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BROMLEY “GALA” FUNDRAISER HITS NEW HEIGHTS

Saturday’s fundraising dinner at Oakley House in Bromley has raised £11,000 for the Freddie Farmer Foundation charity which helps disabled children.

The Last Night of the Freddie’s annual fundraising dinner on 28 April was attended by 238 people making it the biggest event of its kind for the foundation.

As well as the £11,000 raised from the event, an additional £10,000 was gifted to the charity from a loyal supporter, and 1st Battalion the Irish Guards made an additional donation of £288.17 from the proceeds of a cake sale.

There was also a Militaire Orchestra sing-a-long, live music by singer songwriter Andy Robinson, a raffle, silent auction and dancing.

Special guests included the Chelsea Pensioners who turned out in their finest red and white, the Irish Guards Pipes and Drums, and marathon runners Lee Knight, Andy Richards and Lee Gledhill, who combined, have raised approximately £10,000 for the foundation at this years London Marathon.

“We couldn’t have wished for a better night,” said charity officer Karen Smith.

“We had some brilliant raffle and auction prizes and some amazing guests, but the unveiling of our new video was the ultimate highlight.”

The video, which was first shown on a big screen at Saturday’s event, features an upbeat video montage of disabled children using various pieces of specialist equipment set to a Coldplay soundtrack.

“We really wanted to use Coldplay’s song *Fix You* as the backdrop to our video as it absolutely sums up what we do here,” said Karen.

“We got to work getting all the relevant permissions and licences from Universal Music and Warner Music and we’re delighted to officially launch it on the Freddie Farmer Foundation website freddiefarmerfoundation.org.uk.

“The video is for all those people who want to know more about what we do here, and how we can help so many disabled children.”

The Freddie Farmer Foundation, named after 13-year-old Freddie Farmer, of Hayes, who has cerebral palsy, is a small charity, established in 2011, that was set up to create a physiotherapy centre providing intensive physiotherapy programmes for disabled children age 3 - 16 years in Bromley, Kent.

The specialist centre on Elliott Road, Bromley is one of a handful of independent UK therapy centres offering specialist equipment and therapeutic exercises, supporting disabled children from all over London and the South-east.

More information can be found on their website www.freddiefarmerfoundation.org.uk.

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ABOUT FREDDIE FARMER FOUNDATION

The Freddie Farmer Foundation physiotherapy centre opened in April 2015 to provide intensive physiotherapy programmes for disabled children. The centre is one of a handful of independent UK therapy centres offering specialist equipment and therapeutic exercises, supporting disabled children from all over London and the South-east.

To find out more about Freddie Farmer Foundation, please visit www.freddiefarmerfoundation.org.uk