## Barratt Developments raises funds for hospice care

The UK's largest housebuilder has raised £90,244 for hospice and end of life care in the East of Scotland at a recent charity ball.

<u>Barratt Developments</u>, which includes David Wilson Homes and Barratt Homes, welcomed more than 450 guests to the EICC in Edinburgh recently — with guests enjoying an auction, a comedy performance from Larry Dean and live music from Manhattan.

All proceeds from the evening went to <u>St Columba's Hospice</u> <u>Care</u> which provides world-leading hospice care to those based in Edinburgh and the Lothians.

As this year's main charity for the housebuilder's East Scotland division, Barratt Developments has so far raised a total of £157,024 for St Columba's Hospice Care through fundraising, including a Pentland Hills walk and office events. The 2023 sum has already exceeded last year's efforts, which totalled £109,000.

Jon Heggie, Director of Income Generation at St Columba's Hospice Care, said: "The ball was a fantastic event, and typified the attitude we've seen and enjoyed from Barratt over the course of our partnership. They've really pulled out all the stops to raise as much money as they can for us, as well as spending time here helping with recent ward renovations and volunteering to paint some fences and maintain the grounds.

"The difference they've made to the hospice as a charity partner really is tangible and will directly benefit hundreds of patients and their families right across Edinburgh and East Lothian. On behalf of everyone at the hospice, I'd like to say a massive thank you."

Alison Condie, Managing Director at Barratt Developments East Scotland, said: "Giving back to the communities in which we build has always been a priority across all Barratt Developments' divisions. In the East of Scotland, we've formed a strong relationship with St Columba's Hospice Care over the last few years and have been continuing to raise funds for the essential care its team provides.

"We've already surpassed last year's fundraising total, a feat we could not have achieved without the generous donations from guests and our colleagues who have given up their time to fundraise or take part in a physical challenge.

"The money raised will help support those who need it most in Edinburgh and the surrounding areas, providing them with the very best care."

Amanda Southey, Hospice Corporate Manager at St Columba's Hospice Care, said: "First and foremost I'd like to thank the team at Barratt for choosing St Columba's Hospice Care as their charity partner. The partnership has worked really well, and I think both parties have really enjoyed it, and gained a lot from it. The fundraising they have done has been absolutely inspirational, and they've really jumped at the chance to help in other areas at every opportunity."

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