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**Masterchef: The Professionals winner serves lunch
to patients at Glasgow's Hospice
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Pictures attached – credit: Martin Shields

BBC Television's Masterchef: The Professionals winner Gary Maclean took time out from his hectic schedule since recently winning the title to serve lunch to day services patients at The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice.

The senior chef lecturer at City of Glasgow College rolled his sleeves up to help staff in the kitchen at the hospice in Carlton Place in the city centre prepare food. Then he served up a treat to patients.

"My wife has long been a great supporter of The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice so to be asked to help prepare lunch for patients is an honour. Taking part in and winning MasterChef: The Professionals was an incredible experience which is now giving me great opportunities to meet remarkable people and cook in some very special venues," said Gary, who has worked at the college for 13 years and is already a well-known face on television screens in the city after making regular appearances as a guest chef on STV Glasgow.

Gary won the prestigious title after a final which included making a Michelin-starred dish for 28 Michelin-starred chefs. He spectacularly beat 47 other professional chefs over seven weeks of cooking.

"Gary made everyone's day by coming in to see us," said Rhona Baillie, chief executive of Glasgow's Hospice. "We're all big fans of the show and were rooting for him to win. It was a fantastic achievement. He was a huge hit with the patients, we really appreciated him taking the time to visit."

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.

Work has now begun on site at Bellahouston Park and patients are expected to move in 2018. The new hospice will be one of the first in the country to transition young people from children's to adult services.

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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 £3.1million 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 £21m to build a brand new, purpose-built hospice on a leafy green site in the city's Bellahouston Park. 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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