

# International Actress, Susan George launches a new charity to honour her late husband, actor Simon MacCorkindale, on Valentine's Day

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On Valentines Day international actress and horse breeder Susan George is launching the charity so close to her heart. Susan lost her beloved husband 5 years ago to cancer and Lasting Life the Simon MacCorkindale Legacy will aim to fundraise for cancer, specific needs and RAFT a 25 year established organisation pioneering medical research and changing the lives of many. Susan's said today "The words on the home page of the website along side a photograph of pebbles on a beach each one holding up another, are a symbol of and what is needed in crisis times and what Simon would wish me to do in his name."

## WHAT:

International actress, photographer and champion Arabian horse breeder, Susan George is launching a new charity fund in honour of her late husband, Simon MacCorkindale, who died from cancer in 2010.

It has long been Susan's dream to establish 'Lasting Life – the Simon MacCorkindale Legacy', a collaboration with award winning charity, RAFT (Restoration of Function and Appearance Trust) a charity which provides ground-breaking treatments for people who've suffered severe burns or life-changing limb loss, birth defects or serious illnesses such as cancer or bone disease.

Lasting Life will launch officially on Valentine's Day, Sunday 14th February 2016. A celebration launch event will take place on Saturday 16th April at Maunsel House in Somerset, the historic estate of Sir Benjamin Slade.

"It would take days to explain just what RAFT has achieved in 27 years but believe me it's inspirational. RAFT will be the umbrella for the project closest to my heart, a charity in my late husband's name, 'Lasting Life - the Simon MacCorkindale Legacy'." – Susan George

"I am so honoured that Susan George has allowed us to be a part of 'Lasting Life - the Simon MacCorkindale Legacy'. We are looking forward to working closely with her and are humbled by her trust and support." – Leonor Stjepic, RAFT CEO

For further information about the new fundraising campaign visit <http://www.lastinglife.org.uk>

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#### About Lasting Life – the Simon MacCorkindale Legacy

Simon MaCorkindale's acting legacy and powerful screen presence are unforgettable. In honour of his memory, his wife Susan George has launched 'Lasting Life - the Simon MacCorkindale Legacy' which will raise funds for RAFT, a medical research charity working to help people rebuild their lives after a major trauma or serious illness.

To find out more please visit: <http://www.lastinglife.org.uk>

#### About RAFT

RAFT (Restoration of Appearance and Function Trust) carries out medical research that helps people rebuild their lives and regain independence and dignity after major trauma. For more than 27 years, the RAFT research team has focused on areas of research that can provide practical and tangible solutions for children and adults affected by accidents, disease and birth defects.

RAFT is one of the few charities around the world that actually raises money to finance its own research. It has its own facilities, its own team of specialised researchers and its own projects.

Over the years, RAFT has provided help and hope to people suffering from breast cancer, trauma related wounds, skull injuries, and lost limbs. Recent accomplishments include: new treatments to encourage the healing of wounds; the creation of anti-scarring agents for burn patients; the invention of laser hair removal; advanced treatment for facial palsy and damaged tendons; neo-natal methods of treating cleft lip and palate disorders.

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