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Wasps Legends Charitable Foundation appoints Serge Betsen Academy and Action for A-T as Charity Partners for 2018

October 2017:

Wasps Legends Charitable Foundation, the past players network of Wasps men and women, amateur and professional, announced at their annual Long Lunch that their charity partners for 2018 will be the Serge Betsen Academy and Action for A-T.

Each year, Wasps Legends come together for a charity lunch, to raise money for the Wasps Legends Charitable Foundation. This year, Chair of the Foundation, Genevieve Glover was pleased to announce the two charities who would benefit from the fundraising activities and commented: "Through the fundraising work of the Wasps Legends family, we are pleased to continue our support of two main charities during 2018. Our relationship with the Serge Betsen Academy continues for a second year, supporting work that Serge is doing to improve the lives of children by building children's centres in the Cameroon. The donation will continue the support the existing facility in Bangangte and repairs to the buildings in Bafia. The work of the academy brings children together to see a future outside poverty by providing access to simple, but critical, things like books, pre-school education, health foods and places to play rugby and exercise."

Serge Betsen, Chairman of the Serge Betsen Academy and former Wasps captain and French International player added: "I am very pleased that Wasps Legends are continuing their support of my academy to help improve the lives of children in our centres in Cameroon. Last year's donation has already helped change the lives of children who live in poverty."

2018 also sees the Wasps Legends Charitable Foundation supporting a new charity – Action for A-T. The charity benefited from a small grant of £2,500 in 2017 and then applied to be considered for a main grant.

Action for A-T was established in 2012 by parents whose daughter was diagnosed with the rare neurological condition named Ataxia Telangiectasia (A-T), where swallowing and muscle coordination fails due to brain disease and the immune system does not work. Survival has not improved since the 1950s and approximately half of patients die before their 20th birthday, mainly from respiratory failure.

The charity's mission is simple, they aim to speed up the process of identifying a cure for A-T or treatments that delay or prevent the disabling effects of this devastating childhood condition. They do this by seeking and funding high quality peer-reviewed medical research both in the UK and around the world.



Sean Kelly of Action for A-T said of the donation: "We are so grateful for the generous support of the Wasps Legends Charitable Foundation. The donation is a significant amount for our small charity which will help us in our quest to find a cure or therapy for A-T. The funds will be committed to our IMAGIN-A-T project at the Nottingham University Hospital to help cover the cost of the Oxygen Enhanced MRI scans which will be administered to 25 children with A-T over a 3 year period."

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Notes to editor

Wasps Legends Charitable Foundation

Wasps Legends was founded in 2005 with the aim of bringing pack past players; men and women, amateur and professional to raise funds for their chosen charities. In 2012, the Wasps Legends Charitable Foundation was established with the aim to raise funds to support a specific project each year that is close to the hearts of the Wasps Legends family.

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