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The Logans lend their star support to put a spring in the step of glittering charity fundraiser.

TV and radio presenter Gabby Logan, and her husband, Scottish International Rugby Union star, Kenny, joined Strictly Come Dancing star Karen Hardy and more than 300 guests to celebrate the arrival of spring and raise funds for The Sick Children's Trust (SCT).

The sparkling event, which was held at the exclusive Hurlingham Club in Fulham, London, on Saturday 27 March, was organised by Stephen Ormrod and friends as a thank you to The SCT for supporting his family whilst daughter Georgia underwent treatment for cancer.

Georgia was just 11 years old when she was diagnosed with a brain tumour and rushed to Addenbrookes Hospital in Cambridge last year. The SCT provided the family with 'Home from Home' accommodation at Acorn House, during the five months Georgia was being treated.

Dad, Stephen, who works at American Express teamed up with colleagues, Alison Sagar, Vivi Galani and Stephen Tang to help organise the event. He said: "We are just so grateful for the support that The Sick Children's Trust provided to our family during Georgia's treatment and we wanted to give something back to them. It is hard to put into words how difficult it would have been to cope without them – they helped us remain feeling like a family during one of the scariest times of our lives – and I am sure that by allowing us to be so close to Georgia day and night, helped impact on her recovery."

Fashion photographer Andrew Hobbs was there to snap guests on arrival, before they enjoyed a champagne reception. This was followed by a three course meal whilst being dazzled with tricks by Magic Circle magician Martin Sanderson, winner of 'top close up magician of the year' and 'gold star member of the Inner Magic Circle'.

Hosting the event, Gabby said: “ As a mother myself, I know the importance of spending time with your family, and can only imagine that this is even more pertinent for families staying at a Sick Children’s Trust home. The work of the SCT is invaluable and I was delighted to be asked to host such a worthwhile event.”

There were also some superb money can’t buy auction prizes up for grabs on the night, which included a private dinner for up to 12 guests cooked in your own home by celebrity chef Steve Groves, winner of 2009 Professional Masterchef, one week’s work experience with fashion designer Julien MacDonald, a photography lesson with Rankin, whose iconic shots include Kylie and the Queen and a rugby coaching session by Scottish International Rugby Union star, Kenny Logan.

It was a truly fantastic evening and, all importantly, raised a whopping £62,000 for The Sick Children’s Trust.

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PHOTOS (Credit photographer : Andrew Hobbs)

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Notes to Editors:

The Sick Children’s Trust runs seven ‘Homes from Home’ at major hospitals around the country where families can stay free of charge, for as long as they need whilst their child is undergoing treatment. There is a growing demand for our ‘Homes from Home’ as children must increasingly travel long distances to get the specialist treatment they need. In essence, The Sick Children’s Trust ensures that the very basic of all medicines has a chance to work; family love and support.

To date we have helped more than 30,000 families. To run our ‘Homes from Home’ we rely entirely on voluntary donations; and need to raise nearly £1 million this year to keep them open.

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