

PRESS RELEASE

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## **Susie Long Hospice Fund to benefit from 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ravens Rock Rally Launch on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June**

Carrick-on-Suir Motor Club has just announced that the Susie Long Hospice Fund is to be the beneficiary charity of the ceremonial launch of the 40th Ravens Rock Rally. The rally launch takes place at the Town Hall (Tholsel) on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm and will feature World Rally Championship driver Craig Breen, Dunlop National Rally Championship leader Tim McNulty, and Barry O'Brien, driving the F.A.S.T. car. In addition, the top ten competing crews and a number of selected crews will be on show on High Street. With music, entertainment, up to 40 rally cars, plus participants, officials, sponsors and families, the city centre will be abuzz with excitement on Saturday night. Admission is free, but donations can be made to the Susie Long Hospice Fund through their collection on the night. Further details are available from [www.carrickonsuirmotorclub.com](http://www.carrickonsuirmotorclub.com) and [www.susielonghospice.com](http://www.susielonghospice.com)

The Ravens Rock Rally is the premier event organised by Carrick-on-Suir Motor Club and this is the second year in succession that the rally is being held in Kilkenny. Stages of the rally will be in locations such as Kells, Windgap, Kilmanagh, Freshford and Tullaroan. While the club is based in Tipperary, many of the members are from Kilkenny, which explains their desire to support the Susie Long Hospice Fund. Clerk of the Course John Rafter, who hails from Threecastles, explains "We're very keen to support the Susie Long Hospice Fund, which is fundraising to build a hospice in Kilkenny. Carrick-on-Suir Motor Club has members from all over the South-East. There is no hospice in the whole of the South-East of Ireland. Many of the members have experienced the death of a loved one through long-term illness, so we believe that what the Susie Long Hospice Fund aims to do is very necessary. Who knows when one of us or our families will be in need of hospice care, so we're delighted to get on board and help out in any way that we can. We recently assisted with the 'Run Kilkenny For Susie Long' marathon event, organised by Fit 4 Life, and we're delighted to have this opportunity to support the Susie Long Hospice Fund again".

Responding to the announcement, Tommy Roche, Fundraising Co-ordinator of the Susie Long Hospice Fund said "We're really delighted that Carrick on Suir Motor Club have extended this offer to the Susie Long Hospice Fund. They're a great club and the Ravens Rock Rally will be hugely beneficial to Kilkenny City and County, bringing so many people to Kilkenny for the weekend. We hope that the people of Kilkenny will turn out and support the Rally, which is organised entirely by volunteers, and hopefully people might make a donation to the Susie Long Hospice Fund in recognition of the club's efforts and goodwill".

The Ravens Rock Rally is kindly supported by many Kilkenny businesses, including the Kilkenny People, the Kilford Arms Hotel and Chancellors Mills, as well as businesses from neighbouring counties such as Suirway Farm Machinery in Tipperary and Tom Geraghty Tyres in Waterford.

The Susie Long Hospice Fund (SLHF) was set up in October 2007 to provide the highest possible quality of end-of-life care for patients and their families through the establishment of a 12-bed

hospice in Kilkenny, for the people of Kilkenny and Carlow. The Fund is meeting meet this challenge through fundraising, increasing awareness of the need and benefits of local hospice care and by lobbying Government for support. Donations can be made directly to the fund at AIB, High St, Kilkenny, Account No: 3462705, Sort code: 93-31-98. The Susie Long Hospice Fund is a registered charity, number CHY17950. Further details from [www.susielonghospice.com](http://www.susielonghospice.com)

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