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**Gordon Reid and Ray Parlour among guests at hospice Sportsman's Dinner  
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***Pictures attached – credit: Elaine Livingstone***

World tennis champion Gordon Reid MBE, former Arsenal player Ray Parlour and a goal-packed table football showdown were among the highlights of The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice's Sportsman's Dinner at Glasgow Hilton.

The tennis and football stars were among the guests at the annual fundraising event, hosted by pundit and STV Glasgow sports host Peter Martin, and sponsored by AG Barr that raised £32,000.

"The hospice is such a great cause and is there at a difficult time in people's lives. I was in hospital a lot as a kid and I know how much it means to have that support," said Gordon. "It's great to be here and help raise money for Glasgow's Hospice."

Ray Parlour said he loved visiting Scotland and was rooting for a good score at our next home game this weekend.

"Scotland is such a strong footballing nation, I hope they get a good score," he said.

This is the 21<sup>st</sup> year of the event that raises money to provide free palliative care and support to the people of Glasgow. It costs £13,000 a day to run the healthcare facility in Carlton Place, on the banks of the Clyde in the city centre.

The hospice cares for 1200 patients and families every year, looking after patients in the ward, in their own homes and at busy day services clinics. Patient care is focused on living well and dying well, supporting people to be as independent as they possibly can.

"We are very excited that construction on our new home at Bellahouston Park is going well, the foundations are down, the retaining walls have gone up and it won't be long before we can see the superstructure take place," said Heather Manson, director of fundraising at The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice.

"While all this work is going on, we continue to provide an exceptionally high standard of care to patients and families at Carlton Place, so the support we receive tonight is vitally important.

“Our patient care is all about living well and dying well and we help people to be as independent as they can for as long as possible. That’s why our motto is that we can’t add days to lives but we can add life to days.

“Many of our patients visit our clinics in the community, others come in to day services at the hospice to meet nursing and medical staff, receive complementary therapies and use the art room to create wonderful and inspiring pieces of work.

“Thanks to our team of community nurses, patients can remain at home in familiar surroundings while adjusting to the changes in their lifestyle caused by illness. Our family and carer support services ensure that we leave no-one out after a diagnosis, and our inclusive approach to caring embodies the way we deliver holistic compassionate care.”

The total of the £21million Brick by Brick Appeal to build a new home for Glasgow’s Hospice in Bellahouston Park has now reached £19.6m. To donate £5, text BRICK to 70660 or make a donation online at [www.ppwh.org.uk/donate](http://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.

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 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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