



Make-A-Wish Foundation® UK & Lough Erne Golf Resort Announce Three Year Charity Partnership



January 2008: The AA five star Lough Erne Golf Resort in the Fermanagh Lakelands, North West Ireland, and Make-A-Wish Foundation® UK, have announced a three year partnership, launching on 1 February 2009. Make-A-Wish grants magical wishes to children and young people fighting life-threatening illnesses. Since being established in the UK in 1986, Make-A-Wish has granted over 5,300 wishes.

Lough Erne Golf Resort will, over the course of the three years, support Make-A-Wish in a number of ways raising money, as well as supporting their fundraising programme. Plans include:

- Donating the use of The Thai Spa to Make-A-Wish for a ‘Mothers and Daughters’ fundraising day
- Organising a fundraising golf day for ‘Fathers, Sons and Grandsons’ on the new Faldo Championship golf course, open July 2009
- A series of fundraising cookery master classes hosted by acclaimed Executive Chef Noel McMeel in the spring and autumn
- Guests will also be invited to donate £1 to their room bill on check-out
- An annual Christmas Lunch at Lough Erne Golf Resort’s Catalina Restaurant for Make-A-Wish families in Co. Fermanagh

Jonathan Stapleton, general manager of Lough Erne Golf Resort says, "We felt that Make-A-Wish was the perfect partner for us given the importance of Cygnets, our children's programme, and given the fact that the charity will be working with children in the local community. Everyone here at the resort is truly looking forward to getting involved in the various fundraising activities."

Cygnets at Lough Erne Golf Resort has been created by professionals to guarantee fun for all the family. The programme promises to keep Lough Erne Golf Resort's younger guests entertained, allowing parents some time to escape to The Thai Spa, go for a sail, play a round of golf or even join in the fun.

On arrival at the resort, Cygnets children are offered their own personal check-in, receive a Lough Erne colouring book and crayons while, in their room, a plate of home-baked cookies, mini marshmallows and Cygnets bathrobe and slippers await them. For babies a massaging cot and complete bath set is provided.

The Cygnet Stay at Lough Erne Golf Resort is from £359.50 for a family of four staying in a two bedroom Lakeside Lodge and from £238.50 for a family of three staying in a Swan View Room. This price includes two nights accommodation, buffet breakfast, early dinner for all the family with the Young Diners menu, a Children's Welcome pack, fruit for all the family on arrival, a choice of DVDs from the DVD library, a surprise turndown gift on the first night and a tasty treat on the second night.

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About Lough Erne Golf Resort

Lough Erne Golf Resort opened in County Fermanagh, Northern Ireland, in October 2007. It is set on a 600 acre private peninsula nestled in between Lower Lough Erne and Castle Hume Lough. The privately-owned hotel has 120 guestrooms including 25 two and three bedroom Luxury Lakeside Lodges which offer private, fully serviced accommodation. Lough Erne Golf Resort offers The Thai Spa, The Catalina Restaurant for *à la carte* dining, The Blaney Bar and The Grazing Menu and The Garden Hall for afternoon teas. It offers world class facilities for private meetings and events. In summer 2009 Lough Erne Golf Resort will have the use of two 18-hole championship golf courses with the opening The Faldo Championship Course. The Castle Hume Championship Golf Course is already open. Lough Erne Golf Resort is located just five minutes from Enniskillen (St Angelo) private airport. It is also easily accessible from Belfast International, Belfast City and City of Derry airports

About Make-A-Wish Foundation® UK

Make-A-Wish grants magical wishes to children and young people fighting life-threatening illnesses. Make-A-Wish was founded in the UK in June 1986 and, since then, we have granted over 5,300 wishes. At any given time, over 20,000 children in the UK are living with life-threatening conditions and our aim is to grant 21 wishes a week by the year 2010. Whether a wish is to be a princess or a policeman for a day, own the latest computer equipment, meet a favourite celebrity or just enjoy some special time away from home with their family, a wish come true brings so much to a child's life and provides memories for the family that last a lifetime.