

PRESS RELEASE
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**Susie Long Hospice Week 2009 marks second anniversary of Susie Long's death:
Susie Long Hospice Fund and KCLR96fm lead events to raise funds and create awareness of hospice care in Kilkenny and Carlow**

Susie Long Hospice Week 2009, organised by the Susie Long Hospice Fund and KCLR96fm, will run from Monday 5th to Monday 12th October. Marking the second anniversary of Susie's death, the aims of Susie Long Hospice Week are to increase public awareness and understanding of hospice care in Ireland and to raise vital funds for the Susie Long Hospice Fund, which aims to build a hospice for Kilkenny and Carlow. Further information about Susie Long Hospice Week is available at www.susielonghospice.com

A number of events have been planned for Hospice Week, including:

- **Music Quiz by Willie Meighan:** Tuesday 6th October, Ryan's Pub, Friary St, 9pm
- **'Frida', Film Night at Willie Byrne's, featuring feature film about artist Frida Kahlo:** Wednesday 7th October, at Willie Byrne's Pub, John Street, 8.30pm
- **Race Night, presented by Kilkenny Lions Club & the Susie Long Hospice Fund:** Thursday 8th October at Set Theatre, Langtons, John Street, 8.30pm
- **Willie Meighan & Canice Kenealy Disco:** Saturday 10th October, Set Theatre, Langtons, John St from 11pm
- **Celebration of a Life:** Music by The Barflies at the Pumphouse, Parliament Street on Sunday 11th October, the eve of Susie's second anniversary, starting at 9pm.
- **Daily radio features** on the theme of hospice on The Sue Nunn Show and The Edwina Grace Show on KCLR 96fm.

Anyone who would like to organise an event in aid of the Susie Long Hospice Fund, or to assist at any events during Susie Long Hospice Week should contact the Fundraising Co-ordinator Tommy Roche on (087) 2070737.

Announcing details of Hospice Week this week, Sonya Lanigan, Chairperson of the Susie Long Hospice Fund, said "We're delighted to announce the second annual Susie Long Hospice Week. Last year's inaugural Hospice Week helped us hugely to spread the word about the positive aspects of hospice care. In the weeks before her death, Susie spoke out as a champion for the need for hospice provision in Ireland. Her inspiration and spirit are once more guiding us to focus on raising awareness of the benefits for patients and their families for a dedicated hospice for Kilkenny and Carlow. We would ask as many people as possible to join us for these events as, at the end of the day, the hospice is for all of us."

John Purcell, CEO of KCLR96fm, added: "We are delighted to be involved with the Susie Long Hospice Week again this year in a week of events to keep Susie's memory alive and to promote public awareness of, and support for, the provision of hospice care for all. Last year there was a magnificent public response to the week and we look forward to another great success in 2009".

The Susie Long Hospice Fund (SLHF) was set up in October 2007 to provide the highest possible quality of end-of-life care for patients and their families through the establishment of a 10-bed hospice in Kilkenny. The Fund plans to meet this challenge through fundraising, increasing awareness of the need and benefits of local hospice care and by lobbying Government for support. Donations can be made directly to the fund at AIB, High St, Kilkenny, Account no: 3462705, Sort code: 93-31-98 The Susie Long Hospice Fund is a registered charity, number CHY17950.

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