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## **Big-hearted Scots in New York to raise funds for Glasgow's Hospice**



The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice is going global with the setting up of a fundraising committee in New York.

Passionate Scots in the Big Apple are getting together to help build a new home for Glasgow's Hospice. Their first event is on May 23, 2017 at the Loeb Boathouse in Central Park, which is aiming to bring in a six-figure sum to the £21million Brick by Brick Appeal.

A Glaswegian who now lives in New York, Lynn Bakst saw first-hand the gold standard of palliative care given by the hospice when her father Pat Bradley was a patient last year.

“It is an absolute privilege to be involved with the New York event. Our family are forever grateful for the care and support that was given to our dad while he stayed at The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice. It is something we will never forget,” said the Glasgow School of Art graduate who grew up in Rutherglen and has been based in New York for the past 17 years.

“With the creation of the new hospice the care will be elevated to a remarkable level and I know how much this will impact patients and their families as they face challenges.

“The New York Scots community is incredibly appreciative of these efforts back home and I know will genuinely put their support behind this event. It is going to be a truly magnificent night in Central Park and will allow the New York Scots to send a little piece of their heart back home.”

The gala dinner in May galvanises support for Glasgow’s Hospice on the other side of the pond and shows the warmth of feeling for the charity from around the world.

“We are thrilled that enthusiastic Scots in New York want to work together to help our new hospice,” said Heather Manson, director of fundraising at The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice.

“The warmth of feeling proves that our new home truly is being built by the people of Glasgow for the people of Glasgow.

“We still have £1.8m to raise and this glittering gala event will help us get a step closer to reaching our target.”

The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice provides 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.

Our team of doctors, nurses, therapists, counsellors, chaplains, social workers and volunteers, treat patients in their own homes, at other places of care, and in the hospice.

After more than 30 years of adapting and adjusting, we are building our new hospice to expand our services, and this will allow us to offer 21st-century palliative care to young people aged 16 years and over for the first time.

Construction work has now begun and our patients are expected to move to the new hospice in Bellahouston Park in 2018.

Pictured, clockwise, from top left: Gavin Maxwell, senior vice-president, consultant relations, Lazard Asset Management; Ken Donnelly, director of global risk management, Bank of America; Lynn Bakst, art director and consultant; Brian Dodson, CEO of Bee Season Consulting; Gillian Lovatt, director, FP&A, Time Warner Inc; Margaret Kennedy, former organiser of the New York Tartan Day Parade; and Heather Manson, hospice director of fundraising.

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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.

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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 21<sup>st</sup>-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 16-year-old patients.

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