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Phil Tufnell special guest at Glasgow Hospice's Sporting Lunch

Pictures attached – credit: Elaine Livingstone

Former cricketer Phil Tufnell was the special guest at The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice's Sporting Lunch today at Doubletree by Hilton Glasgow Central Hotel.

"I'm delighted to be here today to support Glasgow's Hospice," said Tufnell, a team captain on BBC Television's A Question of Sport and regular reporter on The One Show.

"It's a fantastic cause, doing wonderful work to care for patients and families at such a difficult times in their lives.

"I'm delighted to hear that work has now started to build a new hospice and urge the people of Glasgow to Buy a Brick and back the fantastic Brick by Brick Appeal."

The annual event has been running for more than 10 years and in that time has made more than £250,000 for Glasgow's Hospice.

Peter Martin played host to a room-full of 400 sporting mad hospice supporters. They listened to Tufnell's tales of life on and off the cricket ground, including his career in the media.

“It has been a fantastic day and we are delighted that so many people came along to hear Phil Tufnell speak,” said Heather Manson, director of fundraising at Glasgow’s Hospice.

The hospice still has £2.4million to raise to reach its £21m target to build a new home in the city’s Bellahouston Park. Work has now begun and patients are expected to move in 2018.

The new building will have 16 inpatient beds and will be the first hospice in Scotland to transition young people from children to adult services.

Buy a Brick, the latest phase of the £21m Brick by Brick Appeal, encourages hospice supporters to donate £5 by texting BRICK to 70660 or donate a higher amount online at www.ppwh.org.uk.

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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 £3.1m 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. 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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