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**Still Game's Sanjeev Kohli opens new hospice shop
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Credit: Martin Shields

Sanjeev Kohli, who plays Navid, the nation's favourite shopkeeper in smash BBC Scotland comedy *Still Game*, helped celebrate the opening of the new Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice shop in Battlefield, Glasgow.

The Glasgow actor, who also appears in *River City*, surprised shoppers at the store at 126 Battlefield Road in the city's south side when he appeared behind the counter.

"I've been involved in fundraising and done a few things over the years for the hospice, it's a great cause," said Sanjeev.

"The work that is done there is wonderful, and I'm delighted to give them my support. I'm also a fan of a second-hand shop, so these are two very good causes I'm helping today."

This is the hospice's 18th shop to open in the city, raising much-needed money to provide free palliative care to the people of Glasgow.

"Our hospice shops play a vital role in bringing in the £3.1million we need to raise annually to provide free palliative care to the people of Glasgow," said Rhona Baillie, chief executive of The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice.

"We can't thank our supporters enough for not just making donations to our shops, but also coming in to spend their money."

Donations are welcome at the shop at the Battlefield Road shop, from clothes and home ware to CDs, books and DVDs.

Hospice care provides support for the physical and emotional problems related to a life-limiting illness for patients and for those close to them at home, in the ward and in day services.

As well as controlling pain, the hospice applies a practical approach to meeting the physical, social, emotional and spiritual needs of patients and carers facing progressive illness and bereavement.

The patients Glasgow's Hospice cares for may have been diagnosed with a condition that will limit their life. It may be cancer, or another condition such as heart failure or lung disease.

Hospice care is not only for older people, young family members need support too, and the team adapts their approach to suit the individual, whatever their age or cultural background. The aim is to support people to live as well as possible for as long as possible.

The hospice's £21million Brick by Brick Appeal is raising the money to build a new home for Glasgow's Hospice on land gifted by Glasgow City Council in Bellahouston Park. Construction work has now begun at the site, with £2.4m still to be raised to reach the fundraising target.

Buy a Brick, the latest phase of the Brick by Brick Appeal, launched recently. To Buy a Brick and donate £5, text BRICK to 70660 or make a donation online at www.ppwh.org.uk/donate.

Picture attached: From left to right, Sharon Glass, hospice shop manager, and Sanjeev Kohli.

Sharon Glass, hospice shop manager; Sanjeev Kohli; Isobel Hamill, shop volunteer; Liz Davie, hospice shop operations manager; and Lilli McPherson, shop volunteer.

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Notes to Editors:

About The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice

The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice at Carlton Place, Glasgow, is a charity, founded in 1980.

We provide free person-centred and family-focused palliative care and support. Our specialist staff and wonderful volunteers are trained to work with those individuals and families who are living with significant challenges to their health and wellbeing.

In day care and on the wards, more than 1200 patients and families are cared for every year.

The hospice depends on the generosity of supporters and the community to raise the £3.1 million annually in voluntary donations that is required to maintain our invaluable services for the people of Glasgow.

We have outgrown our much-loved hospice building – it no longer meets our requirements or vision for the future of care of patients and their families – and are raising £21 million to build a brand new, purpose-built hospice on a leafy green site in the city's Bellahouston Park. The foundations go down in 2016 and patients are expected to move in 2018.

Our aim is to bring 21st-century hospice care to the people of Glasgow, a major step forward in the provision of palliative care services, providing us with the flexibility to develop and improve our services and lower our age limit to 15-year-old patients.

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