



BE KIDS is a not for profit, membership driven, non-governmental organisation committed to aiding children and their carers in developing countries and elsewhere as the need arises. By working with communities to identify needs and promote opportunities, BE KIDS seeks to create self-reliance and economic empowerment.

BE KIDS is 100% volunteer so all funds raised are put towards our projects.

"This is a party – and we're here to Be Kids!" With these words, guest-of-honour, Professor David Allbrook, set the tone for the Be Kids' 2009 Celebration Dinner & Dance, held at the Royal Australian Airforce Association Club on 2 May.



David encouraged Be Kidders to continue with their efforts in creating pathways for communal change through education for children.



Already well-fortified by the generous buffet spread and delectable desserts they had enjoyed earlier, Be Kidders and friends lost no time taking to the dance floor to kick up their heels to the infectious sounds of popular dance band, U2Me.



Many were no doubt inspired by the sensational dance moves of teenaged couple, Mary-Rose Bright and Linton Aberle.



The two dancers kicked off the evening's entertainment with an elegant display of ballroom dance, followed by several high-energy hip hop and Latin numbers by "Just Dance" that left many of their more mature audience breathless.



One lady in the audience confessed, "I feel tired just watching them."



Another highlight of the evening was the auction of artwork by children at the Korogocho Slum in Nairobi. The seven artworks by children aged 11-15 years were poignant reflections of community concerns – Domestic Violence, Crime, Food, Education, Drug Abuse, Rape and Rejection.

The images were sometimes confronting and stark but the generous spirit of Be Kidders soon overcame their initial inhibition and the bidding was fast and furious.



The funds raised will be used for projects aimed at giving the children a voice in their future.



Thanks to your generosity and that of all our supporters and donors of wonderful raffle prizes, the Celebration Dinner & Dance raised \$5,810 for our projects.

Well done, Be Kidders!

