Giving something back

It’s easy to talk about, but here at Vanilla we do like to give something back. For the last four years we have had a nominated charity and have swapped between National and local Hampshire based charities.

For every guest our clients invite to their wedding, banquet or party, Vanilla will donate 20p to our charity of the year.

In 2010 our charity was Frank Water (www.frankwater.com). The money we raised helped fund the installation of clean water project in Andhra Pardesh, India, giving safe drinking water to over 7,000 villagers.

In 2011 our charity was The Ellen MacArthur Cancer Trust (www.ellenmacarthurtrust.org). Last year we catered for over 130 wedding & Corporate Banquets. The money raised equated to 8705 guests, which would be one very large party to cater for! The charity supports young people aged between 8 & 24 who are recovering from cancer and other serious illnesses. Launched in 2003 by Dame Ellen MacArthur, the trust takes these young people on four-day sailing trips to help them rebuild their confidence, giving them a chance to test themselves in a safe and supportive environment.

In 2012 our charity was Facing the World (www.facingtheworld.net). A British registered charity that provides reconstructive surgery to children from the developing world with extremely severe facial disfigurements. Founded in 2002 by two UK craniofacial surgeons, their mission is to help those children for whom surgery can be life-changing. Because of limited local skills, medical infrastructure and finance these children have no other hope of treatment.

We are pleased to announce that our charity for 2013/2015 is The Wedding Wishing Well Foundation (www.weddingwishingwell.org.uk)

The Wedding Wishing Well Foundation is an organisation launched in 2012 with a single purpose – organising and funding weddings for the terminally ill.

They believe that few things in life can be more important or rewarding than giving such a person a chance to have their dream wedding day, with all the excitement, love and happiness that brings. As they are fully aware that time can be precious, the foundation is able to organise the arrangements against the clock where required.

For every guest you invite to your wedding or party from 1st April 2014, Vanilla will donate 20p to The Wishing Well Foundation.

So the more guests you invite the more chance we have of making someone’s dream come true.