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10k charity walk raises €6,142 for new LauraLynn House at Sunshine Home, Leopardstown – Ireland's first hospice for children

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Members of South Dublin Services, a new, recently established business networking group, have raised €6,142 from their recent 10k charity walk around Killiney for the new LauraLynn House, Ireland's first children's hospice which is due to open later this month at the Sunshine Home in Leopardstown, Co Dublin.

“We had a great response from our members and their families and friends”, says Niall Delaney, public relations consultant and member of the business network. “Following discussion with LauraLynn House founder Jane McKenna, it has been agreed we make this an annual fund raiser for this very special cause. Shunning any praise for her efforts, one young walker said, ‘An ounce of help is worth a ton of pity’. How true!” said Delaney.

“The South Dublin Services people had asked people to walk ‘to make the sun shine for very sick children’ and they certainly did”, said LauraLynn House founder Jane McKenna. “Following its great success this year, we are delighted that this walk will become an annual event.

“Every sponsored walker has made a great contribution a contribution towards bricks and mortar that will last a lifetime and beyond.”

“The names of all those who helped with this charity walk will be published and displayed at the new LauraLynn Hospice for Sick Children. Every cent raised by our walkers has gone directly to the hospice fund. The development cost for the new hospice is €5.5 million so every contribution counts”, said Delaney

The LauraLynn Children's Hospice Foundation was set up in 2001 as a result of the awful tragedy suffered by Jane and Brendan McKenna who lost both their daughters, Laura and Lynn, to illness within two years.

South Dublin Services was recently established as a self help group of business and trades people in south Dublin and Wicklow intent on beating the recession by working hard at referring work to each other. So far it has 25 members but continues to look for new participants. In each business or trade category there can be only one participating member. Web site: www.southdublinservices.ie

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