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LOUGH ERNE GOLF RESORT MAKES WISHES COME TRUE

The AA five star Lough Erne Golf Resort is making wishes come true with its first donation of £5,000 to charity partner Make-A-Wish Foundation® UK.

Make-A-Wish grants magical wishes to children and young people fighting life-threatening illnesses. Since it was established in the UK in 1986, Make-A-Wish has granted over 5,300 wishes.

Lough Erne Golf Resort and Make-A-Wish launched their three year partnership in February this year. To date, £5,000 has been raised through the Resort's guests being invited to donate £1 to their room bill on check-out. This £5,000 donation will fulfil one Wish of a child.

Lough Erne has also been delighted to have fulfilled one local child's Wish by arranging a complimentary 2 nights VIP stay, including Thai Spa treatments and Fly Fishing lessons, for the child and her family a few weeks ago. A second similar Wish to stay at Lough Erne Golf Resort will be scheduled in the coming months.

Lough Erne Golf Resort has agreed, over the course of the three years, to support Make-A-Wish in a number of ways to raise money, as well as support 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

- A series of fundraising cookery master classes hosted by acclaimed Chef Noel McMeel
- An annual Christmas Lunch at Lough Erne Golf Resort's Catalina Restaurant for Make-A-Wish families who reside in Co. Fermanagh
- Guests will also continue to be invited to donate £1 to their room bill on check-out

Commenting on the partnership 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 'Cygnetts', our children's programme, and that the charity will be working with children in the local community. Everyone here at the Resort is really enjoying getting involved in the various fundraising activities and are delighted to have reached the first 5k milestone."

Lesley Johnson, Regional Manager, Make-A-Wish, Northern Ireland adds: 'We are delighted to have been chosen as Lough Erne Golf Resort's Charity partner, we have received so much support both in terms of fundraising and from their staff who have helped us to grant our first magical wish within the resort! I am sure this will be the first of many wonderful wishes to be granted at Lough Erne. In 2009, we have already granted 31 wishes for local children, and the first £5k from Lough Erne Golf Resort really will make such a difference to the children who turn to us for support every year.'

Cygnetts 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, Cygnetts children are offered their own personal check-in, receive a Lough Erne colouring book and crayons while, in their room Cygnetts bathrobe and slippers, at turn down a special treat awaits, a plate of home-baked cookies, mini marshmallows and. For babies a massaging cot and complete bath set is provided.

The Cygnet Stay at Lough Erne Golf Resort is from £358.50 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 opened in County Fermanagh, Northern Ireland, in October 2007. It is set on a 600 acre peninsula nestled in between Lower Lough Erne and Castle Hume Lough. The privately-owned hotel has 120 guestrooms including 25 two and three bedroom Loughside Lodges which offer private, fully serviced accommodation.

The Resort features The Thai Spa, a variety of innovative dining options including The Catalina Restaurant for elegant dining overlooking the Lough, The Blaney Bar for The Grazing Menu and exclusive Irish Whiskey Collection; The Loughside Clubhouse, Bar & Grill for Casual All Day Dining & Prime Irish Meats from The Grill and The Garden Hall for Traditional, Chocolate & Pink Afternoon Tea.

The Resort has 2 Championship Golf Courses, including The Faldo Course, The Ultimate Golf Destination (opened July 1st 2009).

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, City of Derry airports and Dublin Airport. All tills at Lough Erne Golf Resort accept Euro currency.

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.