

## Indian Feast for Star Fundraisers

### An Indian Feast A Big Thank You for St Basils Star Fundraisers

St Basils sends out many calls for help to raise funds and to support us to prevent young people from experiencing homelessness. We were delighted when Mr Faizur Choudhury MBE responded to our appeal and offered us the hospitality of The Purple Rooms to provide an Indian feast with a difference. The difference is that on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September around 70 of our Star Fundraisers will sit down to a top class Indian meal sponsored by The Purple Rooms. They will be pampered and entertained by Blair Kessler highlighting the fun and excitement of fundraising for St Basils.

Blair Kessler said,

"Special invitations have gone out to all the wonderful people who responded to our pleas, to come to what is really a 'Big Thank You'. So far there has been a brilliant response rate and all 70 seats have been taken. I remember when torrential rain and floods threatened our big walk in Shropshire. We were surprised and delighted when almost 600 people turned up and completed a really hard going 28 mile trek in the hills. Exhausted, yet glowing with satisfaction, bent over in agony and leaning heavily on her sticks, one lady struggling to look up at me as she left called out cheerily 'See you next year!' That says it all about how people love fundraising for St Basils"

So Blair will be saying a 'Big thank you' to:

Some of the 570 people for walking 14,460 miles around the Shropshire Hills during the recent torrential weather. Including George Wimpey, BHSF, BDO Stoy Hayward, Family Housing, Ernst & Young and Gatley Waring

Driver Jonas for their on-line auction of promises at Christmas raising £3,000

Some of the 360 people who slept out on our cold wet car park to raising £37,000

Charles and Ollie Smart who jumped out of aeroplanes and skydived 10,000 feet last weekend.

Jaffa Box and Beaucrest for supplying free cardboard, year on year for our annual SleepOut.

Legal and General for £3,000 for training of our Youth Advisory Board.

Heart FM First Steps appeal donated £16,500 for our children's soft play conservatory

ATL Taxis for advertising our SleepOut

Cadburys for their unstinting support over many years for the SleepOut, the walk and the new Schools Sculpture Challenge

Ozzie Osborne for donations and free concert tickets

Landrover, adopted us as charity of the year and did the walk raising £5,000

Nick Venning of PriceWaterhouseCoopers our chief fundraising ambassador along with Kathy Halliday and Michael Blood.

Methodist Church providing a centre for our Resettlement project rent free.

John Lewis for donations and providing a fundraising 'Secondee' for 6 months

Fire service for sprinklers in our new and refurbished projects

National Express recent donation of £500

Douglas Turner Trust for over 35 years of support including a recent donation of £10,000.

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