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## HOPE auction gives Japanese orphans the gift of light

Celebrities dug deep on Tuesday night to send 282 Solar Light Caps to Japanese children orphaned by the recent tsunami.

The HOPE fundraising event at Tokomona restaurant in Surrey Hills, has raised a total of \$76,000 so far to support orphanages in a remote area of Iwate Prefecture. A silent auction of six art pieces is still ongoing. The night was supported by personalities including Liam Neeson, Jimmy Barnes, Sam Neill, fashion designer Akira Isogawa, and rugby legend George Gregan, to name but a few.

The Solar Light Cap auction was led by Australian actor Bryan Brown. He asked attendees to buy the award-winning GreenTech caps for Japanese orphans, whose lives have been torn apart by the recent earthquake and tsunami. Under the spotlight of his own 2C, he passed caps round the restaurant to come



Celebrity auctioneer Bryan Brown beams triumphantly

back filled with cash. A born-and-bred Aussie, Brown quipped, "Where some countries invent penicillin, New Zealanders invent Solar Light Caps"

The Christchurch-based 2C Solar Light Cap Company understands first-hand the terror a devastating earthquake can bring: "Based on our experience in Christchurch we know that for many the fear of waking to darkness after an earthquake can be very distressing. That's why we were so honoured to be given this opportunity to share our technology with children in Japan," said Simon Dyer, owner and product innovator of the 2C Solar Light Caps. "We

know how much comfort our solar light technology could bring to these children, many of whom have lost literally everything and live in continual fear. Despite the unreliable power supply in Japan, the children can be confident they will never have to fear the dark, because the caps don't need batteries. They can also be a lot of fun with the built-in SOS rescue flash, strobe and variable dimmer," Dyer said.

Other prizes auctioned on the night included lunch with Liam Neeson in Istanbul and an extras part in his movie (raising \$6000), an Akira Isogawa's dress (raising \$2000) and lunch with Sam Neill and George Gregan (raising \$3500).



Sam Neill & George Gregan wear 2C Solar Light Caps

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