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This is Summer
One of *Miracles'* Very Special Children

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**This is Summer - 3 years old and
living with Leukaemia**



This is Summer on a brief
respite break between treatment
bouts.

The UK has one of the highest
rates of child poverty in the
industrialized world and
Miracles supports such children
and their families when facing a
serious life crisis.

**When they have nowhere
else to turn, Miracles is there
for them.**

Summer comes from a loving, hard working family living on the breadline. When she was diagnosed not only did her parents have to deal with the terrible emotional impact it had on their lives but also face the additional financial burden it brought as well.

Miracles was able to step in and support them before their lives completely fell apart. We bought a washing machine to cope with increase of soiled clothing, a car seat to take her to and from hospital and we gave them small respite breaks between treatments. We were also there to be friends and to listen to their concerns.

Miracles has been there for thousands of children like Summer since our launch in 1994 offering practical support and friendship to those living in poverty and facing a life crisis.

However, the recession has seen our UK funding base shrink and we are now facing our own crisis. We desperately need your support to continue to help children like Summer.

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FROM THE PEN OF MADAME CHAIR

Dear Friends,

This year has been one of the hardest *Miracles* has ever had to face with our Trustees and Staff being asked to dig deeper into their own pockets to help secure the charity's future. Miraculously we have been able to meet the most urgent cases of Supreme Need being referred to us by desperate aid agencies in response to the mass of calls for help they, too, are facing from a country struggling to keep its head above the waters of recession.

Thanks to La Fondation *Miracles* Suisse and the tireless work of Ingrid Tissot who has kindly contributed to this Review, The *Miracles*' Centre in Mostar is secure with approximately one limb per week being made and fitted. Much more money is, however, needed to provide more and more limbs as the demand increases. We are deeply indebted to The John Armitage Foundation and to The International Trust Fund for their continued support but even the latter is feeling the pain of recession at the moment. It is fervently hoped, of course, that this will not jeopardise their continued funding which to date has enabled us to treat further patients whose gratitude is coupled with ours for giving them the opportunity of a less painful and more fruitful life.

Again thanks to the generous support of various of our Friends of *Miracles*' Support Group, our Roma families are well cared for – and growing rapidly with three more babies born during the year. The school achievements are a huge credit to the families and cause for great pride both to them and to us. The *Miracles*' Roma project in Zenica is truly a success story and let us just pray that the generosity of people like the Bollinger family and Trustee Joseph Caruso and his wife, Caroline, will continue well into the future so that the ten-year project will run its course.

Sadly, here at home the situation is not so positive since with our reserves running low we have had to severely curtail the number of referrals continually being received from CABs, Hospitals and Social Services. It is heartbreaking having to refuse so many critical cases and every effort is being made to attract more UK funding so that we can 'be there' for those who have learned to rely on us so heavily. Happily, though, at our Goodwood Ball in March we launched an appeal to fund a series of Respite Breaks for Supreme Need families coping with sickness and disability. Thanks to some extremely generous guests at the Ball we were able to send six of these families to Canute Cottages in Chichester Harbour in their school holidays and these breaks have meant a very great deal to those who benefitted as you will see from the report in the following pages.

With the desperate one-in-three child poverty rate in this country mentioned in our Review of last year, we are now launching a new project called One-in-Three to assist such children and to include Child Carers of which there are estimated to be some 700,000 within the UK. Working with The Princess Royal Fund For Carers we are developing this project as a potential beneficiary of The National Lottery and other large grant-making sources so if anyone has any 'pull' with such an organisation we would be most grateful for a word or two on our behalf.

With a heavy heart I announce the resignation from our Board of Trustees of Arantxa Albert who has now returned to live in Madrid. We will all miss her enormously but hope, as she does, that she may return to the UK in the not too distant future when she will certainly join the Board once more. We wish her and her family many blessings and offer grateful thanks for all their support of *Miracles*.

Finally, I would like to offer sincere thanks to The Financial Times Conference organisers who are giving *Miracles* such an excellent presence at their international events, to Michael Kors who has chosen *Miracles* as the benefitting charity for his promotions in London and Paris and to all our Friends and supporting organisations without whom we could not operate.

Your friendship means everything to us – long may it continue.

Marie Antoinette Pereire

Right: Marie-Antoinette Pereire
Chair of *Miracles*' Board of Trustees



Who's Who

MARIA ABAROA - Maria Puig de la Bellacasa works in Investment Banking in Madrid, Moscow and London. As well as looking after her three young children, Maria also works with her husband, Jose Manuel Abaroa, who is a partner with Renaissance Capital.

ROBERT AND ANNA BEAN—Robert is *Miracles*' Honorary Treasurer and a partner in London Accountants, Grunberg & Co. Anna has already raised considerable funds for *Miracles* by her sponsored walks. Their son, Max, is also a *Miracles*' supporter.

JOSEPH CARUSO—Joseph is Chairman of Mineral Commodities Limited (MRC) and International Ambassador for the United Nations Association of Western Australia where he lives with his wife, Caroline.

THEO ELLERT - Founder Trustee Theo Ellert's charity career has spanned more than forty years including key roles in The Order of St. John, Children with Leukaemia, and Children in Crisis. She now oversees the day-to-day running of *Miracles* from her Sussex home.

SILVIA GIL-ALBERDI - Silvia Barona is a key member of the London Events Committee aided by her husband, Rafael, and their many London-based Spanish and South American friends.

CHARLES HORNUNG—Charles is a long standing member of The Friends of *Miracles* Support Group. Originally from West Sussex, he worked as Director of IT at New Star Management from concept to demise in 2008. Now also working in Tajikistan, in his spare time Charles is reviving the *Miracles* "Friends" concept.

FATHER MICHAEL O'MALLEY - Father Michael has been a Priest for over 35 years, serving in Zambia and Ireland. He frequently accompanies pilgrims to the Shrine of Medjugorje in Bosnia, keeping in close touch with *Miracles* Mission in BiH.

MARIE-ANTOINETTE PEREIRE - Chair of the *Miracles*' Board of Trustees, Marie-Antoinette Pereire, lives in London with her husband Marc and travels regularly between London, Paris, and Geneva. She is also President of **LA FONDATION MIRACLES SUISSE** which was formed in support of the *Miracles* Centre for Prosthesis and Care in Bosnia in 2008.

INGRID TISSOT—Ingrid runs **LA FONDATION MIRACLES SUISSE** from her home in Geneva, working closely with Marie-Antoinette with whom she visited *Miracles* Mission in Bosnia during the year meeting staff and patients.

PIERRE-LAURENT BEL -Vice-President of **LA FONDATION MIRACLES SUISSE**, Pierre-Laurent Bell is Chief Financial Officer and Senior Vice-President at Mirabaud et Cie in Geneva, the Foundation's Bankers.

.... in *Miracles*

ROBERT LINLEY-MUNRO - is *Miracles*' Chief Executive. Former Master Mariner with 35 years of sea-going experience around the world, Robert has been a supporter of *Miracles* since its inception.

MATTHEW PROCTER - has been Head of Mission, *Miracles* Bosnia since its establishment. He was awarded the MBE in 2006 for his humanitarian work in BiH.

JAMES BURTON—is *Miracles*' Project Director. He joined *Miracles* in 2008 after ten year's service with The Financial Times. He is married to journalist, Caroline Scott, and they live in Teddington with their four children.

DEBORAH ALDRIDGE—is *Miracles* UK Casework Co-ordinator working from the Charity's Littlehampton base. (With grateful thanks for sponsorship by The Sobell Foundation)

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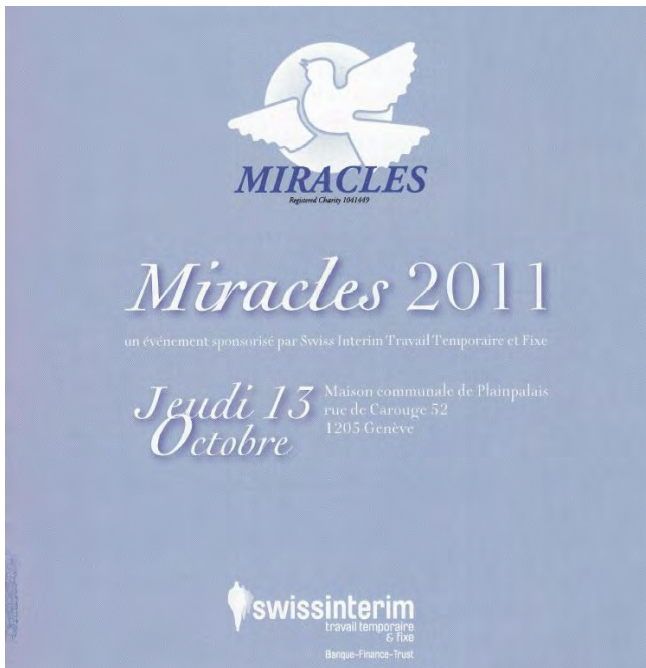
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La Fondation *Miracles* Suisse



Au sortir de la guerre, la Bosnie-Herzégovine s'est trouvée être dans la triste position de figurer parmi les 5 pays au monde les plus infestés de mines antipersonnel.

MIRACLES (U.K.) a tout d'abord organisé le transport aux USA de victimes ayant besoin d'une prothèse.

En 2004 MIRACLES (U.K.) décide de financer la construction d'un centre de prothèses à Mostar, en Bosnie-Herzégovine.

Seul centre de prothèses dans cette région, le MIRACLES CENTRE est fonctionnel depuis le 1^{er} avril 2009 et a posé à ce jour 160 prothèses.

Notre mission

Rendre un membre perdu au plus grand nombre possible de victimes de mine antipersonnel, quels que soient leur religion, ethnique, milieu social ou lieu d'habitation.

Donner la possibilité aux enfants amputés de mener une vie normale, d'aller à l'école, de faire du sport.

Permettre à tout amputé de trouver du travail et subvenir aux besoins de sa famille.

Former des techniciens locaux à la fabrication et la pose de prothèses d'excellente qualité.

Procurer un emploi stable à des citoyens bosniaques dans toutes les fonctions du Centre.

On 13th October 2011 one hundred and thirty-five guests attended a fundraising dinner in Switzerland in aid of the **Miracles** Centre for Prosthesis and Care. The event was organized by Ingrid Tissot who runs La Fondation **Miracles** in Geneva.

The event was sponsored by Swissinterim whose directors, Jean-Jacques and Antonia Donzé, invited fifty of their friends and clients, largely contributing to the success of the evening.

A slideshow of pictures taken of amputees by photographer Richard Juillart during his stay at the **Miracles** Centre in Mostar, moved the guests to contribute generously to both the auction and tombola as well as making pledge-card donations. This brought the net profit for the evening to nearly one hundred thousand Swiss Francs.

Matthew Procter, **Miracles**' Head of Mission in Bosnia who had made the trip from Mostar to attend the event, received a standing ovation at the end of the evening.

"I am delighted!" says Ingrid, "For us, these funds mean limbs."

"I have been a close friend of Marie-Antoinette for a long time and a keen **Miracles**' supporter since its inception. In September 2008, I offered to set up La Fondation **Miracles** in Geneva and run it with Marie-Antoinette's help and Pierre-Laurent Bel's expertise."

La Fondation **Miracles** is dedicated solely to finding funds to help the **Miracles** Centre in Mostar to cover its running and administrative costs completely and to provide limbs for all who need them.

Below: Auctioneer Patrick Dirand with Marie-Antoinette and Ingrid Tissot with one of the guests.



THE *MIRACLES* CENTRE FOR PROSTHESIS AND CARE MOSTAR, BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA



The photograph on the left is of Eldar Voloder aged 8. He was born with no leg but despite extreme poverty and deprivation he is a happy, healthy little boy who is just grateful to *Miracles* for his new leg. The picture was one of many superb images captured by Swiss photographer, Richard Juillart, for a presentation at the Geneva fundraiser in October organised by La Fondation *Miracles* Suisse.

Project 'Bridge Keepers' was the name of the joint project between *Miracles* and the International Trust Fund which marked the third collaboration we have had with them since the launch of the *Miracles* Centre in 2009. With their funding support we were able to make and fit a further 33 limbs for Bosnian landmine victims at the Centre over the three month project period.



There are now four full time paid staff at The *Miracles* Centre under the control of our local NGO, Divita-*Miracles*: working alongside *Miracles*' Head of Mission in Bosnia, Matthew Procter, is Elvira Dugalic who manages the Centre; Nihad Subasic who makes and fit the limbs, and Amel Mrkonjic

who assists in the workshop as well as driving patients to and from treatment sessions and helping them learn to walk. Amel is also in charge of portage, security and maintenance.

Apart from the 56 new limbs made at the Centre during the year, 70 corrections on existing limbs have been made and 4 limbs have been made with the use of second hand parts. Five more limbs have been made for amputees who have purchased their own materials and components, and 32 insoles have been provided for the lame.



Our very special thanks go to our two valued supporter charities, The Jericho Foundation (USA) and Saint Joseph & The Helpers in Ireland for their ongoing funding for children's limbs—including the two young football players pictured below. The centre group was taken on the Jericho Foundation's visit to the *Miracles* Centre in June with a group from the USA. It shows Joanna Shields, the Foundation's founder, next to Matthew Procter and Andrej Plaviscic from our Roma Community in Zenica.

With sadness we pay tribute to Arthur McCluskey (left), founder of Saint Joseph & The Helpers Charity, who died quite unexpectedly in August. May he rest in eternal peace.



Amongst others supporting the *Miracles* Centre this past year is The Ministry of Education who has funded mine risk education for children from two schools local to the Centre. This fund covers transport, refreshments, leaflet production and stationary. Two groups of children have visited the Centre to date and two computers have also been purchased for adult education. Local business people are also supporting us as are local associations such as the Association of Amputees and the War Veterans Association who are unhappy with the treatment they currently receive and are negotiating to have their limbs made at the *Miracles* Centre.

Our sincere thanks to all our donors and supporters. Here's to the year ahead!

THE *MIRACLES* CENTRE

A brief look at some of the cases treated during the year

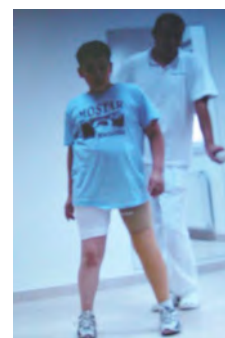
Sabira Dizdarevic

Sabira was born in 2000 with a condition known as 'egzartikulacija' - ie. on one side she has no leg and very little hip. The local health authority does not recognise her handicap, regarding her situation as not 'life threatening' and therefore she has no recourse to government funding for help. Happily *Miracles* was able to help her, first by taking her to the US for prosthetic treatment and over the past two years by providing her with a new limb along with the associated treatment needed. Although, as a growing child she will need an update on her limb every six months, the treatment has made a huge difference to Sabira's life: she is now able to walk, run, play sport, go to school—and leave her wheelchair behind.



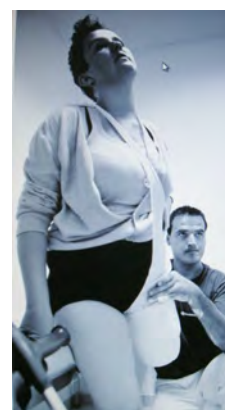
Jasmin Mahmutovic

Jasmin's story was picked up by *Miracles* from a local newspaper. His father died from a land mine incident during the war. After the war his older brother drowned on his last day at school. Some time later, while Jasmin's mother was cleaning the house, Jasmin was outside playing and was run over by a tractor. He was only 7 at the time and was so badly hurt that his leg had to be amputated. He now needs a new limb every six months but at last he can play his beloved football again.



Azra Rahmanovic

Azra is 19 and lives in Donji Vakuf with her unemployed parents, older sister and younger brother. Her ambition is to become a hairdresser. Towards the end of high school she became ill and was referred to Sarajevo where the doctors diagnosed Osteosarcoma needing urgent chemotherapy. After suffering hell over three bouts of treatment, losing her hair and feeling sick all the time, the consultant doctor suggested that amputation may be the last resort. On 25th August she lost her leg and everything in life changed. She had three more chemotherapy sessions after the amputation and on 2nd November was told she was fit again. Azra was given her new leg at the *Miracles* Centre and is now learning to walk for the second time in her life.



Semir Fazlibegovic

29-year-old Semir from Mostar will never forget that day in 1992 when he was playing football with his friends between the shells and bombing of that devastated city. It was all quiet that morning when all of a sudden a shell landed just a few meters away. He felt a sharp pain in his legs and the next thing he remembered was a cold, dark room with one candle in the corner and the sound of his mother crying. Then he realised he had lost a leg. During the war he was taken twice to France to get the limb made and then, after the war, to Spain and Slovenia. The limbs were adequate but as he was a fast growing ten-year-old the limb needed up-dating every six months with the nearest prosthetic workshop in Sarajevo. With the opening of the *Miracles* Centre Semir says his problems are over. He has now got a perfect limb and knows he can always go back with any worries or problems and will find a friendly welcome and a professional team to help him. He can now ride a bike, roller blade, and take part in the sports he loves just as his peers do.



Dragan Milkovic

Referred to *Miracles* by the Zenica Sitting Volley Ball Club, 14-year-old Dragan's left leg was amputated in 2008 due to bone cancer. He lives near Zenica with his parents, sister and grandparents and their only source of income is the grandfather's meagre pension.



The *Miracles*' Roma Housing and Education Project

A Report from Project Manager, Aida Saric

The year has passed quickly and happily for all of us here in the *Miracles*' Roma Community. The children attend school regularly. Five attend pre-school; eight go to elementary school; two are in high school, two more have just completed high school and two of the older ones are at technical college. All the children are provided with free books and everything they need for school and they regularly join me in our community centre for homework and study.

This year we have welcomed into our Community three new babies—two boys and a girl: Emir (Fafulic) is now nine months old; Benjamin (Memisevic) is eight months and Suzana (Suvalic) is five months.

Everyone respects our internal rules and adapts well to the environment.

Many are keen gardeners whose work has been rewarded by good yields from their individual gardens; some are engaged in animal husbandry with sheep, goats, chickens and turkeys.

The houses and gardens are always neat and in good order and the children's behavior has greatly improved since the project began.

Andrej Plaviscic and I work closely together—he taking care of the general maintenance and I concentrating on the families. All in all we are very happy and very proud of what we are achieving—thanks to *Miracles*.



CLWorldBrands is a global drinks distributor based in the UK. They were keen to support the *Miracles*' Roma project and in particular Lejla, who was born with Hydrocephalus and needs constant support. Lejla was housebound and her parents couldn't afford the specialised wheelchair she needed that would give her the freedom to explore her world and join her family and friends within the project. Using designs produced by our Roma children, CLWorldBrands raised enough money to buy the wheelchair for Lejla by sending *Miracles*' electronic Christmas Cards and donating to us the savings they made.

Following CLWorldBrands' generous example we are working on the same idea for this year with designs being produced by disabled children within the UK. If you would like to know more about the *Miracles*' electronic Christmas Cards we would love to hear from you.



Left: Lejla: at last both comfortable and happy in her new wheelchair courtesy of CLWorldBrands

Sector Security is one of the first Bosnian companies to come on board in support of *Miracles*' Mission in BiH. Moved by *Miracles*' appeal at the Reception given by the British Ambassador in Sarajevo in September they decided to become a regular donor to the Roma Project and now donate quarterly to help underpin Project running costs.

Another company to which our thanks are extended on behalf of our Roma Community is Firma Foreign Exchange for their generous support during the year.



MIRACLES' Project 'One-in-Three'

With its thriving Bosnian operation fulfilling the pledge made at the charity's conception in Mostar at the height of the cruel war in the former Yugoslavia...

- *The **Miracles** Prosthetic Centre providing limbs for victims of landmines, war and disease;
- *its Roma Community in Zenica offering the poorest of the poor a future worth living,
- *and its humanitarian aid programme in a country which still lacks so much...

Miracles has now turned its attention to the alarming plight of children in the UK—our own children here at home in which the child poverty level is now 1 in 3: one of the worst in the developed world. Since 1994 **Miracles** has been answering calls for rapid relief funding for families living in poverty and unable to cope with the added burden of sickness, disability and the problems and expense they bring.

In April 2007 The Sunday Times Magazine printed an article on the plight of a young girl called Lauren Malins who had spent ten years of her childhood as virtual sole carer for her wheelchair-bound mother.

Miracles was already supporting Lauren and as a result of the article we were able to meet many other needs for them—such as home adaptations and specialist equipment plus putting a little fun into their lives and giving them the odd respite break.

Other requests for **Miracles'** help with Young Carers rapidly followed and a partnership was formed with The Princess Royal Trust for Carers through whom yet more cases came to light.

There are estimated to be 700,000 Young Carers in the UK—1 in 3 being the amount below the poverty line. With this in mind **Miracles** is now launching a new project called '**One-In-Three**' targeted at the children who give up their childhood to care for their sick guardians.



Lauren and Mum (Nikki)
photographed for
The Sunday Times Magazine in 2007

In so doing they often face social exclusion as well as missing out on school trips, hobby groups and all the other fun activities most children take for granted. These, therefore, are the areas on which **Miracles** will focus.

During the first three years of Project '**One-In-Three**' our aim is to reach and support an additional 550 young people living in some of the UK's most deprived areas—of which Littlehampton, where the charity is based, is high on the list.

An appeal to fund Project '**One-In-Three**' is being made to The National Lottery and other funding sources but **Miracles'** needs YOUR help, too, to ensure the project's success.

Clearly we cannot eradicate child poverty on our own but, believing in miracles and with your help, we can—most certainly—make a difference.



Christian Lunn is now 19 and a talented actor-singer having spent his childhood caring for his sick mum and dad. They found **Miracles** through The Sunday Times article after which we gave them their first (and last) family holiday and have since been 'there' for them in many ways including helping Christian develop his promising theatrical career.



Francesca Benson cares for her sick mum while her soldier brother is in Afghanistan. On some of her mum's frequent spells in hospital **Miracles** funds a riding holiday for pony mad Francesca. For Francesca it is a brief but wonderful break from her duties while someone else looks after mum.



Jade Zerk spent her childhood looking after her sick father and younger brothers. With so many hospital visits to manage plus the chance of a place at University, with help from a generous supporter **Miracles** was able to buy Jade a second-hand car which has been a godsend to her and to the whole family. Jade has just achieved a 2:1 degree in Religion, Philosophy and Ethics—thanks, she says, to the car and **Miracles**. Well done, Jade!

MIRACLES' RESPITE BREAKS

In place of Green Hedges, the holiday home *Miracles* used to run for Children with Leukaemia, we are now providing respite breaks for families with sick and disabled children at Canute Cottages in Chichester, West Sussex.

These specially adapted cottages are perfect for our families whose letters tell us just how much the *Miracles'* respite breaks are appreciated.

"Thank you, Miracles, for the gift of a holiday at Canute Cottages. This year has not been good for our family but that break gave us all time to relax and take store of how our lives have changed"

Thanks to the generosity of our guests at this year's Goodwood Ball, fifteen *Miracles'* children and their families benefitted from a Summer break at Canute Cottages in Chichester enjoying all the local attractions: sea and sand, watersports, cycling and the many nearby places of interest.

"Those cottages are just perfect for families like ours. There is so much to do and see to take our minds off ourselves and enable us to see the wood for the trees"

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Space, peace, beauty.
Lovely cottages on the edge of
Chichester Harbour AONB
Boats, birds, beaches
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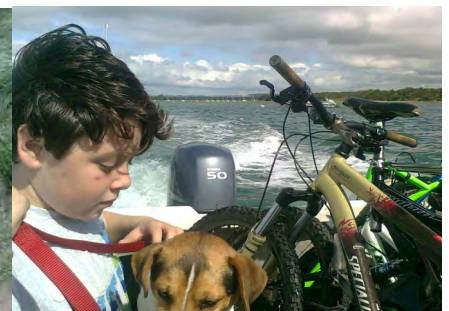
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*"Things have not been too good recently, but to get that little break from Miracles has been wonderful.....
.... Now we can face what lies ahead "*

Below are snaps taken by some of the *Miracles'* visitors at Canute Cottages...

Ellen (4) and Cara (2); Abigail (9) with baby sister Emily (20 months), Jamie (13), Tommy (11) and Danny (7); Lewis (14), Rhys (12), Marcus (7) and Toby (5); Liam (14), Callum (12) and Kier (9), and Nikki and Lauren Mallins



Left to right:

At the Wattle and Daub Museum;

On the Farm:

In the Sand Dunes;

A speedboat on Chichester Harbour

THE *MIRACLES* GOODWOOD BALL

“It was one of the most beautiful and glamorous events I have ever attended ...”

That was the remark of one of *Miracles* guests who had never before attended the annual *Miracles* Ball at Goodwood House held this year on 5th March.



Many new faces graced the tables this year to enjoy the mouth watering dinner and superb wines given to us again by our dear friends at Haciendas de Espana.



One hundred and fifteen guests attended this year making the event both memorable and profitable for *Miracles*' charity work.



The evening was, however, overshadowed by the tragic death of one of our expected guests, our champion Marathon runner, Javier Zurita, who died in a plane crash just two weeks prior to the Ball.

Miracles' Founder, Theo Ellert invited guests to join her in a memorial tribute to him and to a little girl called Ellie who had lost her battle against terminal sickness just weeks before and who would have been celebrating her fourth birthday on the day of the Ball.



But the sadness was quickly turned into smiles by our wonderful Celebrity Patron, Christopher Biggins, who turned the Auction into a side-splitting cabaret act—shocking and delighting guests at one and the same time.

Among the Auction items was an Iniesta football shirt as worn at the World Cup Final in South Africa and signed by the champion Spanish Squad, a Wine and Tapas Tasting for ten at The Bacchanalia Wine Society and another of the beautiful Carte Blanche Blue-Nose Teddy Bears.



After the Auction guests were very generous in response to an appeal for sponsorship of respite breaks for some of the needy *Miracles*' families and a holiday for a little patient from Great Ormond Street Hospital who had recently been diagnosed as carrying the Muscular Dystrophy gene.

Frances Newman took the photographs as always—copies of which can be obtained from info@smileevent.co.uk

Who's Doing What for *Miracles*

Several times a year Anita Pereire opens her magnificent garden in Wiltshire to the public and donates the proceeds to *Miracles*. This type of support has double benefit as not only does it raise funds for our work but it also spreads the name of our charity and its purpose to a garden loving public.

Thank you, Madame Pereire: we are very grateful.

On September 22nd and 28th, top international designer Michael Kors opened his salons in Paris and London in aid of *Miracles*. Champagne and Canapés were served to one hundred guests at each venue with a generous percentage of all sales donated to the charity. Our warm thanks go to Michael and his staff for their efforts on our behalf.



At The Goodwood Ball in March, Alice Linley-Munro bid £500 for a day on the set of Midsomer Murders and invited her fellow Midsomer fan and Radio One DJ Gregg James to go along with her.

Alice writes: "Following a very early start to drive to a secret location in Surrey and breakfast from the crew truck we were driven to the set for filming to start. "Swansdown House" was a beautiful Grade II Georgian building with the morning scenes taking place on the front steps involving DCI John Barnaby (Neil Dudgeon), DS Ben Jones (Jason Hughes) and ex-Eastenders actor Paul Nicolls playing a character called "Foxley". Greg and I were introduced to the cast and crew, including spending time with the continuity department and observing hair and makeup, then we got to sit behind the wheel of a Midsomer police car pretending to catch bad guys with the lights flashing! Before leaving we were given some Midsomer goodies to take away which was a great way to finish off a dream come true day."

Miracles is deeply grateful to the Midsomer Murders' production company for their generous support of *Miracles* and for making our guests so welcome.

Photos Right: Alice and Radio One's Greg James on location for "A Rare Bird" episode; Neil Dudgeon (DCI John Barnaby), Greg, Alice and Jason Hughes (DS Ben Jones) outside Neil's trailer.



On Saturday 28th May George Hornung (son of Trustee Charles Hornung) organised a Parent-Pupil Croquet Match at Ampleforth College, sponsored by Face-Faw. The Finals took place in Bolton House Garden and with good weather and a great turnout, over £1,000 was raised to support the work of the *Miracles* Prosthesis Centre in Mostar and Matthew Procter—himself an old Amplefordian.

The Financial Times have been supporting *Miracles* in the past through free advertising in the FT Weekend Magazine. They have also recently agreed to allow us to promote our work at some of the conferences they host around the world. These conferences attract some of the worlds leading business people and enable us to put our work at the heart of the business world attracting sponsors and supporters alike.



The *Miracles*' London Marathon runners this year were Chris Holliday (right) and James Clarke (Far right, centre).

Chris is the Presenter of Breakfast on Gaydio at BBC Manchester and organised a 'Mish Mash Cabaret' prior to the run which helped boost his profit to well over £3,000. James works for a construction company in York and raised a goodly £900. Good on you, boys. We'll let you off next year, then, but keep in training for 2013!!

Watch this space for next year's runners—we already have three lined up and we're also seeking places in the NY Marathon too.



Miracles' Raft Racing

Southwater Watersports Park, West Sussex

On Sunday 19th June our brave Raft Racers got wet both inside and out but enjoyed every moment! Despite the showers—which temporarily dampened the spirits of the spectators, there were still plenty of volunteers to brave the water in their home-made rafts.

After downing some welcoming beers and enjoying a delicious barbecue, a good time was had by all—especially young Lourdes Hornung who chose the winning name for the Giant Teddy Bear which was coveted by all the youngsters who were there in force.

The Race was won by **Team Grunberg** closely followed by **The Spanish Armada**. The day was organised by *Miracles'* Caseworker, Michelle Leonard whose team, **The Gay Gordons**, were hot in pursuit.

Thanks, Michelle, for a great day out—and thanks to all who supported what may well be the first of many. Watch this space!



*Top Left: **Team Grunberg**—
The Winning Team
Centre: Southwater Park
Right: **The Spanish Armada**
Centre Left: **The Gay Gordons**
Centre: Marta Carretero and daughters
Right: WOOPS!!!!!!!!!!!!
Bottom Left: Ana Miranda and
Maria Bunge and their little ones
Right: Lourdes Hornung
with her prize bear*



A Word of Thanks

***MIRACLES'* Board of Trustees would like to express grateful thanks to the following for their generous support...**

Ampleforth Abbey and Face Faw; The John Armitage Charitable Trust; The Hilda Beer Charitable Trust; William and Judith Bollinger;
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... And to all our donors, sponsors and supporters of our events, Committee Members and Friends—whoever you are and wherever you are—Thank You, from the bottom of our hearts.

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN MAKE *MIRACLES* HAPPEN

- Make a **one-off donation** to help those in *Miracles'* care.
- Join the **Friends of *Miracles* Support Group** with a monthly donation direct from your bank.
 - Include *Miracles* as a **Beneficiary in your Will**.
 - Support *Miracles'* **Gala Events**.
 - Help organise a **Fundraising Event**.
 - Set up a **Friends Support Group** in your area.

Whatever you do will be deeply appreciated, helping us to create little miracles for those in Supreme Need

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MIRACLES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2011

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2011 £	Total 2010 £
<u>Incoming resources from generated funds</u>				
Voluntary income	195,197	86,872	282,069	338,549
Activities for generating funds	67,438	-	67,438	17,477
Investment income	460	-	460	200
Total incoming resources	263,095	86,872	349,967	356,226
<u>Resources expended</u>				
Costs of generating funds				
Costs of generating voluntary income	4,277	-	4,277	2,475
Fundraising trading costs (Events)	12,021	-	12,021	13,029
	16,298	-	16,298	15,504
Charitable activities				
Supreme Needs projects (UK and Bosnia)	196,027	130,212	326,239	368,867
Governance costs	10,041	-	10,041	10,996
Total resources expended	222,366	130,212	352,578	395,367
Net (expenditure) / income for the year / Net movement in funds	40,729	(43,340)	(2,611)	(39,141)
Fund balances at 1st November 2010	753,393	43,340	796,733*	835,874
Fund balances at 31st October 2011	794,122		794,122*	796,733

* THIS FIGURE INCLUDES THE VALUE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS AT THE ROMA HOUSING AND EDUCATION INITIATIVE AND THE MIRACLES CENTRE FOR PROSTHESIS AND CARE IN BOSNIA



BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST OCTOBER 2011

	£	2011	£	£	2010	£
Fixed Assets						
Programme Related Assets			722,559*			722,559*
Current assets						
Debtors	4,060			4,026		
Cash at bank and in hand	82,446			84,738		
	86,506			88,764		
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(14,943)			(14,590)		
Net current assets			71,563			74,174
Total assets less current liabilities			794,122			796,733
Income Funds						
Restricted Funds						43,340
Unrestricted Funds			794,122			753,393
Total			794,122*			796,733

* See note opposite

Reserves Policy: It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to six month's expenditure. The Trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

To the Trustees of Miracles

We have examined the summarised accounts set out above.

Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and the Auditors

You are responsible as Trustees for the preparation of the summarised accounts. We have agreed to report to you our opinion on the summarised accounts' consistency with the full accounts on which we have reported.

Basis of Opinion

We have carried out the procedures we consider necessary to ascertain whether the summarised accounts are consistent with the full accounts from which they have been prepared.

Opinion

In our opinion the summarised accounts are consistent with the full accounts for the year ended 31 October 2011

H.W Fisher & Company
Acre House
11-15 William Road
London, NW1 3ER

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

The summarised accounts above have been extracted from the audited accounts of the charity. A copy of the full Annual Report and Accounts will be submitted to the Charity Commission. The summarised accounts above, however, may not contain sufficient information to allow a full understanding of the financial affairs of the charity thus, for further information, the full Annual Report and Accounts, including the unqualified report of the Auditors, should be consulted.

*Copies of the full audited Statement of Accounts can be obtained from
Miracles, PO Box 3003, Littlehampton, West Sussex BN16 1SY*

DONATION FORM

Please accept this Donation with best wishes for the continued success of *Miracles*' work.

NAME:.....ADDRESS:.....

Post Code:.....Telephone:.....Email:.....
(please use block capitals)

I enclose a cheque payable to **MIRACLES** in the sum of £

or: please debit my Access/Visa Card

ACCOUNT NUMBER:

START DATE : EXPIRY DATE:

CARDHOLDER'S NAME:.....

**I would like to join the Friends of *Miracles* Support Group
with a monthly donation direct from my bank.**

BANKERS ORDER FORM

(please send this completed form to **MIRACLES** at the address below - NOT to your bank)

Please pay the sum of £ monthly on the day of each month,
commencing on (date of first payment)

TO: BARCLAYS BANK, 1 Chapel Road, Worthing, West Sussex, BN11 1EX
Sort Code: 20-98-74 Account Number: 70635545 for the credit of **MIRACLES**

YOUR DETAILS:

Name of Your Bank:Address of Bank:.....

.....Post Code:

Account Number:.....Account Name:.....Sort Code:

Your Name:Your Address:

Post Code:..... Telephone:Email:.....

Your Signature: Date:

GIFT AID DECLARATION: I want *Miracles* to treat all donations I make from this date until further notice as Gift Aid donations. (Please tick the box).

NB: for *Miracles* to claim the tax you must pay an amount of income and/or capital gains tax at least equal to the amount that the charity claims on your donations in any year.

Signature: Date:.....

You can cancel this declaration at any time by notifying *Miracles*.
Please let us know if you change your name or address.

Please complete and return this form together with your gift to:
MIRACLES, PO Box 3003, Littlehampton, West Sussex, BN16 1SY
Miracles is a registered charity number 1041449

MIRACLES is the **CHARITY** which turns **DESPAIR** into **HOPE**

Miracles is a British-based charity with a worldwide reputation. Born of a graveside hug between a Muslim and a Christian at the height of the Bosnian war, many a miracle has been achieved over the years since the charity came into being.

MIRACLES' VISION

To provide help to all those for whom the hope of a miracle is their only alternative to despair.

MIRACLES' MISSION

*To create little miracles for those who really need them ...
Crisis funding to alleviate situations of dire and multiple distress ...
Positive thinking, a listening ear, and practical support for those with
nowhere else to turn.*

MIRACLES MISSION IN BOSNIA

*To build a future worth living for the war-torn people of BiH:
From its Youth Centre in Vitez which rose literally from the rubble of war
to bring together children of all nationalities and faiths,
to The **Miracles** Centre for Prosthesis and Care in one of the worst
land-mined countries in the world, to its Housing and Education Plan
for the Roma Community and its ongoing humanitarian aid programme
for the poorest of the poor.*

MIRACLES MISSION IN THE UK

***Miracles'** Casework in the UK is an essential priority for the ever-increasing
number of people who fall through the net of other aid agencies and can
find nowhere else to turn.*

***Miracles** is now top of the calling list for aid agencies, social workers and hospitals
needing a rapid response for families in the shadow of terminal sickness
and for individual cases of Supreme Need.*

For further information please contact

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