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SUNFLOWER FUNDS GLAMOUROUS CHARITY BALL A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

[4 June 2019] The 13th Annual Sunflower Fund 'Black & White' Glamourous Charity Ball was a sold out affair which saw 250 guests fill the Great Ilanga Room of Durban's landmark Southern Sun Elangeni Hotel on Friday 24th May. At the helm were prominent sponsors Araujo Attorneys, IBV Gold, Sweidan & Co and Trellidor who joined forces once again to steer yet another successful instalment of this renowned premier event. Some of the indulgent spoils included KWV sparkling wine on arrival, Lindt chocolate as well as photo mementos by ShuttaBug Photo Booth.

The team from Plan Ahead Events & Décor, Cheers Hiring & Events and floral artist Carey Lee transported The Great Ilanga Room of the Southern Sun Elangeni Hotel back to an era of definitive splendour that was immortalised by the classic Hollywood red carpet look. Executive chef, Shaun Munro, prepared the evening's haute cuisine and Chateau Gateaux's appropriately sculpted 'Cookies & Cream' individual treats were right on point with the 'theme of the night. Other indulgences included an Elizabeth Arden gift per lady.

The beautiful and talented Taryn-Lee Buys did a sterling job as compère on the evening and Nadine Oberholzer of Leventus Events coordinated a stellar entertainment line-up, which included renowned performers Veranda Panda, Samantha Landers and famed SA band, Rubber Duc. Black Coffee Designs managed the sound, lighting and staging requirements of the night. In driving home the event's deeper message of 'Making a Difference', The Sunflower Fund's Regional Manager, Stephanie Berry, delivered a heart-warming speech which highlighted some of the ways that The Sunflower Fund has accomplished this over the years.

Following a moving DVD, Warren Lenferna from Gold Circle conducted a hugely successful auction which raised just over R100 000, and prizes given away on the night included a pair of Sunstoppers Polaroid Sunglasses and a two night midweek stay for two people at Champagne Castle Hotel.

A huge thank you to Chateau Gateaux who handed over a cheque for R10 000 on the night. They launched their new environmentally friendly branded shopper bag last year and donated R1 to The Sunflower Fund for every shopper bag sold.

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The Sunflower Fund prides itself in being the premier organisation in Southern Africa to create awareness about the need for blood stem cell donors as well as recruit and maintain a registry of donors committed to helping anyone in need of a life-saving transplant thus giving greater hope of life to patients affected by blood diseases such as leukaemia.

For more information on The Sunflower Fund or how to become a blood stem cell donor, please visit www.sunflowerfund.org or phone toll free 0800 12 10 82.