

Bid4aCure 2008

In 2008 Bid4aCure raised over million Lindens to Benefit Diabetes Research and subsequently the real-world amounts of £1000.00 was donated to [Diabetes UK](#) and US\$2,281.00 was donated to the [American Diabetes Association](#).

The Bid4aCure team was very pleased with this accomplishment given that 2008 was just the second year of the effort, having raised over 300 thousand Lindens in 2007. 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.

As with last year's drive, as soon as Bid4aCure 2008 was announced, Jocelyn received help from many supporters and also was told by many that they were personally affected by the disease – either themselves or a loved one. Many stepped forward to allow donation syringes to be placed on their land, to offer their products and services up for auction and to participate in the date auction, which is the crowning event of the Bid4aCure Drive.

The Bid4aCure Team began organizing the 2008 drive in April of that year and kicked off events on June 1st. Events included donations for all Saturday and Sunday Shows at the Glamshack and at Journey Island, a Goods & Services Auction, and a Date Auction.

In addition to the Bid4aCure team, who donated themselves, their time, and/or goods for the auctions, the following people or companies contributed as well: Curmudgeon Krasner, Ajay McDowll, Fabien Desantis, Freestar Tammias, MiaSnow Myriam, Vicki Nilsson, Throughthesewalls Moody, Brooke Fairplay, KevinMThomas Carpool, Trindolyn Beck, Kat's Meow, DJ Bill Mondegreen, DJ Crighton, Body Doubles, Mikelec Criss, MadCow Cosmos, Ambiance Interactive Furnishings, Jazzed Nouveau by Ronda Rall, Casey Burrito of Casey's Creations, Neferon Nevada of Emerging Media, Olivia Cascabel, Virtual Live Band, Friendly Fire, Heartland Ranch, DJ John Seattle, Nedria Cyr Designs, Nomad Rovio, Maximilian Kleene, EMJ Elexor Matador, Thadovian Caligari, Bobo Rosselsprung --Bobo's Masquerade, Club Taboo, and Syle Devin.

Special thanks to the SL / Web Journey Management Team – Farrokh Vavoom and Argus Collingwood - for allowing Bid4aCure Auctions to be held on their sim. Also special thanks to Mackenzie Rasmuson for her tireless effort to track down all the artists and DJs, to Isobela Capalini for her work with Padula Bing at pulling together the goods and service auction and for being the auctioneer, and to Cataplexia Numbers for donations of herself, her DJ services, Syringe Locations and her own shows which asked for donations only.

The Date Auction, which for two years running has been the highlight of the charity drive, took in over 650,000 Lindens this year, pushing the total to \$1,070,277 Lindens. The entire team was overwhelmed and proud to have achieved their target for this year and, when asked to comment, they said, "Two Million in 2009!"

There was an air of excitement on Sunday, June 29th as the auctionees assembled at the Escape Club on Journey Island, 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 \$58,000L.