

Noel tees up big fundraiser for St Michael's House

A 79-year-old local golfer is being hailed a hero after raising more than €85,000 over the past nine years for St Michael's House through an annual golf classic.

The St Michael's House classic at Donabate Golf Club is organised by Noel Hughes, whose son Kevin is a resident of St Michael's House.

Some 198 golfers and friends of the charity teed off in 50 teams to support the eighth annual event last week, resulting in over €15,000 being collected for the charity - up €3,000 on last year's figure.

Noel originally held his first two classics to raise funds towards buying a minibus for

confidence and skills to perform many tasks that enrich their lives.'

Noel added: 'I'd like to thank Kevin's care workers, and all of our friends and club colleagues who support the classic.'

'Through the generous donations of the golfers who play in this classic year after year, we have been able to help with much-needed renovations to the physical structure at Castle Industries, where a new computer room and sensory room have been opened as a result.'

Jackie McDonnell from St Michael's House Fundraising Department praised Mr Hughes for the work that he has done over the years.

Kevin's St Michael's House workplace at Castle Day Service.

He said: 'The response was so great that we made the day an annual fixture, with all proceeds being split between Kevin's residential home at Sallowood, Santry Avenue, and Castle Day Service,' said Noel.

'Between them, these units provide services to nearly 60 adult service users with intellectual disabilities directly.

'We, and many other families like us, are indebted to St Michael's House for the work that they do. Thanks to the support of his care workers, Kevin and his friends have the con-

She said: 'Noel is a real hero. Every year he works tirelessly, and enthusiastically to raise funds for our services - always with a special welcome for everyone and a smile on his face.'

'Every euro raised by Noel and his friends and family over the years has directly benefited service users such as his son Kevin and his friends.'

'We at St Michael's House will be forever grateful to him for his energy, enthusiasm and genuine interest in helping our staff and the services that they provide.'

The golf classic was won on 99 points by Pat Brennan, Tom Brennan, Mick O'Brien and Tom Sharkey.



Members of St Michael's House express their gratitude at the incredible fundraising efforts of Noel Hughes.