

Magic Bus Bags £210K

Magic Bus held its annual gala dinner at The Dorchester Hotel in London. About 300 guests, including cricketer Monty Panesar, TV presenters Peter and Dan Snow and businessman Arun Nayar, attended for an evening of delicious India food, fundraising and entertainment.

The event was a celebration of Magic Bus' 15th anniversary and focussed on Magic Bus' work with adolescent girls. Guests heard from the incredibly inspiring Parvati Pujari who joined the Magic Bus programme aged nine and now works for Magic Bus.

A live auction conducted by Ed Rising of Sotheby's featured lots including Wimbledon debenture tickets and a private plane ride to a French vineyard. With a silent auction featuring 42 lots as well, the evening raised £210,000 for Magic Bus to expand its programme.



Magic Bus enables some of the world's poorest families to move out of poverty. Through the use of a mentoring model and a sport-based curriculum, it engages children and ensures that they make the right choices so that they have a constructive journey from childhood all the way through towards better and dignified livelihoods as adults.

As a result, children emerge from the Magic Bus programme as adults who have more control and choice in their lives and who contribute confidently and constructively to a better society. The young people who mentor them move into respectable livelihoods, continuing to function as role models in their communities.

Magic Bus currently supports over 250,000 children and 6,500 young people across 18 states in India and our mission is to reach one million children a year by 2016.



Nidhi and Indish



Pardeep, Parvati and Matthew



Kips and Anita



Bim



Hardeep Singh Kohli