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Kids for Kids Charity, by IFFR UK member Richard Baker

Richard and Sue Baker from South Holland Rotary Club based in Spalding were delighted to be invited to share the Kids for Kids 23rd birthday celebrations at 11 Downing Street on 7th March 2024.

Founded in 2001 by Patricia Parker OBE, Kids for Kids has been instrumental in lifting families out of abject poverty in Darfur, providing vital support and resources even in the face of ongoing conflict and crisis. For over two decades Kids for Kids has worked directly with communities in Sudan, implementing sustainable projects that have strengthened entire areas.

Chancellor Jeremy Hunt welcomed all and said how impressed he was by Kids for Kids and wanted to thank everyone for their commitment and the incredible difference the charity has made to the lives of children in and around Darfur, Sudan. Despite the continued conflict, the charity has been adopting village after village and there are now 110 kids for kids' villages. The ethos is to provide sustainable aid such as goats, chickens, water hand pumps and education with support such as midwives and veterinary assistance.

Long standing Patron Dame Joanna Lumley DCMG FRGS was guest of honour and other Patrons attending included Eamonn Holmes OBE, The Lord Cope of Berkeley PC and Timothy West CBE, all committed to supporting the long-term success of Kids for Kids projects to transform children's lives in Darfur.

The Rotary club of South Holland has supported Kids for Kids for many years and with the support of other clubs (Sleaford, Lutterworth & Spalding) and a matching district grant has this year raised £6,500 for the installation of a village handpump.

Details of how to help can be found at www.kidsforkids.org.uk or write directly to Patricia at patricia@kidsforkids.org.uk



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