

**DONAL WALSH MEMORIAL**  
**KERRY CORPORATE GOLF CLASSIC**  
**IN AID OF OUR LADY'S CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CRUMLIN**

**PRESS RELEASE**

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*LAUNCH OF THE DONAL WALSH MEMORIAL KERRY CORPORATE GOLF  
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**Friday 28 June 2013**

This year's Kerry Corporate Golf Tournament in aid of 'Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin' will honour the memory of the late Donal Walsh. Sponsored by Kerry Group, this annual fundraising initiative, backed by the Walsh family, will be dedicated to Donal Walsh who was an exceptional campaigner and inspirational advocate for this cause. Despite his own battle against cancer, Donal relentlessly fundraised and called for support for the hospital's cancer ward. This year's event which takes place on Friday 5 July at Killarney's Golf and Fishing Club aims to raise over €35,000 for the hospital.

Frank Hayes, Director of Corporate Affairs, Kerry Group said "Since its inception the Kerry Corporate Golf Classic has successfully fundraised almost €500,000 for Our Lady's Children's Hospital. The passing of Donal Walsh at such an early age and his incredible courage and spirit has touched people throughout Ireland and beyond. During his illness borne with such dignity, Donal campaigned selflessly for cancer research and facilities at Our Lady's Children's Hospital in Crumlin. It is only fitting that we should honour Donal's inspirational determination to improve the conditions for patients and their families within the hospital where he had been treated. Successful fundraising is essential to ensure the hospital can continue to provide high-quality care which is accessible to every child in the country."

Speaking about this year's golf tournament, Fred Garvey, Kerry Golf Committee Chairman said: "I would like to thank everyone in Kerry for their continued support of this worthy event. Through the commitment of the long standing Kerry Corporate Golf Committee, our sponsor Kerry Group and the people of Kerry, we are providing vital funds to assist Our Lady's Children's Hospital achieve its refurbishment plans. Our drive this year is to raise our biggest amount ever as a tribute to Donal. Funds raised by the event will help continue his legacy and support children, teenagers and their families who attend the hospital."

The Kerry Corporate Golf Tournament always welcomes the support of new teams. If you would like to enter a team or sponsor a tee for the event, please contact Fred Garvey, Kerry Golf Committee: Tel: 087 2160706.

**Notes for Editors:**

[About Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin](#)

For more than 50 years Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin has been Ireland's foremost paediatric, tertiary care hospital and is dedicated to children's healthcare and finding new and better ways to treat childhood illnesses. There are on average 160 new cases of childhood cancer diagnosed each year in Ireland. St John's Cancer Ward at Our Lady's is the national referral centre for all childhood cancer in Ireland.

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