



The Michael Josephson MBE Charity Ball

Variety, The Children's Charity has been the longest charity beneficiary since the inception of the Ball in 2018.

In total Variety, The Children's Charity has received **£2,057,570.47**

With this incredible funding we have been able to help thousands of Children nationally and predominantly in the Northwest Region.

The Michael Josephson MBE Charity Ball has funded 11 Sunshine Coaches.

Variety Sunshine Coaches are fully accessible, adapted mini buses given to SEND Schools and non profit organisations. Our Sunshine Coaches are valuable community assets, opening up a world of opportunities, enabling tens of thousands of children to access life-changing experiences every day. These coaches last for at least 10 years.

Our coaches give children the opportunity to explore places they would otherwise never visit, experience different learning environments and gain life skills outside of the classroom – all while supporting their physical, social and language development.

The 11 schools/organisations which have benefited from a sunshine coach are:

- Cromwell High School
- Football Beyond Borders
- Green Fold Special School
- Trafford Alternative Education Provision
- Piper Hill Special School
- St John Vianney School
- Delamere School
- Pear Tree School
- Pioneer House High School
- Seashell Trust
- Tor View School

The Michael Josephson MBE Charity Ball has funded 13 wheelchairs.



This includes slimline day chairs, sports wheelchairs, powered chairs, and powered add-ons for manual wheelchairs. These specialised wheelchairs offer children a level of independence not possible with a standard NHS chair. However, with costs ranging from £4,000 to £20,000, they are often far beyond what many families can afford.

The Michael Josephson MBE Charity Ball has funded 28 individual grants for specialist equipment.

This includes funding equipment like, sensory equipment, beds, playground equipment, specialist car seats, specialist furniture and medical therapy equipment.

The Michael Josephson MBE Charity Ball has provided days out to over 7000 children.

Variety provide unforgettable, exciting, educational, and fun experiences for disadvantaged children. They know how important it is to create positive childhood memories. When a day at the seaside, a trip to a theme park, or a visit to Santa's grotto at Christmas is out of reach because there just isn't the money available, Variety can help. Variety Great Days Out programme can broaden horizons, build social skills and support learning and development.

The funded days out included, trips to Gulliver's world theme park at Christmas, camping weekends, Christmas parties for SEND schools, and SEND and disability Tennis days.