



Chulpan Khamatova, Ralph Fiennes and Lyuba Galkina

GIFT OF LIFE GALA AT THE MANDARIN ORIENTAL

The eighth Gift of Life Gala took place last month at the Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park, raising around £500,000 for the treatment of seriously ill Russian children, including critical anti-tumour medication not yet available in Russia.

The event was hosted by actress and co-founder of Podari Zhizn (a sister charity of Gift of Life) Chulpan Khamatova, who stars in *The White Crow*, alongside Ralph Fiennes, actor and director of the movie. Fiennes, who attended the gala, said: "I have been following the work of Chulpan Khamatova and the Gift of Life for some time. Their talent, understanding and dedication, given to such a challenging problem, is both impressive and inspiring." The highlight of the evening was when Masha Dyatlova, a former patient of Podari Zhizn, who shared a story of her long recovery from aplastic anaemia, got to meet her bone marrow donor, which cured her disease.



Russian singer Pelageya



Masha Dyatlova meets her donor