

Bid4aCure 2007

2007 was the year that Bid4aCure was formed. During that year's June charity drive we raised over \$300,000 Linden Dollars for diabetes research and donations of US\$650.00 and £310.00 British Pounds were made to the [American Diabetes Association](#) (ADA) and [Diabetes UK](#) by Jocelyn Sands (who supplemented the ADA donation) on behalf of Bid4aCure.

Jocelyn chose to sponsor Diabetes research after learning that two of her closest friends in [Second Life](#) suffered from the disease, Tracy Stardust and Judristen Ames. At the heart of the fund-raiser, an auction held at Shiraz, owned by David Tuck, raised over \$200,000L. These donations were placed in Diabetes Syringe donation boxes, which were topped with a stop sign that read, "Stop the Shots." These donation boxes were cleverly crafted by Adrian Harbinger, one of the auctionees and the real life husband of Jocelyn Sands.

From the start of the announcement of the Bid 4 a Cure Event up until the donations were closed on July 30, 2007, Jocelyn received instant messages from all over Second Life from people who came forward to tell her their stories, admitting that they suffer from diabetes or have a close loved one that does.

There was an air of excitement on Sunday, July 22nd as the auctionees assembled at Shiraz for the benefit Date Auction, each dressed in a manner that was unique and displayed the best of their avatar's character. Every person had chosen a song to be auctioned to and as they stepped up to the auction block, an introduction was read by DJ Jocelyn Sands. Dates were auctioned off that day, with bids ranging from a few thousand up to \$50,000L.

The auctionees all reported having fun on their subsequent dates. Friendships were formed and continue. People joined together to celebrate and, one group comprised of Jenda Starbrook, Hallelujah Hoorenbeek and Curmudgeon Krasner, had a retinue accompanying them on their date. At least fifteen people traipsed around Second Life that day and every single one of them reported that it was one of the most memorable times for them on SL.

Finbhara McMahon, who won Tracy Stardust in the auction, was himself won by Rosie Paz. Annutte Frankfurter, who suffers from Diabetes, was won by Adrian Harbinger and the two have developed a friendship following their evening together. Galilla Sinatra and Sabbrinna Sinatra, auctioned off together as twins, found themselves won by blues guitarist and live performer, KelvinBlue Oh. As part of their date night, they attended a live performance by Kelvin and danced on either side of him for his show.

Farrokh Vavoom and Argus Collingwood won each other. As big supporters for Bid4aCure, they donated their time and money to the auction as well as placing a donation syringe at their club Echo Echo in van Eyck.