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Susie Long Hospice Fund launches CD 'Songs for Susie'

'**Songs for Susie**', a CD featuring music by well-known Kilkenny-based artists and bands, including **Kerbdog, Engine Alley, Good Tiger, RSAG** and **Little Black Wren** was launched at the St Francis Abbey Brewery on Wednesday 15th October. **John Purcell, CEO of KCLR96fm**, one of the main media partners of the Fund, launched the CD. All proceeds from the sale of the CD will go directly to the Susie Long Hospice Fund, which seeks to raise funds and awareness to build a 10-bed hospice for Kilkenny and Carlow. The CD is now available at Rollercoaster Music, Kieran Street and Khan's Books, James Street. Additional outlets selling the CD will be available on www.susielonghospice.com

Sonya Lanigan, Chairperson of the Susie Long Hospice Fund, said "We are really pleased and extremely grateful to all of the artists and bands for generously donating their work and time to create this CD. Susie loved music and she would be thrilled to know this CD has been made in her memory".

Malcolm Noonan of the Susie Long Hospice Fund Committee added "Many of the musicians on this album got to know Susie from her loyalty to the music scene in Kilkenny. Whether it was the Rhythm & Roots, Kilkenny Arts Festival or just Sunday night in the Pumphouse, Susie was there, heckling, shouting requests and lapping up every beat, every note. She'd tattooed Johnny Cash on her shoulder, such was the love she had for the rebel spirit of Rock and Roll.

What we have put together here is an eclectic snapshot of Kilkenny music over the past number of years and on behalf of the Susie Long Hospice Fund, I would like to thank all the bands and musicians who donated tracks and recorded songs for this album, especially Little Black Wren (Kairen Waloch) who wrote the title track 'Song for Susie'. Not only is this for a good cause, but it's also a cracking album that anyone would be glad to have in their collection. I would encourage everyone to buy this CD and support our vision for a hospice for Kilkenny and Carlow. To all the amazing individuals and groups who continue to fundraise and volunteer to realise this vision, thank you, thank you, thank you. At the end of the day, it's for all of us".

John Purcell, CEO of KCLR96fm, who launched the CD said "This is a great idea. There's such a rich pool of music here in Kilkenny, it's great that the Hospice Fund kept it local as we have so much talent to draw on. Susie Long was an extraordinary woman and it is fitting that, one year on, her legacy is evident through the many projects of the Hospice Fund, and she also leaves behind a legacy of fun, for which she was well-known! KCLR96fm is proud to be associated with the Susie Long Hospice Fund".

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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