

Arklow's Fabian a 'Hospice Hero'

FABIAN RECEIVES AWARD FOR WORK WITH HOSPICE

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AN Arklow man has received an award for his outstanding contribution to Hospice care in Wicklow.

Fabian Doyle this week accepted a 'Sunflower Hero' award for his tireless work for Wicklow Hospice Foundation.

Wicklow Hospice Foundation said it nominated Fabian because of his 'dedication to the project' and generosity of spirit.

He has been involved in the organisation since it was set up in 2009.

Fabian's Arklow-based firm

Sovereign Security provided security for the star-studded Lincoln Premiere in aid of the Foundation at Dublin's Savoy at his own cost. A walk he organised the same year at Lugnaquilla raised €25,000 for the hospice.

He was among 21 recipients of a hero award in advance of national Hospice Sunflower Days which takes place on Friday, June 10, and Saturday, June 11. Money raised this on Sunflower Day this year will go towards building the planned 15 bed hospice.

Fabian said he saw the value of hospice care after his own father's death.

'In our modern society, we are so busy; we don't learn to deal with the true reality of life and death. I was close to my father and when he died of pancreas cancer in June 2005 it brought a realisation and exam-

ination of life into view. During his illness and death I developed awareness that no family is immune from suffering and pain through a vast number of life's woes including cancer and death of their loved ones.

'Human warmth points directly towards the urgent need for a hospice which can provide the necessary specialised medical health care with spiritual and loving support for the whole community,' he said.

Fabian encouraged the community to work together for the greater good.

'As individuals we must invest in our friends and communities, all working together for the greater good,' he said.

'Everyone should realise that a hospice is a community investment and asset built through a community network that can comfort us and help us in difficult times.'



Ursula Doyle, Mary Kennedy, Fabian Doyle, Wicklow Hospice Foundation and his grandson Dylan.