



News Release

## **Big-hearted golfers help raise more than £71,000 for charities**

Leading North Sea oil producer EnQuest today thanked big-hearted players and guests who helped raise more than £71,000 at the company's annual charity golf day. The amount surpassed the success of last year's total by more than £15,000.

Legendary golfer Bernard Gallacher and his wife, Lesley, were guests of honour at the event which saw more than 150 golfers from 31 companies from across the energy industry tee up for charity at the world-famous Fairmont course in St Andrews.

The total, which also included money raised through a raffle and an auction, will be split equally between EnQuest's two nominated charities the Paul Lawrie Foundation and Archway, and Bernard Gallacher's defibrillator campaign, Play Golf – Help Save Lives.

Neil McCulloch, president, North Sea, at EnQuest, said: "We're absolutely astounded by the amount that has been raised. It is well beyond our expectations and we are incredibly grateful to the players, their companies and our sponsors for the tremendous commitment and support they continue to show.

"The total raised is testament to the generosity of all those involved and will provide a much needed boost to our chosen charities."

Former Ryder Cup captain, Bernard Gallacher, said: "I'd like to express my sincere thanks to all those involved in the event and for raising such an amazing amount of money for three worthwhile charities.

"Events like this are not only a great way to generate much-needed funds, but are an ideal opportunity to raise awareness about how a defibrillator can give someone who suffers a cardiac arrest more than a 50% chance of survival. Without a defib, this number falls drastically to 5%, so it really is a life-saving piece of equipment."

Mr Gallacher set up his nationwide Play Golf - Help Save Lives campaign after suffering a cardiac arrest last August during a dinner reception in Aberdeen. He credits the availability of an automated external defibrillator (AED) along with early-response CPR treatment at the venue for saving his life. As such, the aim of his campaign is to ensure every club or driving range in the UK and Ireland has at least one public access AED by the end of 2014.

Among the many charitable gestures made at EnQuest's golf day was the donation of 10 defibrillators by global safety training and offshore services specialist, Falck Safety Services, which were sold on the day as part of the fund-raising efforts.

The donation was particularly poignant because Falck Safety Services' managing director, Colin Leyden, was among the team of people to go to Mr Gallacher's aid when he took ill at the Marcliffe Hotel and Spa.



Mr Leyden said: “If the hotel had not had an AED, the story would be very different – it was key in saving Bernard’s life. As a company that is dedicated to ensuring the best health, safety and environmental practices across a wide range of industries, we whole-heartedly support the Play Golf - Help Save Lives campaign and EnQuest’s fund-raising, which will see a number of defibrillators being gifted to golf clubs in the North-east of Scotland.”

The Paul Lawrie Foundation was initially set up by the golf star to help give youngsters from all backgrounds across Aberdeen City and Shire the opportunity to play and compete in golf. Since then, the Foundation has grown to support a number of other sports such as football, tennis, swimming and snooker.

Mr Lawrie, who was playing in the Irish Open, said: “We are very grateful to all those who have lent their support, both in terms of time and money, to this major charitable event. To raise over £70,000 in a day is remarkable and the funds will go a long way to giving youngsters in the North-east the chance to experience sports that would otherwise be out of their reach.”

Aberdeen-headquartered EnQuest also supports Archway, for which it has already raised more than £120,000 over the last two years.

Archway provides a lifeline of caring services for children and adults with learning disabilities and their families throughout Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire. All monies raised by EnQuest for Archway have gone towards its appeal for Betty’s Place, a specially-adapted holiday cottage that the charity aims to build in the Aberdeen area.

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