

PRESS RELEASE
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Hospice Week 2008 continues with Information & Awareness Night at Ormonde Hotel; Lavender Days & Celebration of a life at Pumphouse

Hospice Week 2008, organised by the Susie Long Hospice Fund and KCLR96fm, continues this week with a number of events including '**Hospice Care in Ireland**', an information and awareness night at the Ormonde Hotel on Wednesday 8th October at 8pm. Guest speakers will include **Mr Eugene Murray**, CEO of the Irish Hospice Foundation and **Dr Emmet Walls**, Palliative Care Consultant for the South-East. This event will be chaired by **Dr Pat Crowley, MD**.

Coinciding with the first anniversary of Susie's death, the aims of Hospice Week are to increase public awareness and understanding of hospice care in Ireland and to raise vital funds for the Susie Long Hospice Fund, which aims to build a hospice for Kilkenny and Carlow.

Other events for Hospice Week include **Lavender Days** on 9th, 10th and 11th October, which will see thousands of lavender ribbons on sale throughout Kilkenny, in aid of the Susie Long Hospice Fund. Lavender was Susie's favourite colour. Cost of each ribbon is EUR2.00. **Volunteers are needed to sell these ribbons**. Please contact Tommy Roche, Fundraising Co-ordinator (087) 2070737 to help out;

Celebration of a Life: A celebration of Susie Long's life takes place at the Pumphouse, Parliament Street on Sunday 12th October, Susie's first anniversary, starting at 9pm. All are welcome;

Daily radio features on the theme of hospice continue on Sue Nunn's 'On the Record' radio show on KCLR 96fm.

Looking forward, "**Songs for Susie**", a CD with music by well-known Irish artists and some of Susie's friends, will be launched on Wednesday 15th October at the St Francis Abbey Brewery and, following the successful Christmas card campaign last year, new Susie Long Hospice Fund Christmas Cards will be available in early November.

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 10-bed hospice in Kilkenny. The Fund plans to 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.

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