



The Prince & Princess
of Wales Hospice



A new home for Glasgow's Hospice



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**Loved ones remembered at Light Up a Life carol concert
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Pictures attached – credit: Elaine Livingstone

St Andrew's Cathedral in Glasgow was the setting today for the annual Light Up a Life carol concert, organised by The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice.

Friends and family members gathered to remember and celebrate the lives of loved ones who have died.

“The care my mum received in the hospice was absolutely outstanding,” said Tracey Smith from Ralston, Paisley, who was at the service with her children Erin, 12, and Reece eight.

“The hospice became a second home for us – it is a big, warm, welcoming place - and for that we will always be grateful.”

The carol concert was the chance to pay tribute to her much-loved mum Agnes Smith who spent the last few weeks of her life at the hospice in Carlton Place before her death, aged 76.

“Coming to a hospice was something we never imagined doing, as a family, but the care was wonderful,” said Tracey.

“My mum was right when she said the hospice was like heaven, and the staff were her angels. It gave us such comfort and peace of mind to know she was happy there.”

After the service, hosted by Lucy Whyte of STV, hospice supporters crossed the Clyde to Carlton Place to see the Christmas tree lights switched on outside the hospice. Each light represents the life of someone who is being remembered.

On the tree inside, star decorations hang, inscribed with messages for loved ones.

“We gather every year to celebrate the lives of loved ones,” said Rhona Baillie, chief executive of the hospice. **“It is a special time of year to share memories of the happiness they brought.”**

There is a second Light Up a Life carol concert on December 14 at 7pm in St Andrew’s Cathedral.

Glasgow’s Hospice provides free specialist care to patients and families dealing with life-limiting illnesses.

Buy a Brick, the latest phase of the hospice’s Brick by Brick Appeal to build a new home for Glasgow’s Hospice in Bellahouston Park, launched recently. To Buy a Brick and donate £5, text BRICK to 70660 or make a donation online at www.ppwh.org.uk/donate.

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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 16-year-old patients.

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