

News release

DM Thomas Foundation Ball, sponsored by Splendid Hospitality Group, raises £420,000.



Splendid Hospitality Group sponsored the recent DM Thomas Foundation of Young People Foundation Ball, attended by many representatives of the hospitality industry. It successfully raised a staggering £420,000 to support a range of selected projects. A cheque for £89,000 was presented to representatives of the Aga Khan Foundation UK (AKF) which was chosen by Splendid Hospitality Group and its owners, the Boghani family, as one of the beneficiary charities.

The grant will support AKF's Early Childhood Development, helping establish 60 resource centres and 42 libraries. These will improve the cognitive and social abilities of children at a critical stage of their development, providing a crucial foundation and underpinning success in later life.

Simon Vincent and Dame Maureen Thomas, Chairman and Deputy Chairman of DM Thomas Foundation for Young People (DMTFYP), were delighted to present the grant. Receiving the donation was Staci Frost, Global Lead on Programme Performance and Quality and Yasmin Jetha, Deputy Chair of the National Committee of Aga Khan Foundation, an agency of the global development organisation, the Aga Khan Development Network.

Nadeem Boghani, Vice Chairman of SHG said: "We are thrilled to be able to award this grant in partnership with DM Thomas Foundation for Young People. We know how vital the education and early childhood development work undertaken by AKF is, as it can really transform the prospects and potential of hundreds of children born into poverty".

Matt Reed, CEO of Aga Khan Foundation UK said: "AKDN has been working for decades to improve education and the quality of life. With the generous support of the DM Thomas Foundation and the Boghani family, we are able to expand our early childhood development efforts in northern Pakistan to provide more young children with the best possible start in life."

The Foundation Ball, which has been held annually in the Grand Ballroom at London Hilton on Park Lane since 2001, featured this year a special performance by the cast of Motown the Musical, which is currently showing in London's West End.

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About DM Thomas Foundation for Young People

DM Thomas Foundation for Young People is dedicated to transforming the lives of young people.