



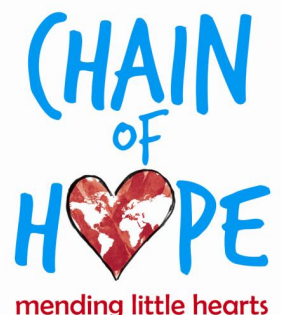
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## An Introduction to Chain of Hope and the Annual Gala Ball



"Our mission is to develop sustainable clinical and research cardiac centres for the treatment of children and young people with heart diseases, in countries where the facilities for such treatments are unavailable."

**Professor Sir Magdi Yacoub**  
President, Chain of Hope



# Chain of Hope's Work



Since 1995, the charity has been working with leading cardiac referral centres in the UK to treat children from war-torn and developing countries who would otherwise find it almost impossible to receive the treatment they need.

The primary focus of the charity's work is conducting teaching and training missions at the cardiac units that it supports around the world. These missions have two aims: to treat children suffering from life-threatening heart diseases and to provide onsite expertise and teaching for local cardiac teams.

Chain of Hope also runs a Child Referral Programme, bringing children to top centres worldwide for emergency, life saving cardiac treatment.



# The Chain of Hope Gala Ball



Since February 2002 Chain of Hope has been hosting an annual Gala Ball, which is the charity's major fundraiser. The Gala Ball is a spectacular event enjoyed by 500 guests, and over the years it has been attended by celebrities such as Sir Mick Jagger, Sienna Miller, Jude Law, Rod Stewart, Sir Michael Caine, Rupert Everett, Omar Sharif and many more.

The highlight of the night is the Live Auction, featuring unique and spectacular prizes. Some of the prizes won at the Chain of Hope Gala Ball include, 'Two tickets to Jamaica to train with Usain Bolt', 'Tea at the Ritz with Sienna Miller and designer Matthew Williamson', 'A day on set with world famous fashion photographer Mario Testino', 'Dancing lesson with Richard Gere' and 'Private box at Stamford Bridge to watch a Chelsea Premiership match'.

Throughout the night guests can bid on fabulous Silent Auction prizes such as one-off work experience opportunities, unique jewellery, exclusive holidays or designer dresses.

2013 saw the charity's most successful event to date, raising a staggering £1.1 million! We hope that you will become a link in the chain and help us to make the 2014 Gala Ball just as successful.

# The Silent Auction

Throughout the night the guests bid through electronic terminals to win fantastic prizes generously offered by donors and supporters.

The prizes are shown on wide screens so that each guest can bid from their table, on which a brochure also illustrates the prizes.

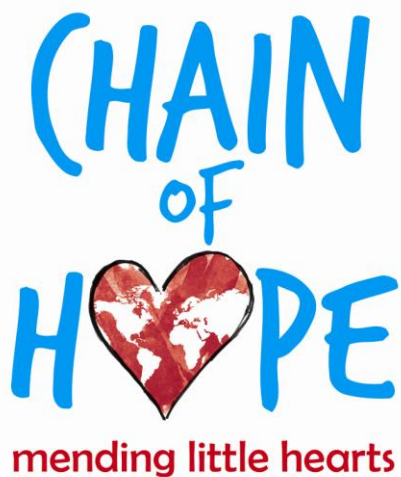
Work experience, fabulous jewellery, luxury holidays, designer dresses or exclusive lessons are some of the prizes that have most success amongst our guests.

The name and the website of the companies that generously donate the prizes are included in the prize descriptions on the tablet and in the Ball Brochure, and in the Thank You page that features all donors and suppliers that make the Ball possible.

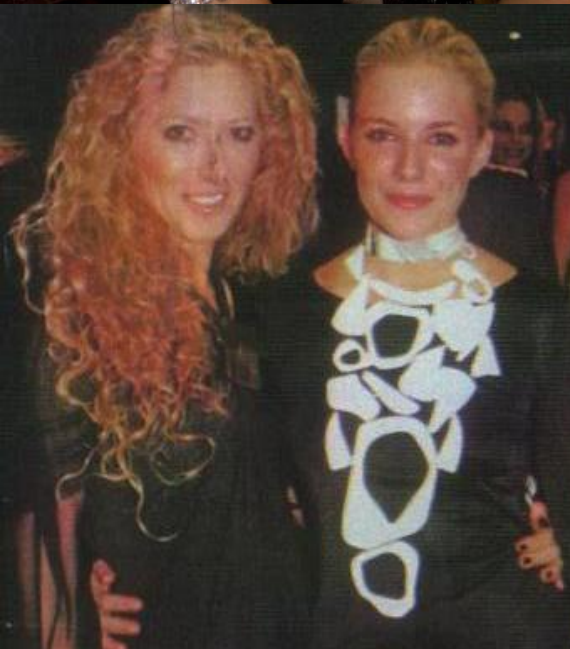


# Chain of Hope Annual Gala Ball

## Press Cuttings











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