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Charity Benefit raises £2 million at Somerset House

Over £2 million was raised at a special charity evening at Somerset House attended by HRH The Prince of Wales on Thursday 11 July, hosted by Mrs Edmond Safra and Lord Rothschild, in aid of Somerset House education programme and the children's charity ARK.

The evening featured special guest appearances by Sir Elton John and Joanna Lumley.

Arpad Busson, Chairman of ARK (Absolute Return for Kids), said: "We would like to thank everyone who was involved in contributing to the evening's outstanding success. This is the second successful fund-raising event for Ark in 4 months. We have now raised over £3 million since the re-launch of the charity earlier this year. Our mission is to transform the lives of children in the UK and abroad who are victims of abuse, disability, illness and poverty – the Somerset House evening will help us go a long way to achieving this."

Sir Timothy Sainsbury, Chairman of Somerset House Trust, said: "We are grateful to everyone involved in this magnificent evening. The proceeds from this and other donations will enable Somerset House together with the Courtauld, Gilbert Collection and Hermitage Rooms to transform its education and outreach programmes for the benefit of all its visitors."

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