

Press Release
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Kilkenny College raises EUR10,000 for Susie Long Hospice Fund

The students, teachers and staff of Kilkenny College presented a cheque for EUR10,000 to the Susie Long Hospice Fund last week. The funds were raised from a variety of events organised at the school in recent months. The money will go directly to the Susie Long Hospice Fund which aims to build a 10-bed hospice, accessible to all people in Kilkenny, by 2010.

Events organised by the students and teachers included a version of the X-Factor, where teachers became performers and students became judges. This event alone raised more than EUR4,000.00. Other funds came from:

- a non-uniform day
- a coffee morning
- a sale of candy canes
- a carol service
- donations by the Board of Directors of Kilkenny College and some anonymous donations.

Accepting the cheque from the students on behalf of the Susie Long Hospice Fund, Sonya Lanigan, Chairperson of the Steering Committee, said "Through your efforts, you have kept alive the spark that was lit by Susie during the last days of her life. You have set a great example to the rest of Kilkenny City and County to join us as we campaign and fundraise to build a hospice for all people of Kilkenny".

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. The Fund aims to raise EUR2m by 2010. All groups and individuals in Kilkenny City and County are asked to consider fundraising for the Fund between now and 2010. Further details from www.susielonghospice.com

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