



Michael Slade of Helical Bar receiving "the PROPS" Lifetime Achievement Award from Neil Sinclair, Co-Chairman of "the PROPS" Committee, together with Megan Young (Miss World), Nick Shattock Co-Chairman of "the PROPS" Committee, and Bim Sandhu, CEO of the Santon Group.



Martin Bayfield, who compared the proceedings, wowing the audience with English Rugby tales.



Megan Woods and Freya Levy, Variety Young Ambassadors and future Team GB Paralympians.



Pamela Sinclair, Chair of Variety's Wheelchair Programme, and Bim Sandhu, CEO of the Santon Group, receiving his Silver Heart for his outstanding support of Variety, the Children's Charity.

25 Years of Variety's Wheelchair Programme

A new and ambitious campaign was launched at this year's "the PROPS" Awards to celebrate and build upon Variety's Wheelchair Programme, now in its 25th. year. Since its inception, more than 4,000 wheelchairs have been provided by Variety throughout the UK. "the PROPS", in particular, has been a stalwart supporter of the programme.

Inspired by four main areas which Variety's Wheelchair Programme champions, four campaigns have been launched, each aiming to provide at least 25 wheelchairs, a minimum of 100 in total:

The SPORT Appeal was launched by Variety Young Ambassadors Freya Levy

and Megan Wood at "the PROPS" Awards in May. Freya and Megan both play wheelchair basketball and are aiming for the Rio Paralympics 2016. Variety has recently sponsored their second wheelchairs. We're working with the Paralympic Association to identify other children, nationwide, who need wheelchairs; so, if you know of any children in your area, please do get involved.

The HOSPITAL Wheelchair Appeal has started and an e-mail request has been sent asking Regions to contact their local hospitals to ascertain the need for manual wheelchairs to transport child patients in and around the wards and departments. We hope to make a great impact in this area.

The EDUCATION Wheelchair Appeal focuses on providing wheelchairs for

schools - either sport, manual or powered wheelchairs - which can be used individually or by groups. If you know of any schools which we can help, please encourage applications.

And, finally, the INDIVIDUAL CHILDREN Appeal will ensure that our core work does not get forgotten, and covers the applications from individual children - applications that we all work so hard to process and make a reality.

To promote these exciting appeals, we're creating special commemorative spoke guards in two designs - a funky, graffiti-inspired look for sports and a traditional Variety red for hospitals.

For more information on the Variety Wheelchair Programme, please contact Suzanne on 020 7428 8110 or e-mail suzanne.rose@variety.org.uk