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Stars sparkle for children

Celebrities were in sparkling mood at Liverpool's Hilton Hotel for the fifth annual Star Ball in aid of the Hilton in the Community Foundation as well as Claire House, the children's hospice on the Wirral.

The glamorous ball was jointly hosted by Radio City presenter Simon Ross and City Talk's Peter Price. Guests were welcomed with champagne and canapés, followed by a lavish four course dinner.

Among the stylish crowd were footballer John Barnes with his wife, Andrea, actress and TV presenter Terri Dwyer with her husband Sean Marley, actress Gillian Kearney and Claire Sweeney, who was with her partner Daniel Reilly.

Entertainment included performances from Alan Cross and Ashley Morgan before the American Drifters filled the dance floor with their sound of soul.

Over £30,000 was raised for the nominated charities. Amazing auction prizes included a 10 night stay at the Conrad Bali, a Boodles diamond set Love Letter necklace, VIP tickets for celebrity Big Brother including a behind the scenes experience, and a round of golf with Steven Gerrard.

Hilton Liverpool General Manager, Marcus Magee, said: 'I am delighted that the fifth Hilton Liverpool Star Ball has raised much needed funds for disadvantaged children and young people.' ■

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1. Tyrone Grimes, Anthony McGloughlin, Kelly Farley, Chris Farley, Ian and Erwica Millen and Elliott McGloughlin 2. Janice and Marcus Magee (General Manager, Hilton Liverpool) 3. Kim Joyce, Kelly Farley, Barbara Joyce and Erica Millen 4. Daniel Reilly and Claire Sweeney 5. Sean Marley and Terri Dwyer 6. Salema and Ansar Mahmood 7. Jo Richards and Paul Holmes 8. Chris and Kelly Farley 9. Elliott McGloughlin and Luke Trevasis 10. Andrea and John Barnes