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Suzy Lamplugh Trust 20th Anniversary Ball

The national personal safety charity, the Suzy Lamplugh Trust, marked their 20th Anniversary with a celebratory Ball at the magnificent Millennium Gloucester Hotel in the heart of Kensington on Saturday 18th November, raising nearly £30,000.

Guests from all over London and beyond attended this unique event, where they were entertained by comedienne, Jo Brand, who has been a patron of the charity for two and a half years. She delivered a typically rousing performance, with the 200 strong audience shouting for more.

Jo told guests that she was a committed supporter of The Suzy Lamplugh Trust because they offer common sense guidance to avoiding violence and aggression without preaching or using scare tactics.

Later in the evening, a fundraising auction, which was hosted by Charles Smailes, star of TV's *Homes Under the Hammer*, raised £10,000. Auction items included a 1966 World Cup Football Shirt – signed by the surviving members of the winning team – and a 13 night Canada/New England cruise for two.

After dinner guests danced the night away to some fantastic music including a guest slot by Radio 2 DJ Janice Long.

The charity was set up by the parents of Suzy Lamplugh, who went missing in 1986 and is presumed murdered. Each year it helps tens of thousands of people to lead safer, more confident lives. Violence and aggression, or the fear of it, can be devastating and the charity works to ensure that people can lead their lives safely and to the full.

Chief Executive of the charity, Julie Bentley, said:

“It was a terrific evening and a great way to celebrate the culmination of our 20th Anniversary Year. It’s incredible how the Suzy Lamplugh Trust has grown and developed over the last two decades and it’s wonderful to think of the number of people it has helped during that time. Everyone at the charity is proud of what has been achieved so far and are equally excited about the challenges we face over the next twenty years”.

For further information about the Suzy Lamplugh Trust visit www.suzylamplugh.org

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NOTES to the EDITOR

Images are available upon request

The Suzy Lamplugh Trust, a registered charity, is the leading authority on personal safety. The Trust works to raise awareness of the importance of personal safety and to provide solutions that effect change in order to help people to avoid violence and aggression and live safer, more confident lives.

The Trust works alongside government, the police, the educational establishment, public bodies and the business sector to encourage safety wherever people may be at risk - in the home, at work, in public and in schools and colleges, on public transport and when travelling at home or abroad.