised for our projects in Africa and Asia. Special thanks also to Janarius from VM Graphics for the beautiful and effective decor, as well as Raf and his team from Park-Inn Hotel for working tirelessly with us to ensure the smooth running of the event.



Feedback – This was the third consecutive year HAPC hosted the New Year's Eve Gala Ball at the ParkInn Radisson Hotel, and we believe that issues experienced in the past were all satisfactorily addressed at this event. A full-sized dance floor was hired for the main hall, bar prices were lowered and displayed on each table, and each ticketholder was allocated a seat in advance. In addition, we retained previous agreements, including free parking for all guests and reduced rates on hotel rooms. If you would like to share your thoughts on the event, we welcome direct feedback in a simple email to nye@hapc.co.uk.

2015 sees HELP A POOR CHILD celebrate its 35th anniversary and, to mark this milestone, the Charity will be hosting a Black Tie Dinner Dance, again at the ParkInn Radisson Hotel. We are currently in the early stages of planning this additional fundraising event, which is likely to be held in mid/late September. Please email us at info@hapc.co.uk and let us know if an event of this type is likely to receive your support.



Congratulations & Thank You!

With a lot of training, determination, your good wishes and generous support, Ricky made it to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro and raised an amazing £3,000 for HAPC!



Over the Christmas festive period, Ricky Rodrigues gave up a warm bed and turkey dinner to raise £2,500 for HELP A POOR CHILD. Ricky set off to conquer Mount Kilimanjaro, the world's highest free-standing mountain, on 22nd December and, following a gruelling trek, he eventually reached the summit on 26th December.



As of today, Ricky has raised over £3,000 and, if you have not yet sponsored him, you are welcome to, so that our projects can benefit even more from his efforts.

<https://www.justgiving.com/Ricky-Rodrigues>

<http://www.hapc.co.uk/index.htm?hapcpage=news:front>

Several of you are regular fundraisers for the many established non-voluntary charities, such as Children In Need, Cancer Research, etc. In 2015, as we celebrate our 35th anniversary, we appeal to our supporters to consider nominating HELP A POOR CHILD as your chosen charity to benefit from your fundraising efforts. As a 100% voluntary organisation, we don't have the staff, infrastructure or tools to compete with the corporate charities. With your help and support, however, we can do so much more and make a real difference to the lives of the poor children we work with in our projects across Africa and Asia.

So please email us at info@hapc.co.uk if you need some promotional material, and we can certainly help by providing you with HAPC T-shirts, banners and posters.

Only £4 a month, will help educate a child at the HAPC Gambia Village School

From a little acorn, grows a fully operational school, thanks to your generous support.

Back in May 2012, HAPC began a trial exercise in Jarra Soma, a village in The Gambia, West Africa. Families in this village had never before seen a school because the nearest one is some 20 miles away in the city. So, essentially, nobody from the village went to school.

Therefore, using land given to the Charity by a concerned village elder, HAPC built this classroom (below) and initially enrolled 10 children to begin studying in September 2012, the start of the academic year. This small number soon increased to 30, once local parents' interests in the school had grown.



By May 2013, the school's popularity increased and many more of the village parents added their children's names to the growing waiting list. This was followed by Phase 2 of the HAPC Gambia Village School – the construction of 2 additional classrooms and an office, and a further 60 children were welcomed in the new school term.



In January 2014, the Gambian Government heard about the HAPC Village School project and supported the initiative following a visit to the school by a Minister. Construction of Phase 3 soon commenced and by the beginning of the new term in September 2014, another intake of children were welcomed into the school.

Today, a total of 132 children are studying at the HAPC Gambia Village School, thanks to your generous support of our fundraising initiatives.

Our plans for the future development of the school will depend on additional funds raised, however, for the moment, our main priority is to raise £5,000 per year to provide much needed support and maintenance of the school. That's just £40 a year for each child.



As a result, HELP A POOR CHILD has now launched a Pledge Campaign, in the hope that we can get some of our supporters to help us secure the future of the school by making a minimum monthly financial pledge of just **£4 per month**. If you can help, do please let us know and we will send you some additional information.

If you wish to join our team of volunteers, in any capacity, do please get in touch with us.

Thank you for your continued support and, from all of us at HAPC, best wishes for a happy and peaceful 2015!

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a little help gives a lot of hope - HAPC, is a 100% voluntary organisation and only corresponds via email to save on costs. In Africa and Asia, a £4 a month donation can help provide a child's basic education, and other necessities such as medical care, clothing, etc.