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Dear Colleagues,

The last eighteen years have been a wondrous adventure. It's been a privilege to serve as Chairman of our great organization. Together with our generous Board Directors, dedicated staff, and all of you, we made an enormous impact over that period. We have done so not just through the grants we have made but as a network of advocacy constantly highlighting the energy and determination of the Irish. We played a key role in solidifying the Peace Process in Northern Ireland - especially on a social level - by helping to knit together both communities. I am particularly proud of how we helped rescue young people from the prejudice of the past through our support of integrated schools.

I am so pleased and proud of the fact that my successor will be John Fitzpatrick. He is deeply connected with our grantees and their work. He will lead this organization with vision, experience and compassion at a time when Ireland has never needed it so much.

I will remain deeply involved in the work of The American Ireland Fund and thank the Board for conferring upon me the title of Chairman Emeritus. As I have said, I am stepping down but not stepping away.

I wish to thank each and every one of you for all of your generosity, care and kindness over the last 18 years. I am so grateful to have been part of this wonderful community and confederation of concern.

Kind regards,

Loretta Brennan Glucksman
Chairman
The American Ireland Fund

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The Worldwide Ireland Funds are an international philanthropic network operating in 12 countries that has raised over \$450 million for worthy causes in Ireland and Irish causes around the world. It is the largest network of friends of Ireland dedicated to supporting programs of peace and reconciliation, arts and culture, education and community development. Founded in 1976, The Worldwide Ireland Funds have benefited over 1,200 organizations. All funds raised are contributed by private philanthropists at no cost to the taxpayer and represent a net contribution to Irish charities.



On the Cover

For almost two decades Loretta Brennan Glucksman has served as Chairman of The American Ireland Fund. With extraordinary grace and generosity she has led the organization to new milestones, also serving as Chairman of the *Promising Ireland* Campaign. With her role concluding at the end of 2013, The Ireland Funds pause to celebrate and thank Loretta for her vision, compassion, and belief in Ireland. For a full tribute see page 12. (photo: Aengus McMahan)

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

We have entered a historic period for The Ireland Funds. The last six months of 2013 will bring to a close Loretta Brennan Glucksman's Chairmanship of The American Ireland Fund. Loretta has been our Chairman for 18 years – almost half of the period of the history of the Funds. She has led us to levels of impact and influence unimaginable nearly two decades ago. She has greatly increased our support base and reach. She has overseen a great expansion in our grant making and revenues and, critically, chaired the *Promising Ireland* Campaign.

As Loretta prepares to step down, the *Promising Ireland* Campaign will exceed our original goal of \$100 million by 50% despite the worst economic climate in decades. This outcome will mean that one third of the Funds' total earnings since we were established 1976 will have been raised in the last five years. The most important feature of the Campaign is the more than 350 organizations that have received support. Their work is the ultimate tribute to Loretta's tenure. Loretta carried out her duties with great grace and warmth. For us on a staff level she is a constant source of warmth and friendship. We are privileged to work with her.

Loretta will be succeeded by the great and generous John Fitzpatrick. John has been a much admired member of our board for the last 10 years. He will carry on the baton from Loretta with the same commitment and concern.

And so, as we prepare for great change, we look forward to great continuity in maintaining our commitment to Ireland guided by Loretta's clarity of mission which will be carried forward by John.

Both Loretta and John serve with a deep sense of solidarity with Ireland and the projects we support. Their decency will distinguish the Funds. Thank you to our Chairman-emeritus, Loretta and to our Chairman-elect, John and to all of you for the success of the *Promising Ireland* Campaign. You are ensuring that we keep our promise to Ireland when it counts most.

Kind regards,

Kieran McLoughlin
President and CEO
The Worldwide Ireland Funds



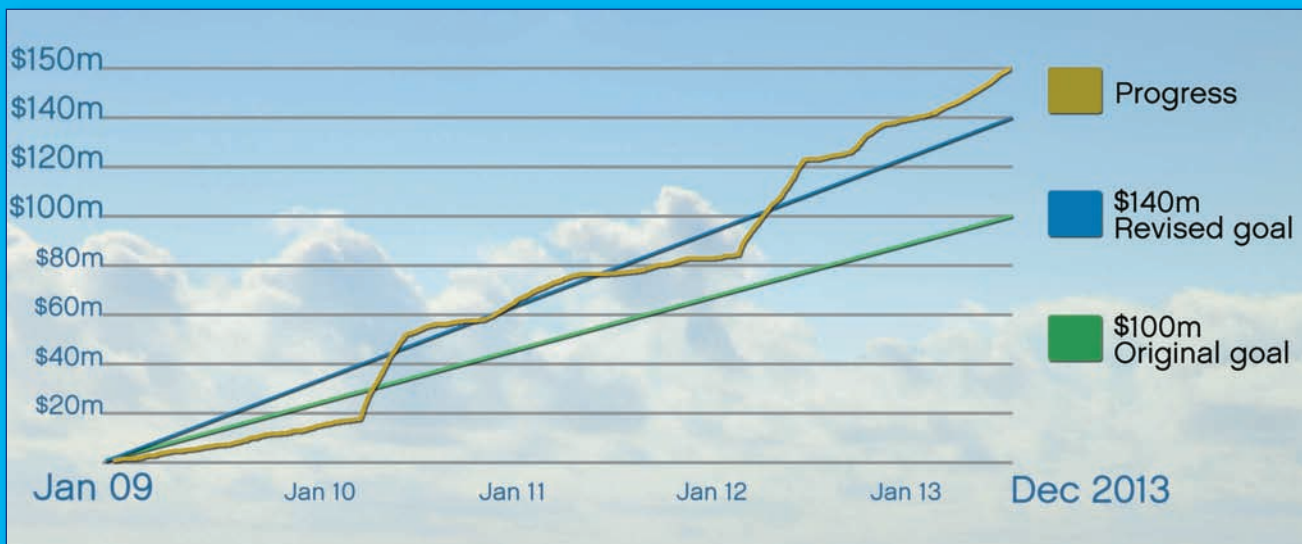
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PROMISING IRELAND
CAMPAIGN

Thanks to you,

The Worldwide Ireland Funds have exceeded the original *Promising Ireland* Campaign goal of \$100 million and will achieve \$150 million by its close at the end of 2013.



The Worldwide Ireland Funds launched the *Promising Ireland* Campaign to raise \$100 million by the end of 2013 on behalf of Irish charities and causes worldwide. The original goal was exceeded early in 2012 and a new goal of \$140 million was set. To achieve this, The Ireland Funds had to raise \$1 million a month.

This goal also has been exceeded thanks to donors' generosity and the Campaign total will be over \$150 million by the closing date. With 150% of the original goal raised, it is remarkable that one third of The Worldwide Ireland Funds total earnings since foundation in 1976 have been raised during the five years of the Campaign.

Charities across the island of Ireland and beyond are experiencing an increased demand for their services at a time of a major reduction in resources. The Campaign's title—*Promising Ireland*—reflects The Ireland Funds' pledge to these groups as well as a belief in Ireland's future. Here is just a sample of the over 350 outstanding organizations that have already received support from the *Promising Ireland* Campaign.

1428 Active Retirement Club
174 Trust
Abbey School
Abbey Theatre
Age & Opportunity
Age Northern Ireland
Alzheimer Society of Ireland
American Irish Historical Society
An Taisce - The National Trust for Ireland
An Cosan - The Shanty
Ardoyne Holycross Boxing Club
The Ark
Ashoka Ireland
Atlantic Corridor
Autism Speaks
Aware
Baboro International Arts Festival
for Children
Ballinglen Arts Foundation
Ballyclare Family Focus
Ballyhoura Heritage & Environment
Banbridge Arthritis Care
Bantry Inshore Search and
Rescue Association
Barnardos
Barretstown
Beara Tourism Development
Bedford Row Family Project
Belfast Beltway Boxing Project
BeLonG To Youth Services
Belvedere Youth Club
Blue Box Creative Learning Centre
Blue Teapot Theatre Company
Bridge21
British-Irish Association
Burrenbeo Trust
Business to Arts
The Butler Gallery
Camara Ireland
Campmill Communities of Ireland
Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY)
Care After Prison
Carers' Association
Carmichael Centre for Voluntary Groups
Catholic Institute for Deaf People
Chicago Irish Immigration Support
Child Abuse Prevention Programme
Children's Medical and
Research Foundation
Children's Sunshine Home—
Laura Lynn House
Cill Rialig Project
Cinemagic
City of Dublin YMCA
Clondalkin Travellers Development Group
Cloughmills Community Action Team
Club Shine, Youth Variety
Community Group
Coalition of Irish Immigration Centers
Community Action Network
Community Focus Learning
Community Relations in Schools
Concern Worldwide
Co-operation Ireland
Cope Galway
Cork Boat Club
Cork Counseling Services
Cork Institute of Technology
Cork Penny Dinners
Corrymeela Community
County Roscommon Disability
Support Group
Cross Border Orchestra
Cross Community Schools Project
Cusle Cancer Support Centre
Cystic Fibrosis Association of Ireland
Dailwatch
Darndale/Belcamp Integrated
Childcare Services
DCU Ryan Academy
DeafHear.ie Mid West Region
Depaul Ireland

Domestic Violence Response
Don Bosco Teenage Care
House Association
Donegal Teen Parent Support Programme
Doras Luimni
Down Syndrome Centre
Draoicht
Drogheda & District Support
4 Older People
Druid Theatre Company
Drumlane Community Partnership Ltd.
Dublin City University
Dublin Civic Trust
Dublin International Piano Competition
Dublin Jewish Board of Guardians
Dublin Simon Community
Dublin Talmud Torah
Dublin Theatre Festival
Dublin UNESCO City of Literature
Dun Laoghaire Refugee Project
East Belfast Community Agency
East Clare Community Cooperative Society
Eden Alternative
Educate Together
Eiru Trust
Emerald Isle Immigration Center
Enactus Ireland
Enable Ireland
Energy Action
FACE Fermoy Action Children's Education
Fettercairn Community Health Project
Fighting Words
Find a Wheelchair Taxi
First Step Centre
Foróige Network for
Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE)
Foyle Search & Rescue
Free Legal Advice Centre (FLAC)
Front Line
Gaisce - The President's Award
Galway Arts Centre
Galway Autism Partnership
Gate Theatre
Generations in Action
Giants Community Foundation
Grow it Yourself (GIY)
Glenstal Abbey
GOAL
The Goal Line Youth Trust
Greystones Family Resource Centre
Groundwork Northern Ireland
Habitat for Humanity Ireland
Habitat for Humanity Northern Ireland
Haven
Headstrong
Headway Belfast
Helium Arts
Hello World Foundation
Hireland
Home Start Down District
The Icon Walk
ICTR
IFI Irish Film Archive
Independent Age
Inner City Enterprise
Inspire Ireland
Integrated Education Fund
Intercom Enterprise
Ireland Chamber of Commerce in the US
Ireland US Council
Irish Ancestry Research Centre (IARC)
Irish Architectural Archive
Irish Arts Center
Irish Autism Action
Irish Chamber Orchestra
Irish Council for Civil Liberties
Irish Deaf Kids
Irish Dogs for the Disabled
Irish Georgian Society
Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind
Irish Heart Foundation
Irish Hospice Foundation

Irish Immigration Center
Irish Men's Sheds Association
Irish Museum of Modern Art
Irish Penal Reform Trust
Irish Repertory Theatre
Irish Society for the Prevention
of Cruelty to Animals
Irish Society for the Prevention
of Cruelty to Children
Irish Stammering Association
Irish Traveller Movement—
Yellow Flag Programme
Irish Youth Foundation
Jack and Jill Children's Foundation
Jewish Home of Ireland
Kerry Diocesan Youth Services
Kids in the Kitchen
Kilkenny Age Friendly County Programme
LARCC Cancer Support Centre
Larne YMCA
Leamont Community
Development Group
Learning Hub Limerick
Letterkenny IT
Lewis Glucksman Gallery
Lifestart National Office
Limerick Institute of Technology
Little Museum of Dublin
Lost Lives
Lyric Theatre
Macnas
Making Connections
Marriage Equality
Mary Immaculate College
Matt Talbot Services
Meitheal Mara
Meath Youth Federation
Mental Health Reform
Merchants Quay Ireland
Mercy Law Resource Centre
Midlands Simon Community
Mind Wise New Vision
Monaghan Integrated Development
Music Generation
My Mind
Nasc
National College of Art & Design
National College of Ireland—
Parent-Child Home Programme
National Concert Hall
National Gallery of Ireland
National Institute for Intellectual
Disability (NIID)
National Library of Ireland Trust
National University of Ireland Galway
National University of Ireland Maynooth
Native Woodland Trust
New York Irish Center—
Forgotten Irish Appeal
North Kerry Older Persons Services
Northern Ireland At Play
Northern Ireland Cancer Fund for Children
Northern Ireland Children's Hospice
Northside Learning Hub
North Connaught Youth Services
North West Hospice
Nurture Post Natal Depression
Support Services
Offaly Dyslexia Group
One in Four
Open Heart House
Origin Theater
Ossory Youth
Our Lady's Boys Club
PeacePlayers International
Percy French Festival
Peter McVerry Trust
Pieta House
The Playhouse
Prince's Trust
Public Interest Law Alliance (PILA)
The Pushkin Trust

Queen's University
RADE
Railway Preservation Society
The Rise Foundation
Roots of Empathy
Rothar
Royal Hibernian Academy
Royal Irish Academy
RUA RED South Dublin Arts
Ruhama
Safe Home Programme
Samaritans
Saplings School for Children with Autism
Sesame Street Northern Ireland
Show Racism the Red Card
Slí Eile
Sightsavers
Sligo Dyslexia Group
Smock Alley Theatre
Social Entrepreneurs Ireland
Society of Vincent de Paul
Solas
Special Olympics Ireland
Speedpak Limited
Speedwell Trust
Spinal Injuries Ireland
Sport Changes Lives
Sported
Sports Against Racism Ireland (SARI)
Spraoi agus Sport
Springboard Opportunities
Spun Out
St. Christopher's Services—
Leisure Buddies
St. Francis Hospice
St. James's Hospital Foundation
St. John's Amateur Boxing Club, Fermoy
St. Luke's Home
St. Michael's Estate Family
Resource Centre
St. Patrick's Cathedral
St. Patrick's College—Teachnet
St. Stephen's Green Trust
St. Ultan's After School Project
Sticky Fingers
Suas Educational Development
TAGIT Fishing Club
Tara Centre
TechSpace
Temple Bar Gallery & Studio
Temple Street Children's Fund for Health
Terry Enright Foundation
WOW Group -Winners on Wheels
Third Age Foundation
Tipperary Excel Heritage Company
TLC4 Cystic Fibrosis
Trinity College Dublin
Tuesday's Children
UCD Michael Smurfit Business School
Ulster Historical Foundation
Undergraduate Awards
University College Cork
University College Dublin
University of Limerick
Upper Springfield Development Trust
Victim Support at Court
VOICE (Voice of Irish Concern
for the Environment)
Void Art Centre
Walk with You
Washington Ireland Program
Waterside Women's Centre
West Cork Music Festival
West Cork Women Against Violence
West Limerick Resources Ltd.
Wexford Festival Opera
Whitegates Community
Women for Election
Writers' Week Listowel
Young Enterprise Northern Ireland
Young Social Innovators
Youth Work Ireland Galway

The priority areas of The Worldwide Ireland Funds are:

- Investing in Ireland's Communities
- Supporting a shared future in Northern Ireland
- Promoting Philanthropy in Ireland
- Providing Access to Education
- The Promotion of Irish Culture and Heritage
- Assisting Disadvantaged Youth
- Assisting the Elderly 'Forgotten Irish'



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The *Promising Ireland* Campaign is helping Irish charities now, when they need it most. Your generosity to The Ireland Funds is bringing services to people in need and their thanks is our thanks. Here is just a sample of what some of the over 350 organizations assisted by the *Promising Ireland* Campaign have said about your support:

THANK YOU



"I have told you in the past about the magnificent work this, the largest organisation helping Ireland in the world, does for charities both here and abroad. The Ireland Funds remain a resource of incomparable benefit to Ireland..." — Enda Kenny, An Taoiseach (Prime Minister) of Ireland

“Ardoyne has always been one of the most challenged areas of Belfast. We had one of the largest losses of life during the Troubles. Funding from The Ireland Funds hasn’t just purchased equipment. It has kept kids off the streets here. It’s been massively helpful and has really allowed us to move forward.” — *Eanes Keenan, The Ardoyne Holy Cross Boxing Club*

“The support of The Ireland Funds is philosophical. It is an absolute energetic support that stands for the creative life, for children and their potential. It is the act of coming alongside and standing with us. We are constantly reinterpreting culture and The Ireland Funds are part of that journey.” — *Eina McHugh, The Ark*

“The Ireland Funds give us a sense of belief in what we do. The support shows us that what we’re doing is valued by people beyond the Burren. With these resources, we are going to realize the potential of this place.” — *Brendan Dunford, the Burrenbeo Trust*

“The support received from The American Ireland Fund is crucial to the ongoing existence of organizations like us that provide frontline services.”— *Paul Finnegan, the New York Irish Center*

“The support from The Ireland Funds has literally made it possible for us to survive.”
— *Margo Dolan, Founding Director of The Ballinglen Art Foundation*



“Support from The Ireland Funds has meant we can sustain our growth throughout the country. Funding has made a real difference. It says that people see the value of our project and its impact.” — *Mary Nally, Third Age/Fáilte Isteach*

“The Ireland Funds grant allowed us to take on four more schools. Thanks to The Ireland Funds grant we have been able to impact over a thousand children.” — *Paula Madden, Coordinator of the Yellow Flag Programme*



The Heart of The Worldwide Ireland Funds: Extraordinary Donors and Outstanding Irish Charities

PRIVATE GIVING FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD,
THE DIASPORA RESPONDS



At the 2013 Worldwide Ireland Funds Conference, donors visited projects to see first-hand the impact of the Promising Ireland Campaign.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Founded in the US in 1976 and now operating in 12 countries, The Worldwide Ireland Funds have raised over \$450 million since foundation benefiting some 1,200 Irish charities. All of the monies The Ireland Funds raise are contributed by private philanthropists at no cost to the taxpayer and represent a net contribution to Irish charities. Private philanthropic donations support projects that promote education, cultural and community development and peace & reconciliation across the island of Ireland and beyond.

DONORS AND PROJECTS – THE KEY RELATIONSHIP

Donors are the heart of The Ireland Funds' success. The Funds' role is to identify and establish relationships with supporters and deepen their interest in Ireland and its people. This "fellowship of philanthropy" is the engine that drives the work of The Ireland Funds.

The consistent goal of the Funds is to introduce donors to worthy charities in Ireland and offer them a powerful personal opportunity to make a real difference.

A key purpose of the Funds is to enable Irish charities to establish direct and fruitful relationships with prospective donors. Without any charge to the Irish organizations or donors, the Funds provide assistance to these worthy organizations in making their case and introduce them to donors who have expressed an interest in a particular group or program activity. The confederation of Ireland Funds educate their network of supporters to the needs and potentials of Ireland. The Funds also promote the principles and best practices of philanthropy both in Ireland and throughout the Irish diaspora, assiduously building the active and engaged network of "the global Irish making a difference together" which has enabled its donors to enter into meaningful relationships with over a thousand Irish organizations.

“The secret of The Ireland Funds’ success since 1976 has been your capacity to change and adapt your approach as this Island moved from days of conflict, through the Peace Process, and now again in response to the economic crisis. But one thing that hasn’t changed is the commitment of the people who make up The Ireland Funds. They have given so generously of their most valuable resources which is their own time. I can tell you as President, and indeed over the period of the Promising Ireland Campaign, that your work is making a difference to the lives of people across the island of Ireland. I am glad that you have an opportunity to visit projects that you have supported so you can see first-hand the impact you have made.” — *President of Ireland Michael D. Higgins at the 2013 Worldwide Ireland Funds Conference*

“I believe in the work of The Ireland Funds. I believe that the people who are here are a small and critical component of so many people around the world who want to work with this country and its people to be a better place. We will not let this country down and you are leading the way.” — An Taoiseach Enda Kenny



“In the US it’s common for people to give back and help their schools or charities. So many of us have roots here and want to help or give back, it’s great that The Ireland Funds can facilitate that.” — Bill McKiernan, Board Director and Donor

“I think it’s really important to come and visit the projects and see what’s going on. In New York and throughout the US there’s a lot of great support and energy behind supporting Ireland.”— Tara McCabe, Board Director and Donor

*“In the 1930s we used to send our used clothes back to Kerry. I used to think how bad off can they be back there if they want our clothes and we have nothing. There are still a lot of people in need here in Ireland.”
— Denis Healy, Board Director and Donor*

Compassion & Commitment

LORETTA BRENNAN
GLUCKSMAN

CONCLUDES 18 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP
WITH THE AMERICAN IRELAND FUND

LORETTA BRENNAN GLUCKSMAN STEPS DOWN AS CHAIRMAN OF THE AMERICAN IRELAND FUND IN DECEMBER 2013. OVER THE 18 YEARS SHE HAS LED THE FUND IT HAS RAISED CLOSE TO \$400 MILLION, \$150 MILLION OF THIS IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS ALONE THROUGH THE *PROMISING IRELAND* CAMPAIGN. THIS HAS BENEFITED HUNDREDS OF CHARITIES ACROSS THE ISLAND OF IRELAND AS WELL AS WORTHY IRISH CAUSES WORLDWIDE.

LORETTA'S CONCERN FOR OUR WORK ON THE GROUND IS NOT JUST ACADEMIC BUT VERY REAL AND APPLIED. SHE WOULD SPEND DAYS WITH PROJECTS ON HER VISITS TO IRELAND AND SHE AND LEW GLUCKSMAN PERSONALLY DONATED \$27 MILLION TO CAUSES ACROSS IRELAND.

IN THESE PAGES WE OFFER A BRIEF PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORD OF JUST SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF LORETTA'S TERM AS WELL AS REFLECTIONS BY OUR FOUNDERS AND OTHER FRIENDS OF THE FUND.

LORETTA MADE THE FUND RELEVANT, MODERN AND IMPACTFUL. SHE LED BY CONSENSUS AND EXAMPLE. WE, AND THE THOUSANDS WHO HAVE BENEFITED FROM THIS, OFFER HER A DEEP AND SINCERE THANK YOU FOR 18 WONDERFUL YEARS.

— *Kieran McLoughlin,*
President & CEO of The Worldwide Ireland Funds



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“Loretta has made an outstanding contribution to Ireland across a number of areas: business, philanthropy, peace, arts and education. I thank her for this extraordinary commitment and I wish her every success in her final year of leadership and on into the future.”

— *President of Ireland Michael D. Higgins at the 2013 Worldwide Ireland Funds Conference*

“I am enthralled by the commitment of Loretta Brennan Glucksman to this country and to the causes she has supported for so many years. Words cannot describe this commitment to our people. Thank you to you and all those who have given of their philanthropic endeavors.”

— *An Taoiseach Enda Kenny at the 2013 Worldwide Ireland Funds Conference*

“Loretta has always been an example through her generosity and involvement. She and Lew founded the Glucksman Ireland house, the leading center for Irish studies in America. Now after 18 outstanding years of accomplishing our mission and furthering America’s friendship with Ireland, she is stepping down. She is not leaving us but she is passing the torch to John Fitzpatrick. These are the facts, and the statistics, but Loretta is more than statistics. She is what she is because she cares. She loves the Irish people and we are not here to celebrate statistics. We are here to celebrate excellence and accomplishment. Loretta, I salute you.” — *Ambassador Dan Rooney at the 2013 New York Dinner Gala*

“It is not often in life that one comes across elegance and eloquence in such a balanced and luminous way, but this is what The Ireland Funds got when Loretta Brennan Glucksman became Chairman of The American Ireland Fund and led it so distinctively for almost two decades. As I said to her many years ago, The Ireland Funds are as unique and almost as difficult to explain as the theological arguments between transubstantiation and consubstantiation. They mean many things to different people and Loretta, in a special way, is an emblem of all their feelings.

None of us are indispensable, but in the case of The Ireland Funds throughout the world, we will make an exception for her.” — *Sir Anthony O'Reilly, Co-Founder of The American Ireland Fund*

“A life-spark. A friend. A philanthropist. An ambassador. A seer. The language doesn’t hold enough words to describe her. She has shaken out the soul of two countries. She has bridged the expanse between emigrants and their homeland. She has ennobled and justified so many good causes. She makes the forgotten valuable. The small miracle of it is that she has done it all with grace, style and humility. She seems to open up the windows of whatever room she is in, and put the oxygen back in our lives. If anybody is capable of representing our times—and getting beyond the dark—it is Loretta Brennan Glucksman.” — *Colum McCann, author and winner of the 2011 American Ireland Fund AWB Vincent Literary Award*

“The common theme in the reaction to the news of my nomination as successor to Loretta as Chairman of The American Ireland Fund was ‘you have a very tough act to follow.’ I most certainly do.

Under her 18-year tenure, The American Ireland Fund has become one of the largest private funding sources for not-for-profits across the island of Ireland. The fact that our most recent initiative, the *Promising Ireland* Campaign, will exceed its original goal by 50% in such a difficult economic climate is testament to Loretta’s leadership, drive and determination. A passionate advocate of all things Irish and Irish American, Loretta’s personal generosity in having contributed over \$27 million to the Fund speaks for itself. I know the hundreds of organisations and communities across the island of Ireland who have benefited from The American Ireland Fund, will want to join me in thanking Loretta for her inspiration, her commitment and her support over the past 18 years. We can be happy in the knowledge that Loretta will continue to be involved with the Fund and as passionate a supporter of Ireland as ever before. I look forward to availing of her wise counsel and enjoying our continued friendship in the years ahead.” — *John Fitzpatrick, Chairman-Elect of The American Ireland Fund*

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LAUDS FOR LORETTA

How can we laud her? Let me count the ways.
 Her ready smile, serene attentive gaze,
 Her hostess role on both sides of the ocean,
 Her work for peace when the land was in commotion.
 Philanthropy, unstinted, open-handed,
 Requests for help from every quarter granted,
 Benefactor, with her mighty spouse,
 Of galleries, colleges and Ireland House.
 That edifice off 1 Fifth Avenue –
 Fit monument to herself and Lew –
 Is like a small translated Clonmacnoise,
 An amplifier for the native voice
 Of Irish writing, culture, scholarship,
 An answer given to the famine ship,
 A feis, a court of poetry, a seisiún,
 Academy and legacy, a boon.
 Twenty years ago, a kilted piper,
 The Taoiseach, Albert Reynolds, at his heel,
 Led a starry crowd across the Square:
 Jay Oliva, James Galway, Brian Friel,
 Loretta, Lew himself, the whole aosdána,
 With supporting cast, O'Shea, Cusack, O'Hara.
 That April day, a mark was made in time
 As we processed in step like words in rhyme,
 As dúchas met diaspora and combined
 Indomitable Irishry of mind
 With the Big Apple of Knowledge: thus we set a
 Crown upon the labours of Loretta
 And great Lew, while Cathleen ni Houlihan
 Looked down upon this Lass of Allentown
 And recognized her as an aisling geal,
 A presence, guardian spirit, and a pal.
 'She is foremost of those that I would hear praised'
 Said Yeats of Maud, but for us LBG
 Is she to whom all glasses must be raised,
 So rise up now and toast our honouree.

– Seamus Heaney 1995 Nobel Laureate in Literature
 at the 20th Anniversary of Glucksman Ireland House,
 February 2013

MAKING CONNECTIONS

CONNECTING THE GENERATIONS AND CONQUERING ISOLATION,
ONE FRIENDSHIP AT A TIME.



“Anna suffers from a bipolar disorder and has depression, so it's not easy for her to stay motivated or positive. It can be hard at times as she's very low and down on herself but to see her smile and enjoying the conversation is a great thing. One day we walked to her local shops and I could hear the shop assistant asking if we were family, she whispered back ‘I wish they were my granddaughters.’ It is times like this you are aware of how important our friendship has become to her.” — Volunteers Jenny & Fiona on their friendship with Anna



“I know Maeve gets great enjoyment from our visits, but it’s a mutual friendship.”

— Cliona on her friendship with Maeve



WHEN MAEVE’S HUSBAND KEN PASSED AWAY, HER LIFE CAME TO A SCREECHING HALT.

“Ken was taken from me twenty years ago and I just shut the door,” says Maeve, age 82. “I gave up going anywhere. I stopped talking to my neighbors and this lasted for a couple years. I loved my family to bits but I was just so depressed.”

Depression and isolation in older people is not uncommon in Ireland. The issue of isolation is particularly significant in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown which has the highest national percentage of people over 65 years: 14.5% in comparison to the national average of 11.2%. “The burden of loneliness is actually bigger than concerns about financial issues,” explains Mary O’Donohue, Executive Director of Making Connections. “We have seen instances of older people admit themselves to the hospital just to alleviate their loneliness.”

Making Connections was established in 2009 to facilitate connections between people of different generations. Each situation and friendship is unique. It might be as simple as going for a walk, or showing an older person how to Skype with their family overseas. Some share literature, movies, or singing as a common interest. Volunteers come from all walks of life: students, professionals, retired people, and go through training and background checks before they begin volunteering.

The once-a-week visits tackle loneliness and extend an extra support system that often allows older people to remain independent in their own homes. In other instances it may be a visit to a person in a nursing home who has been referred because they do not receive many visitors. Mary is quick to point out that it is not a replacement for home help or family; it is a relationship where people exchange wisdom, life experience and skills. “Everyone needs to feel that someone cares. For many older people, a volunteer is a life line and for some it is a life saver.”

Older people are referred to the program often by medical professionals who are concerned about the effect of isolation on their health. “In the midst of my depression, my nurse suggested that I consider getting involved with Making Connections,” continues Maeve as she sits in her small sun-filled living room in Stillorgan. “They asked me if I would like someone to come visit me once a week for an hour. Well, I didn’t know what they’d be like, but Cliona came and she raised something inside me. I was amazed to find someone who was interested in my stories. I asked her ‘what is a young girl like you doing spending time with an old woman like me?’ but she says she loves it and I thoroughly look forward to her visits.”

Maeve’s volunteer is Cliona, age 25, and her take on their friendship affirms the program’s objective that the service offer a two-way benefit. “Six months ago I met Maeve and frankly, she’s totally changed my opinion of older people. She loves talking about fashion and I get loads of ideas from her. She is such an open and friendly person that once we get to talking, I find that an hour isn’t enough. We discovered we both love old movies and I often stay well into the evening.”

The Ireland Funds identified Making Connections as a project worthy of support for the profound difference it is making in the lives of the older community. “The Ireland Funds understood that for a young charity like Making Connections, it can be a real difficulty to get noticed,” says Mary. “We received our first funding through their Grant Round in 2012 which was followed by a Donor Advised Gift in 2013 which made a big difference to us. It was a crucial moment because we were moving into the winter months with a long list of older people hoping for a volunteer. The funding allowed us to meet this need of recruiting, training and supporting volunteers.”

SUPPORTING THE NEXT GENERATION OF ENTREPRENEURS IN IRELAND



The Ireland Funds

Business Plan Competition



Kieran McLoughlin, President and CEO of The Worldwide Ireland Funds, winner Ollywn Moran and family with Bill McKiernan, Chair of the judging panel and founder of CyberSource Corporation

BUSINESS AND EDUCATION LEADERS FROM IRELAND AND THE US GATHERED AT THE GUINNESS ENTERPRISE CENTRE FOR THE SECOND ANNUAL IRELAND FUNDS BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITION. SIX TEAMS FROM IRELAND AND NORTHERN IRELAND WERE SHORTLISTED FROM OVER 60 APPLICANTS TO PITCH THEIR INNOVATIVE BUSINESS PLANS TO A PANEL OF ENTREPRENEURS, EXECUTIVES AND INVESTORS. THE COMPETITION IS FUNDED BY A PHILANTHROPIC GIFT FROM AMERICAN IRELAND FUND BOARD DIRECTOR BILL MCKIERNAN.

Modeled on a similar competition at Harvard Business School, each team's pitch is assessed based on criteria ranging from market potential of the idea to the tasks and milestones required for implementation. "Every job starts with an entrepreneur," said Bill McKiernan, Chair of the judging panel and Founder of CyberSource Corporation. "If we can encourage entrepreneurship in Ireland then it can go some way to helping create jobs. By hosting a national business plan for young people and exposing them to people who have been successful entrepreneurs, we will try to give them some confidence in starting a business and assure them that it's okay to fail."

Ollwyn Moran, a post-graduate student at NUI Maynooth, won the 2013 Competition for Creeper Crawlers, a babysuit that aids neurological development in babies with grips that encourage crawling, a crucial developmental stage for babies. Ms Moran took home the top prize of €10,000, with first and second runners-up receiving prize money of €5,000 and €1,000 respectively. In addition, shortlisted teams completed a training programme that helped them to develop their business plans and to create a competitive pitch. Sponsored by Bank of Ireland, with additional support from the Guinness Enterprise Centre, the training programme was delivered by the DCU Ryan Academy, which was established to promote an entrepreneurial mindset and innovation focus among existing Irish businesses and start-ups through training, supports and finance. "The Ireland Funds Business Plan Competition is all about supporting the planning process and promoting confidence among the finalist teams," said Alan Foy of Blueface, one of the judges. "We look forward to supporting [the teams], giving them feedback and a network to connect with on the entrepreneurial journey. Networks of advice are vital."

"I burst into tears because I was so overwhelmed. To have 12 people endorse you after working on a product you believe in is amazing."

— Ollwyn Moran, 2013 Ireland Funds
Business Plan Competition Winner

Worldwide Ireland Funds' President and CEO, Kieran McLoughlin said, "Through The Ireland Funds' Business Plan Competition we hope to support this next generation of entrepreneurs by helping them develop the skills required to succeed in business."

Announcing the winner, Bill McKiernan said, "The judging panel was so impressed with the high quality of business plans and pitches from across Ireland. I congratulate all of the finalists for developing such innovative and compelling business plans, and thank them for the role they will play as Ireland's next generation of business leaders." Other judges included John Ryan, co-founder of Rovi Corporation (formerly MacroVision); Philip Sharpe of Danu Technologies, Marie O'Connor of PwC, Michael Culligan of Halo Business Angel Partnership and Fergal Mullen of Highland Capital Partners.

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etween June and August, the bookshops, tearooms and restaurants of Bantry, including the storied Bantry House, are filled with audiences who come to enjoy world-renowned musicians playing classical and traditional music. In addition, critically-acclaimed authors from around the world make their way to this corner of West Cork to offer readings, seminars and workshops to all ages in celebration of all that

is literary. The West Cork Chamber Music Festival in particular has grown from a small gathering to being regarded as one of the leading festivals of its kind in Europe.

Francis Humphrys, Chief Executive of West Cork Music, has a deep passion for the music and literary gifts that Bantry offers the thousands of festival attendees each year. He is a founder of West Cork Music and each year devotedly authors hundreds of pages of detailed guides that have come to be cherished by Festival visitors. But his passion does not stop at Mozart, Haydn or Beethoven. One of the aspects he is most excited about is the proven economic impact that the festivals have had for this part of Ireland. "Especially in rural areas of Ireland, you find communities struggling," says Humphrys. "We are proud to say that here in Cork, we see the difference that West Cork Music is making,

The Festivals have not only created jobs, but continue to bring investment and much-needed income to this area of Ireland."

In 2012, an economic impact survey administered by University College Cork showed that for every €200,000 invested, the economic return to the community was between five and six times that amount. With thousands of visitors attending the festivals and as many as 30% of the visitors to the Chamber Music Festival coming from overseas, the hotels and restaurants are full during the summer season thanks to West Cork Music. This success has also been shown in attendance that continues to increase each year.

West Cork Music also organizes year-round programs in Cork schools. Tuning Up is their initiative which brings children access to top musicians and broadens their exposure to all styles of music with an interactive and engaging approach. West Cork Music has brought Tuning Up to 50 schools.

Over the years, The Ireland Funds have assisted West Cork Music through both Donor Advised gifts—including the Mary Daly Fund—and The Ireland Funds Grant Round. In 2012 a grant was made to the Masters of Tradition Festival and most recently, funding was provided for the West Cork Literary Festival. The work of West Cork Music is proof that long-term investment in cultural initiatives can bring long-term benefits to local communities.

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THE WICKLOW

HOSPICE FOUNDATION



BRINGING MUCH-NEEDED QUALITY CARE TO THE PEOPLE
OF COUNTY WICKLOW

It is said, "You cannot be born or die in County Wicklow."

With no medical facility there, residents have traditionally had to travel outside the county to receive medical care including hospice care.

The Wicklow Hospice believes that no one should face death or bereavement without the care and support they need. They are working to achieve dignity, comfort and choice for all people facing the end of life. When death is imminent, a very special type of support is needed. Traditionally, even if patients from Wicklow could get a bed in a Dublin hospice, family and friends still had to travel to spend their last days with them. People who had witnessed loved ones in their final stages of life having to travel for support when they had so little time left, realized a facility in Wicklow was urgent. Volunteers formed Wicklow Hospice Foundation in 2009 with the aim of bringing a hospice facility to Co. Wicklow.

Today, the people of Wicklow are celebrating thanks to the county's most famous resident—the recently crowned three-time winner of the Academy Award for Best Actor—Daniel Day-Lewis.

A magnificent site has been donated by the Columban Sisters at Magheramore Brittas Bay. Daniel Day-Lewis came on board as a Patron of the Wicklow Hospice in 2009 after experiencing the excellent care his mother received in a cottage hospital in England during the final months of her life. He spoke movingly of this experience when he attended The American Ireland Fund 2013 New York Dinner Gala as the surprise guest.

Daniel donated the international premiere of *Lincoln* the movie, starring himself as Abraham Lincoln and directed by Steven Spielberg, to help raise funds to fund this long-awaited hospice facility. The Wicklow Hospice is preparing to break ground to officially open the new facility in 2014.



Wicklow Hospice Foundation Patron Daniel Day Lewis signs a painting by artist Eoin O'Connor at the Dublin premiere of the movie *Lincoln*.



Evanne Cahill and Sally Field at the Dublin premiere of the movie *Lincoln*.



Wicklow Hospice Foundation Patron Daniel Day Lewis at The American Ireland Fund 2013 New York Dinner Gala

Comfort for Families

THE DIFFERENCE A HOSPICE IN WICKLOW WILL MAKE

Marie's Story

After two days of her terminally ill mother not eating or drinking, Marie Kindlon still remembers as clear as day the words spoken to her by a consultant as she sought some sort of assistance for her dying mother.

"There is no palliative care in Wicklow."

Marie and her family were fortunate enough to secure a bed in at a hospice in Dublin, 60 miles from their home in Arklow. The family was relieved to be in a position to afford the opportunity for her to end out her last days with dignity. But still, the daily travel to Dublin was stressful.

However, it still rankles that owing to the fact that there was no hospital facility in Co. Wicklow, the family could not give their mother her dying wish: to end her last few days at home.

Despite what Marie had to cope with, she knows that other families had to deal with even more harrowing situations, and, in a way, considers herself lucky. Other families travel even farther, depending on where the nearest hospice bed can be found.

"We had the means to be able to travel up and down every day to see Mammy and spend time together as a family. Tragically, there are dying people in acute hospitals waiting for family members to travel huge distances to come and visit them, knowing that they are dying."

Evanne's Story

"My own mother also had a most peaceful death thanks to hospice care. She had terminal cancer and the home care team came every day to see her and help with pain control. Nothing was too much trouble. For her final 12 hours on earth, she went into the hospice. The love, compassion and care that was shown not only to my mother but to all of us, her family was my inspiration for becoming involved in The Wicklow Hospice Foundation. My mission is to try and get the same level of care for everyone with a terminal illness, at a time when they are so frightened and vulnerable. Having experienced it first-hand, I know the incalculable difference this made for both my mother and the whole family."

— Evanne Cahill of the Wicklow Hospice Foundation



These experiences are the inspiration driving the establishment of a new Wicklow Hospice. The Ireland Funds are pleased to be a part of bringing this much-needed care to the people of Wicklow.

Designed *with* Dignity

THE FUTURE WICKLOW HOSPICE BUILDING



The future site of the Wicklow Hospice, donated by the Columban Sisters, overlooking the sea at Magheramore just outside of Wicklow town.

So many people have to be considered when providing care for the terminally ill – the dying person, the family and the staff. End of life experiences can be harrowing and emotional for so many of those involved. The aim of the physical building is to make it as comfortable and kind an experience as possible for all.

Wicklow Hospice Foundation have put huge time and effort into researching and designing the hospice building to ensure it is sympathetic to the ethos of hospice care: to allow people to live out their final days in comfort and dignity. The design will avoid institutional appearance and aims to create a small scale feel inside. It will be a “home from home.” Patients and families will have privacy and consideration will be made for the needs of younger family members. Staff will have space to not only work but to address the sensitivities around this nature of care.

The beautiful scenery of the County Wicklow site overlooking the sea will be exploited as much as possible so patients can enjoy the uplifting views. Dr. Cuddihy, Chairman of the Wicklow Hospice Foundation explains,

“The vital new 12-bed facility will provide a specialist service for end of life care, respite, day-care facilities and outpatient clinics for symptom control. It will also provide a program of palliative and supportive care services providing physical, psychological, social, and spiritual care for patients, their families, and other loved ones.”

“Where possible, patients should be provided with a sunny aspect and a good view to the outside. We hope to have same level double door access to a cloistered outdoor area where their beds can be wheeled out into the air if they so desire. Small alcoves, sunny corners, strategic use of clusters of seats both indoor and outdoor should be included to allow patients whose mobility may be limited to take short walks. It should function efficiently as a healthcare facility but have a homey feel.”

Just over 20 years ago, a young man from Chicago, named Christopher Keeley, came to Ireland on a holiday and visited Trinity College Dublin. Like many who walk through the shadows of Front Arch for the first time into the light and expanse of Parliament Square, he was struck by the beauty of the place and felt he might one day like to return as a student of this historic university.

Sadly, some time afterwards, Christopher died, but even in their devastating loss his family decided they wanted to do some special things to honour his memory.

One of those things was to establish The Christopher L. Keeley Memorial Scholarship Fund to provide students with talent and ability, but restricted means, with the opportunity to study and fulfil their potential in Trinity College Dublin.

Celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, the Trinity Access Programme (TAP) is Trinity's flagship initiative aimed at opening up access to university for low income students and helping them overcome the barriers they face to fulfilling their educational goals. TAP has been the beneficiary of the

Christopher L. Keeley Memorial Scholarship Fund since 2002 and from that time there have been seven Keeley scholars who have entered the University through TAP, studying mainly in the areas of Business, Economics, Law and the Social Sciences. Two of the Keeley Scholars, David Nolan and Anthony Gaskin, are now graduates and pursuing successful careers in equity trading and in law respectively.

Following a visit by John and Barbara Keeley to Trinity in June of this year while attending The Worldwide Ireland Funds Conference, the Keeley Family Foundation is increasing its commitment to ten students in 2013. This is a wonderful boost for TAP and ensures a wider 'ripple effect' on the families, schools, and communities of these talented students for the long-term.

The Ireland Funds, Trinity Access Programme and Trinity College Dublin are immensely grateful to the Keeley family for their generous commitment and for their imaginative philanthropy which is making such a difference to so many lives.



Kathleen O'Toole-Brennan, Programmes Manager of TAP with Barbara & John Keeley

The Christopher L. Keeley Memorial Scholarship at Trinity College Dublin

Eoin Hendrick, Agata Kolodynska, Kathleen O'Toole-Brennan, Barbara & John Keeley, Anthony Gaskin

HELPING STUDENTS REACH THEIR POTENTIAL FOR OVER A DECADE

John Keeley

"When we lost Christopher so unexpectedly, we found the most important thing was to do some positive and uplifting things in his memory. One of them was the Christopher Keeley Scholarship at Trinity College Dublin. I think Christopher would be pleased that so many talented students are gaining life-changing opportunities from our endeavors."

Anthony Gaskin (Keeley Graduate, Law):

"The Christopher Keeley Scholarship had an enormous influence on me and my family. It allowed me to really focus on my studies so that I could achieve academically and take up career opportunities that might not have come my way otherwise."

Agata Kolodynska

(Keeley Student, Economics & Social Studies):

"The Keeley Scholarship has positively changed my life and enabled me to experience College to the fullest. I'd like to say a huge thank you to the Keeley family for your trust in my ability and I hope one day I will be able to help others just as you have helped me."



KEELEY SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS

David Nolan, Business Studies, Graduated 2006

Anthony Gaskin, Law Student, Graduated November 2010

Xiaoyu (Joey) Sun, Economics and Social Studies

Eoin Hendrick, Business Studies and German

Joseph Harkins, Business Economics and Social Studies (BESS)

Agata Kolodynska, Economics and Social Studies

Robert Price, Economics and Social Studies



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CORK PENNY DINNERS

*An Open Door. A Warm Welcome.
A Hot Meal.*

If you blink, you miss it. A small door located on a side street just a few hundred feet from the River Lee. But once you find the wooden sign on Little Hanover Street and catch the welcoming smell of roast turkey, you'll find your way to the compassionate and delicious work of Cork Penny Dinners.



Cork Penny Dinners is one of the oldest charity organizations in Cork. Established in the 1840s to assist those affected by the Famine, it has remained a beacon of hope in Cork. In an atmosphere of warmth and support, the kitchen's volunteers produce meals for hungry people in Cork 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

"We believe everyone has a place in this world," says Catriona Twomey, longtime volunteer and all-around "mother hen" at Cork Penny Dinners. "Our job here is to make that place welcoming and warm. We ask no questions. We pass no judgment. We're here to look after them."

Regardless of their ability to pay, guests begin arriving in the morning and continue to come throughout the day and into the evening. The door is open and there are fresh flowers on the table. There is no set time for people to come or go and the delicious hot meals are provided as needed. One of the first things you notice is the comfortable camaraderie that exists between the volunteers and the guests. Jokes are exchanged, coffee is passed hand-to-hand, and conversation flows easily between those at the tables and those in the kitchen. In the face of the hard times, everyone there appreciates this positive place and what it brings to the community.

Lately, the hard times have become harder. "Just two years ago we were serving 150 meals over the course of five days a week," says Catriona. "With the recession and the hard times, we're now open every day and serving over 1,000 meals a week."

And the people coming in have changed. Now it's families, younger people, and mothers with children. So we're not only offering hot meals here, but now preparing meals to take-out for those who don't wish to bring children inside. The need has really increased and we're bursting at the seams." Cork Penny Dinners hopes to relocate its space in order to accommodate the increased demand for its services. Its current location has very little storage and no central heating, remaining almost unchanged for decades. The organization is currently fundraising for a new facility and is more than half-way to their funding goals.

Cork Penny Dinners relies entirely on voluntary contributions to operate. Funding from The Ireland Funds *Promising Ireland* Campaign is helping Cork Penny Dinners continue its mission for the people of Cork.



"We are really grateful to The Ireland Funds. The support has made a huge difference to us. The Ireland Funds have given us money that we can plan with and that becomes a safety net. For the people that come to eat, it means that there will always be something there for them."

— *Catrina Twomey, Cork Penny Dinners volunteer*





HABITAT *for* HUMANITY NORTHERN IRELAND

*Building More Than Just Homes.
Building Hope.*

The Ireland Funds have been supporters of Habitat for Humanity Northern Ireland for many years. Donors have visited and volunteered their time and hammers to raise homes and bridge communities. Here, Chief Executive Jenny Williams shares a report on how that work is adapting in order to further Habitat for Humanity's mission in Northern Ireland.

Since 1994, Habitat Northern Ireland has been committed to building a shared future for Northern Ireland by bringing volunteers from across our communities together; delivering real impacts in places where division has left deep scars. Habitat has been a catalyst in breaking down social and religious barriers, building social cohesion and new relationships; building homes, building communities, building hope.

Support from The Ireland Funds has been both an important encouragement and vital enabler of our work; 20,000 volunteers; 100 homes; 9 neighborhoods where Habitat has helped change the future.

These last couple of years have been a real struggle for Habitat NI as we have navigated our way through a changing environment, and for Northern Ireland where too many people continue to cling to the past. In poverty division remains almost absolute, and the legacy of our past has been very visible most recently as people protest over flags—ugly protests uncovering the deep divisions which, despite all the positive progress, remain.

Building new homes for ownership in the middle of the worst recession for years just isn't possible so there were mixed feelings when we dedicated our Templemore Avenue homes last August. But the heart of our work has always been about more than houses.





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We have seen over and over that when people work together on a practical project real change is possible. As we continue to bring people together to help build a shared future we build community and hope. Working in partnership with local homeless charity, Simon Community, we are able to continue to make a real impact for people in need locally and more than 200 young people come together every year as part of our Schools Programme which challenges young people to play their part in changing the future.

In challenging economic times and with an increasing need to be environmentally sustainable we have opened the first Habitat ReStore in Europe, in Lisburn. Just 6 months in and sales, donations and volunteers are already exceeding our expectations. The ReStore is a new hub for our work; a place where the community meet together; a place where low income families are able to improve their homes at a price they can afford and where new relationships are being

nurtured through intentional volunteer programmes. We have 45 volunteers from across the community working every week. We have been focused on providing opportunities for vulnerable or marginalized young people; giving them new skills, partnering them with ‘buddies’ retired volunteers who have so much to give; working together to build community capacity and confidence.

There are plenty of challenges, we need to be more sustainable and in the meantime we need more support but we see real progress and seeing people change brings real joy.

Hope has not gone away, in all of this we see a clear path for peacebuilders—almost as if the ugliness on our streets is deepening the desire in many people for this place to have a different future.

We need continued support as we continue to deliver real impacts through practical engagement, serving those in need, reaching across the divisions to build a shared future for our land.



The new ReStore in Lisburn. The first Habitat ReStore in Europe.



Citibank Staff provided the extra hands ReStore volunteers needed to get the ReStore ready for opening.



ULA & PETER ARE
NEW HOMEOWNERS
IN BELFAST,
THANKS TO HABITAT
FOR HUMANITY
NORTHERN IRELAND



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WE BUILD COMMUNITY AND HOPE.”

Jenny Williams,

Chief Executive of Habitat for Humanity, Northern Ireland

FORÓIGE'S NETWORK FOR TEACHING ENTREPRENEURSHIP

THE IRELAND FUNDS ARE HELPING IRELAND'S YOUNGEST ENTREPRENEURS BUILD BUSINESS, ACADEMIC AND LIFE SKILLS.

Historically, the five P's of marketing have been taught as, "Product, Price, Promotion, Place and People." Foróige's Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship is ensuring that Ireland's children learn a few more such as Pride, Purpose and Possibility. Foróige is Ireland's leading youth organization operating in 26 counties in Ireland. Working with almost 60,000 young people age 10-18 they connect Ireland's young people with clubs, projects and mentoring. Their Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE) is an entrepreneurship education and development program that was first established in the US and brought to Ireland in 2004. It develops business skills and enterprise among young people teaching them not only to develop their own business ideas, but to tap into their confidence and potential to succeed along the way.



NFTE Student Finalists for "Youth Entrepreneur of the Year" with their business product ideas





“Being in business as a young person is brilliant. NFTE taught me how to ship my product overseas and work with companies that can help me distribute. I learned how to get my product shown all around Ireland and even in Canada. Everyone has ideas, you just need the initiative to get up and put them out there. Make them come true.” – *Youth Entrepreneur of the Year: Amy—age 17—an NFTE participant who is now marketing customizable earmuffs and pillows with built-in headphones. A total of 1,500 participants from low income communities set up 850 businesses as part of this year’s NFTE entrepreneurship programme.*



SINCE 2006, The Ireland Funds have supported these in-school and youth center programs. From September to May teachers can attend “NFTE University” where all aspects of establishing and running a small business are taught. Teachers are then certified to teach the program in schools to students. Students receive entrepreneurship training through training, guest speakers, hands-on product development, classroom mentors and field trips to local companies. NFTE is active in 10 countries and each year, the NFTE international chapters converge on NYC for the “Dare to Dream” Awards ceremony where the best business ideas are presented head-to-head with other young people from around the world. To date, over 500,000 young people have received NFTE education around the world.

Not all student business ideas come to full fruition, but there are clear benefits gained simply by going through the NFTE program. Participants in these programs have shown an increase in college attendance rates and in some cases the programs have been the inception for successful businesses run by young people, many of whom are from disadvantaged areas. Research from Harvard University has shown participants:

- Career aspirations increased 44%
- Interest in attending college increased 32%
- Students’ business knowledge increased by 20 times vs. control group
- Leadership behavior increased 13.2%
- Belief that attaining one’s goals is within one’s control significantly increased

“Never before has entrepreneurship education been more important than it is today. I believe that every young person in Ireland should have enterprise education as part of their learning and development. Programmes like NFTE are vital for encouraging young people to establish small indigenous businesses, which ultimately is what our economy needs to climb out of this recession”— *an NFTE Business Mentor*

“We’ve been working with The Ireland Funds over the last four years. We’re hugely grateful because it is changing young people’s lives. The Grant Round has helped us reach over 3,000 young people and train over 100 additional educators. The Grant Round has also helped us develop our curriculum across all of Ireland, North and South. Not only have The Ireland Funds given us money, they’ve given us their time.” – *Maria Doherty, NFTE Program Manager*



LEISURE BUDDIES
YOUTH BUDDIES

*“To the world you may be one person.
But to one person you may be the world.”*

[—Anonymous]

LEISURE BUDDIES is a friendship outreach project run by St. Christopher’s Services in Co. Longford. It pairs people with intellectual disabilities under St. Christopher’s care with volunteers from the community who create support systems and facilitate social opportunities. Leisure Buddies caters for adults who are matched with other adults with similar interests. They meet once a month (or more) for social activities, one-on-one. The friends might attend concerts, have a cup of tea or go to a local theater production. Some of the friendships have been sustained for over a decade. Youth Buddies is a youth group that brings together teens and young adults from local secondary schools for

group outings and community activities. At a time when being social is keenly important, this teen group is a unique opportunity for young people with intellectual disabilities to engage with their peers and feel included in the community. It is clear from chatting with the teens that everyone, intellectually disabled or not, is having a great time. Experts readily cite terms such as “social inclusion” and benefits such as “advancement of social and communications skills” when speaking of initiatives such as Leisure Buddies/Youth Buddies. But those involved with the program simply speak about the power of these friendships.

YOUTH BUDDIES AND LEISURE BUDDIES HAVE BEEN FUNDED BY THE IRELAND FUNDS
PROMISING IRELAND CAMPAIGN GRANT ROUND IN 2012 AND 2013.

"THANKS TO THE FUNDING WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM THE IRELAND FUNDS WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CONTINUE TO RECRUIT MORE VOLUNTEERS IN THE PROJECT. IN PARTICULAR THE YOUTH BUDDIES PROJECT HAS BENEFITED GREATLY FROM THE IRELAND FUNDS GRANTS. WE HAVE RECENTLY TRAINED 4 MORE SUPERVISORS AND 13 MORE TRANSITION YEAR STUDENT VOLUNTEERS. IT HAS PROVEN TO BE A VERY

BENEFICIAL EXPERIENCE FOR THESE YOUNG PEOPLE AND IT ALLOWS VOLUNTEERS AND BUDDIES TO INTERACT WHILE PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT AND PROMOTING SOCIAL INCLUSION. PART OF THE HELP FROM THE IRELAND FUNDS IS BEING USED TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS OUR MONTHLY OUTINGS AND ACTIVITIES. WITHOUT HELP LIKE THIS, OUR LEVEL OF ACTIVITIES WOULD BE INCREDIBLY LIMITED."

[- Michelle Reilly, Leisure Buddies Coordinator]

Steven and Jason



Laura and Cassandra



"I just wish everyone could have this experience. After a while and after getting to know each other, you find you don't even see someone's disability. We just have so much fun together," says Dearbhla, a volunteer.

"My son John has been in Youth Buddies for six years," says Liz. "John is 22 now and he loves it. The program is so important to him, and it's brought a sense of pride to me as a mom. When he comes home from an activity, you know he's had a great day. And it gives me a wee break and a chance to talk to other parents. Not only has it been great for him, but it has taught me how to let go a bit and trust that he'll be OK. Youth Buddies has become a part of our lives."

Dearbhla and Bernard



Baboró BEAST!

The Ireland Funds are helping science, technology, engineering, art and math meet in the classroom.



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- When does a lesson on biodiversity... result in a 3D art installation made of felt?
- How do squishy blue bubbles in a plastic cup... teach children about seaweed as an alternate fuel?
- When does learning about carbon dioxide and its effect on ocean acidification...turn into a poem?

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When the Baboró BEAST! program comes into your classroom.

Since 1997

, the much-acclaimed Baboró International Arts Festival has been known for bringing creative art experiences to children through their weeklong Galway event held every October. In 2012, Baboró expanded its reach and began an ambitious project beyond the Festival: engaging with 8 scientists, 6 artists, 8 teachers and 200 students in 8 primary schools in Galway city and county. Their objective was not only to bring more science exposure to children, but to do it while combining Technology, Engineering, Maths and the Arts.

And so, The Baboró Environment, Arts, Science and Technology project—or BEAST! as it is now known—began. With funding from The Ireland Funds Promising Ireland Campaign Grant Round, this project is now in its second year of bringing scientists and artists from the local community into the classrooms of Galway. “That experience is breaking down the silos in our community and making science creative and fun for these kids,” explains Teenagh Cunningham, General Manager of the Baboró International Arts Festival. “One of the hallmarks is that this is not a ‘hit and run’ program where we come in for a single session. Instead, the children do multiple sessions with visiting scientists all from the Ryan Institute and the National University of Ireland, Galway.”

And it isn’t just the children who benefit. Teachers participate in the workshops, to inspire them to use the arts and creativity in the classroom. “I couldn’t believe they were linking science and the arts but I was convinced I could learn something,” says Geraldine De Paor, a teacher at the Uachtar Ard Primary School. “I can actually say my whole outlook on the teaching of science has changed.”

For the scientists it’s a refreshing way to look at their own research. How do you teach a group of 12 year olds about bacteria? How can you get them excited about using seaweed for fuel? It pushes the scientists to distill their content into basic and exciting lessons for the children. And

for the children it removes the stereotype of a scientist in a white lab coat conducting incomprehensible experiments. Lessons on biodiversity started in the classroom and continued with a trip to a fish hatchery in Connemara. Then, a textile artist came to the classroom to work with the students, who wanted to create a felt wall hanging and 3D models of fish. Best of all, becoming familiar with a scientist or an artist can be an inspiring thing for children. The scientists bring the children to their labs on the college campus with the aim of getting them excited about third-level education through that early familiarity.

“The feedback we’re getting is tremendous,” says Teenagh. “We polled parents, teachers, scientists and children last year and found 99% of the feedback was positive. Baboró has always tried to impact children in a positive way. Some of the positive outcomes we’re seeing include increased engagement; children who don’t always participate are interested and excited. Teachers have reported an increase in teamwork, including teamwork between children of different backgrounds who may not have interacted before. All of those things you have to develop as a young person to succeed.”

Teenagh shares how The Ireland Funds have been an integral part of the young program. “We approached The Ireland Funds about supporting us because it was such a good fit with what The Ireland Funds do: it’s about access, education, developing the whole child to their whole potential. Funding from The Ireland Funds has been one thing, but it has also helped us showcase what we do. The international network that is The Ireland Funds and the massive interest in them is phenomenal. For us, to be able to show the impact that The Ireland Funds can have on a program like this, is just brilliant.”

The best impact may be summed up by Katie, a child involved in the Baboró BEAST! program. When asked “How come you’re happy today?” She simply replied, “Today is Monday, it’s science. Science is really art in a scientific way.”



THE CHILDREN'S MEDICAL & RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin

HEALTHIER
CHILDREN,
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Today, The Ireland Funds are helping Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin out of its previous dark, cramped, substandard space built in the 1950s, to a modern world-class facility serving Ireland's families.



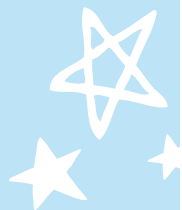



LOUISE'S DAD, KEVIN, remembers the moment he heard the word that strikes fear into the hearts of parents the world over—Leukemia—"I slid down the wall and put my head in my hands." Suddenly an ordinary family was about to embark on a journey of extraordinary emotions in a battle to save their little girl's life.

Less than 24 hours after Louise was diagnosed she was in a bed in Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin braving her first dose of chemotherapy. Unfortunately it would be the first of many intensive treatments, including multiple blood transfusions and heavy doses of steroids. The staff there and the treatments are the best in Ireland, but the infrastructure of the ward itself has long been lacking.

"You've got the best team in the world playing in substandard conditions," says Louise's dad Kevin as he explains the reality of life in the hospital.

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"We were able to go to supporters and say 'We have The Ireland Funds helping us' and that was a great start," explains Joe Quinsey, Chief Executive of The Children's Medical & Research Foundation. "But more importantly than that, The Ireland Funds have stayed with us and allowed us to connect with the broader network so we can sustain and grow. What I saw through our work with The Ireland Funds was it wasn't about the organization, it was about the cause. They had an immediate and passionate connection to what we are representing here which is improving the lives of sick children and their families in Ireland. That is the support we received in spades from The Ireland Funds."

THE Children's Medical & Research Foundation is the driver behind these improvements. As the body that fundraises for Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin, it is helping the Hospital build a new pediatric cancer ward and a new cardiac wing. "Over the years, the technology and chemotherapy here had advanced but



what really hadn't advanced was the infrastructure. It was no longer acceptable to be treating children in the space we had," says Professor Owen Smith, a member of the team that diagnoses and treats cancer in children as well oversees stem cell transplants. "It was small, dark, cramped, and had a high risk of infections as 19 children were sharing two bathrooms. The new facility has restored dignity to their cancer journey. The psycho-social benefits are fantastic. We have a school room for the children and adolescents have their own space as well. Parents can now stay with their children in single rooms that are healthy light-filled spaces with en suite bathrooms. The funding for this facility is absolutely essential."

It is the only facility in Ireland that diagnoses and treats children with cancer and currently provides all cardiac services across Ireland for children with heart disease. Phase I that delivered these improvements is now complete and Phase II which will continue to improve the medication/treatment room, create a new play zone, redesign a school room and improve staff space is underway.

RESEARCH = REAL RESULTS.

Research is another pillar of what The Children's Medical & Research Foundation does for Ireland's children. In 2009 a major renovation of the National Children's Research Centre (NCRC) was undertaken and today the research into pediatric conditions such as autism, obesity, cancers, diabetes and others is

shared not only with Our Lady's Children's Hospital but other pediatric research groups across Ireland. It receives no Government funding relies entirely on philanthropy. "For a small country the amount that we have contributed in terms of surgical research into birth defects is enormous," says Professor Prem Puri, President of NCRC. "If you go into any part of the world and talk to a pediatric surgeon they will know of the NCRC because they will have come across the work that comes out of here."

**THE IRELAND FUNDS—
A LINK TO THE BROADER NETWORK**

Although the hospital is well known in Ireland, the needs and the call for fundraising has up until now not been as well known outside the island. The Children's Medical & Research Foundation approached The American Ireland Fund for advice on fundraising and received much more than just a check. The American Ireland Fund assisted the Foundation in 2013 by helping to coordinate a New York City fundraising Gala that raised US support for the rebuilding of their cancer and cardiac improvements.

AND SO, THE WORK CONTINUES TO HELP CHILDREN LIKE LOUISE AND THEIR FAMILIES. THE IRELAND FUNDS ARE PROUD TO BE A SMALL PART OF THE IMPROVEMENTS TO AN INFRASTRUCTURE THAT SERVES IRELAND'S CHILDREN AT A TIME WHEN THEY ARE MOST VULNERABLE AND IN NEED.



A new state of the art treatment space thanks to the improvements undertaken by The Children's Medical & Research Foundation.



WHAT IS MUSIC GENERATION? MUSIC GENERATION IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO ENSURE THAT THE NEXT GENERATION, IS A MUSICAL GENERATION. IRELAND'S NATIONAL MUSIC EDUCATION PROGRAMME, INITIATED BY MUSIC NETWORK AND FUNDED BY U2 AND THE IRELAND FUNDS IS HELPING OVER 10,000 CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE ACCESS PERFORMANCE MUSIC EDUCATION IN THEIR OWN LOCALITY. EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES HAVE BEEN CREATED FOR OVER 120 PEOPLE.


U2 HAS DONATED €5 MILLION AND THE IRELAND FUNDS HAVE RAISED ANOTHER €2 MILLION IN SUPPORT. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND SKILLS HAS COMMITTED TO DEVELOPING AND SUSTAINING MUSIC EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS IN FUTURE YEARS WHEN THE FIVE-YEAR PHILANTHROPIC COMMITMENT OF U2 AND THE IRELAND FUNDS COMES TO ITS CONCLUSION.



MUSIC EDUCATION FOR
CHILDREN ACROSS IRELAND

Ireland's National Music Education Programme
A Music Network initiative, funded by U2 & The Ireland Funds



A young boy with short brown hair, wearing a black shirt and a striped tie, is playing a red accordion. He is looking down at the instrument with a focused expression. The background is slightly blurred, showing other people in a school setting.

10,000 CHILDREN
HAVE NOW PARTICIPATED
IN MUSIC GENERATION



Twelve year old Fionn Hickey always enjoyed listening to music but never thought he'd have the opportunity to learn to play music himself. He has now been learning guitar for a year through a Music Generation programme at his school in Sunday's Well, Cork City. He takes a group lesson with two of his friends every Thursday. Although also a keen GAA player, he got an electric guitar for Christmas, practises every day and enjoys playing any kind of music, "as long as it's music and you play it." He's learnt to play Adele's "Skyfall" and "Seven Nation Army" by The White Stripes and is considering a career in music. In the meantime, he's moving into secondary school in September and will be able to continue his guitar lessons thanks to a Music Generation programme operating in his new school.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
HAVE BEEN CREATED FOR
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Clare McEvoy a *music graduate* of Queen's University Belfast was completing postgraduate study in the Kodály Institute in Hungary when she came across the Music Generation website and contacted the Louth Co-ordinator. Upon returning to Ireland in 2012 she devised a three-day summer course in Drogheda for Music Generation Louth and has been working on the Let's Sing choral programme since August 2012, teaching primary school children in a number of schools throughout Louth. Clare is delighted with what Music Generation is enabling her to achieve in her career: "Working with children's and youth choirs has always been a passion of mine. Finally I am getting to fulfil that ambition."



**MUSIC GENERATION IS NOW
ACTIVE IN TEN COUNTIES
ACROSS IRELAND**

Mayo mother Michelle Bonner lives in Ballina, Co. Mayo and has five musical children aged 9—19. The eldest, Eoghan, studying to be a Primary School teacher in St. Patrick's College, Drumcondra, plays piano and guitar. Her other children, twins Aoife and Niamh (17), Aisling (10) and Éanna (9) all avail of lessons through Music Generation Mayo. Before Music Generation, Michelle spent many hours driving her children to lessons. Now these four can all be accommodated conveniently in Crossmolina on a Wednesday evening and have had the opportunity to try out new instruments. "It is great for a child to move from singing to guitar/fiddle/flute within the same building on the same day and the calibre of music teachers providing lessons is top class. Éanna really wants to try saxophone and it will be great to avail of the instrument bank for him to try this out."



For further information,
visit www.musicgeneration.ie

The 2013 Ireland Funds Global Young Leaders Worldwide Summit



OVER 150 YOUNG LEADERS REPRESENTING ELEVEN CITIES AND FOUR COUNTRIES DESCENDED ON NEW YORK CITY FOR THE SECOND ANNUAL IRELAND FUNDS GLOBAL YOUNG LEADERS WORLDWIDE SUMMIT.

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DAY 1: The day started at the Nasdaq Marketsite as New York Young Leaders Steering Committee Chair, Rob MacGoey and former Middleweight champion John Duddy joined their Young Leader colleagues to ring the opening bell officially starting the trading day. Later that evening, American Ireland Fund Board Director John Fitzpatrick welcomed the Young Leaders with a reception at his Grand Central Hotel. National Director of the Young Leaders Pat Tully, The Worldwide Ireland Funds President and CEO Kieran McLoughlin, and Chairman of The American Ireland Fund Loretta Brennan Glucksman thanked the Young Leaders for traveling to engage in networking with their peers and learning more about the mission of The Ireland Funds.

DAY 2: The Young Leaders got to work quickly at the Alexandria Center overlooking the East River where American Ireland Fund Board Director Bob McCann gave a stirring keynote speech over breakfast reminding the Young Leaders to stay with the mission. Kieran McLoughlin provided a full update on the *Promising Ireland* Campaign. Caitriona Fottrell, Director of The Ireland Funds gave the Young Leaders an in-depth look at the Grant Round and the programs supported in Ireland because of their efforts. Caitlin Duffy, Director of the Young Leaders in Ireland and Pat Tully gave an update on the progress since the last Summit.

The Young Leaders headed to Times Square for their afternoon business session at the Nasdaq Marketsite where they heard a keynote speech by Wendy Clark, SVP of Integrated Marketing and Communications for the Coca-Cola Company. Pat Tully gave a "State of The Young Leaders" presentation during which he updated them on the progress of their goal of raising \$1.35 million before the end of the *Promising Ireland* Campaign. The Young Leaders heard updates from the Steering Committee Chairs of each city and the afternoon was completed with a reception and live viewing of the Nasdaq closing bell.

Young Leaders headed to the American Irish Historical Society (AIHS) overlooking the Metropolitan Museum of Art for a reception hosted by 2012 NY Gala Dinner Co-Chair, Brian Ruane. Ireland's Consul General in New York, Noel Kilkenny thanked the Young Leaders for their commitment to Ireland and later, the Young Leaders headed down Fifth Avenue to The Metropolitan Club where they enjoyed dinner overlooking Central Park hosted by American Ireland Fund Board Director, John Duffy. Comedian Seth Herzog of *Late Night with Jimmy Fallon* entertained and from there, the Young Leaders headed to Ken McCoy's Pig N' Whistle on Second Avenue.



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DAY 3: The Young Leaders arrived at the state-of-the-art worldwide headquarters of Bloomberg for a day of strategy discussion. Caitlin Duffy presented on the work of the Dublin Young Leaders and outlined the projects developed by The Ireland Funds including No Mind Left Behind, The Business Plan Competition and Music Generation. The Young Leaders had dinner at Randy Gerber’s Stone Rose Lounge. Following dinner, a roundtable discussion was hosted by CBS News’ Lonnie Quinn with guests John “The Derry Destroyer” Duddy, entrepreneur Trevor Madigan of Vision Labs and Pauline Turley of the Irish Arts Center. Kieran McLoughlin thanked celebrity Chef Marc Murphy for an incredible meal and the celebration continued.

DAY 4: On Sunday, The Young Leaders joined together for brunch at Young Leader Croine O’Halloren’s Tavern 29. The Summit came to a close with a final toast and goodbyes. Attendees left the Summit with a deeper understanding and appreciation of the mission and the network. A show of hands indicated that many of them would be together again at the K Club in Ireland in June for The Annual Worldwide Ireland Funds Conference 2013.



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- 1 Breakout sessions at Bloomberg Worldwide Headquarters
- 2 The Young Leaders at The Metropolitan Club
- 3 Comedian Seth Herzog, Caitlin Duffy, John Duffy at the Metropolitan Club
- 4 Young Leaders at the Stone Rose Lounge
- 5 Caitriona Ryan, Terrance Doran, Anne Daly at the Stone Rose Lounge

- 6 Young Leaders ring the opening bell at Nasdaq
- 7 Bob McCann addresses the Young Leaders at the Alexandria Center
- 8 Caitlin Duffy, Lonnie Quinn, Trevor Madigan, Pauline Turley, John Duddy, Patrick Tully at the Stone Rose Lounge



THE AMERICAN
IRELAND FUND

Young Leaders

The Young Leaders Society attracts business professionals ages 25-40. Paving the way for the future, the Society cultivates an emerging generation of philanthropists while providing a networking forum and a connection with modern Ireland. With vibrant events around the world, members have raised over \$1 million for the work of The Ireland Funds. Visit www.theirelandfunds.org/young-leaders to join, read the blog, and learn about the benefits of membership. To learn more about The American Ireland Fund Young Leaders contact Pat Tully at ptully@irlfunds.org. To learn more about The Ireland Fund Young Leaders in Ireland/UK/Europe contact Caitlin Duffy at cduffy@irlfunds.org

Young Leaders Society Membership Levels

GLOBAL PATRON — \$1,000

All of the benefits of the Friend and Associate levels plus these additional benefits:

- Admission for one to an Ireland Funds Dinner Gala in the city of your choice
- Listing on Host Committee for the signature Young Leaders event in your home city
- Selected access to The American Ireland Fund's Board Directors, a group including top executives in finance, government, the arts, and communications

ASSOCIATE — \$250 or \$500 (fee dependent on city)

All of the benefits of the Friend level plus these additional benefits:

- Admission for one to the local signature Young Leaders event in your home city
- Access to The American Ireland Fund's Board Directors, a group including top executives in finance, government, the arts, and communications
- Discounts at Fitzpatrick Hotels, NYC & Dublin
- The opportunity to join The American Ireland Fund Golf Society at a special Young Leaders rate of \$500 (regularly \$1,000)
- Admission for one to the Annual Young Leaders Global Summit
- Invitation and discounted admission to the annual Worldwide Ireland Funds Conference in Ireland
- Access to The Young Leaders Society online Membership Directory



FRIEND OF THE FUND — \$100

- Complimentary and discounted admission to exclusive Irish cultural and philanthropic events throughout the year
- Discounted invitation to the Annual Dinner Gala in your home city
- Subscriptions to publications including *Connect* – the magazine of The Worldwide Ireland Funds & Young Leaders news updates
- Invitation and discounted admission to the annual Worldwide Ireland Funds Conference in Ireland

NEWS

Honorary Degrees were conferred upon three pillars of The American Ireland Fund's leadership



Loretta Brennan Glucksman

CHAIRMAN OF THE AMERICAN IRELAND FUND

Distinguished US philanthropist Loretta Brennan Glucksman received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, (LLD) in July, 2013 from the University of Ulster in recognition of her services to peace and reconciliation in Ireland and Northern Ireland. In November 2012, she received a Presidential Distinguished Service Award for Irish Abroad in recognition of her outstanding contribution to Ireland and the Irish community overseas.



Ambassador Dan Rooney

CO-FOUNDER OF THE AMERICAN IRELAND FUND

Distinguished US diplomat and former US Ambassador to Ireland, Daniel M Rooney received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, (LLD) in July, 2013 from the University of Ulster, in recognition of his services to peace and reconciliation across the island of Ireland. He is the recipient of The American Ireland Fund's Lifetime Achievement Award, and is an honorary CBE in recognition of his contribution to the Irish peace process. During the Troubles, Dan Rooney worked with political leaders such as John Hume and David Trimble to bridge the divide and promote understanding and tolerance. He founded an annual prize for Irish Literature in 1987, and co-founded the Ireland Institution of Pittsburgh.



John Fitzpatrick

CHAIRMAN-ELECT OF THE AMERICAN IRELAND FUND

John was honored in June, 2013 by Dublin City University. As a successful businessman and pioneering philanthropist, he is widely recognized for his committed work with The Ireland Funds. As President and CEO of the Fitzpatrick Hotel Group, he oversees the running of two hotels in New York and has celebrated 21 years in business in the city. In 2008, John received an OBE in recognition of his contribution to the peace process in Northern Ireland.



The Worldwide Ireland Funds

2013 CONFERENCE



The largest-ever assembly of supporters gathered for The Worldwide Ireland Funds 2013 Conference in Kildare. It was an important opportunity for donors to see first-hand the success and impact of The Ireland Funds *Promising Ireland* Campaign on Irish charities across Ireland and around the world.



DAY ONE

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A welcome lunch was held at the legendary K Club where the Conference was based. Supporters were welcomed by President & CEO Kieran McLoughlin who provided an overview of the three days to come. He introduced Young Leader and Chief Executive of the Gaelic Players Association Dessie Farrell and Chairman Hugo MacNeill of The Ireland Funds in Ireland. They both spoke about the importance of the *Promising Ireland* Campaign and the donors' upcoming visits that afternoon to projects that had benefited from the Campaign.

Supporters then broke into small groups that visited 12 projects in the Dublin area. The Belvedere Youth Club, the Esker Amateur Boxing Club, An Cosán, Trinity Access Programmes, Undergraduate Awards, Barnardos, Barretstown, Kids in the Kitchen, Fighting Words, Headstrong & Gaelic Players Association, Social Entrepreneurs Ireland and the Irish Georgian Society showcased their work and difference that The Ireland Funds *Promising Ireland* Campaign had made. Most importantly, it was an opportunity for donors to see the tremendous results of their philanthropy and relationships with The Ireland Funds. For the projects, it was a chance to extend their heartfelt thanks to donors.

The Conference then went to Áras An Uachtaráin, the home of the President of Ireland Michael D. Higgins. Each guest was welcomed by President Higgins and his wife Sabina. President Higgins addressed those gathered and congratulated The Worldwide Ireland Funds on what they have achieved for Ireland since establishment in 1976. He announced that the *Promising Ireland* Campaign had an initial goal to raise \$100 million but would in fact achieve \$150 million by its close at the end of 2013. The President noted that 1,200 charities across Ireland have benefited from the work of The Ireland Funds. It was a remarkable announcement that was enthusiastically received by the delegates representing many of the 12 countries where The Ireland Funds operate.



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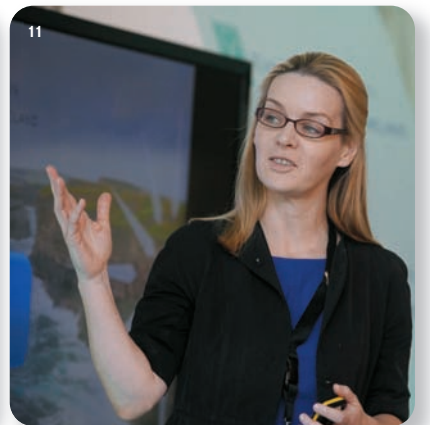
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DAY TWO

Following a meeting of The American Ireland Fund Board of Directors, Kieran McLoughlin, President & CEO of The Worldwide Ireland Funds welcomed the delegates to the plenary session of the Conference where they discussed the state of The Ireland Funds and their future. He presented “relationship” as the theme of the plenary session, in particular the powerful relationship between the donors and Ireland.

Cilian Fennell, TV producer and story-teller, began the plenary with a reflection on the development of “Irishness” and the ties that bring the diaspora together. He applauded the care that The Ireland Funds and their donors demonstrated towards the island. He concluded by comparing them to the poets and artists of Ireland, pointing that philanthropy was the donors’ “paintbrush and poem” for changing and strengthening Ireland.

Kieran McLoughlin continued the plenary session by sharing a report on the state of the Funds over the past year, and urged donors to think of The Ireland Funds as an embodiment of “private giving for the public good.” He pointed to The Ireland Funds not as a charity, but as a community and a “fellowship focused on philanthropy.” He recapped the success of The *Promising Ireland* Campaign because of the generosity of this community and reminded those gathered that 100% of funds raised were from private philanthropic sources at no cost to the taxpayer. Over 350 organizations across Ireland and around the world had benefited from the *Promising Ireland* Campaign so far and donors should feel proud that one third of the organization’s total earnings had been achieved in the last five years.

Director Ireland Caitriona Fottrell presented on the deep needs of the nonprofit sector across Ireland. She highlighted the excellence of so many organizations in Ireland and how key the support of The Ireland Funds was to their success. She outlined the ways in which The Ireland Funds were helping from grant making to mentorship of organizations to identifying key areas of need and emerging leaders in the sector. The programs

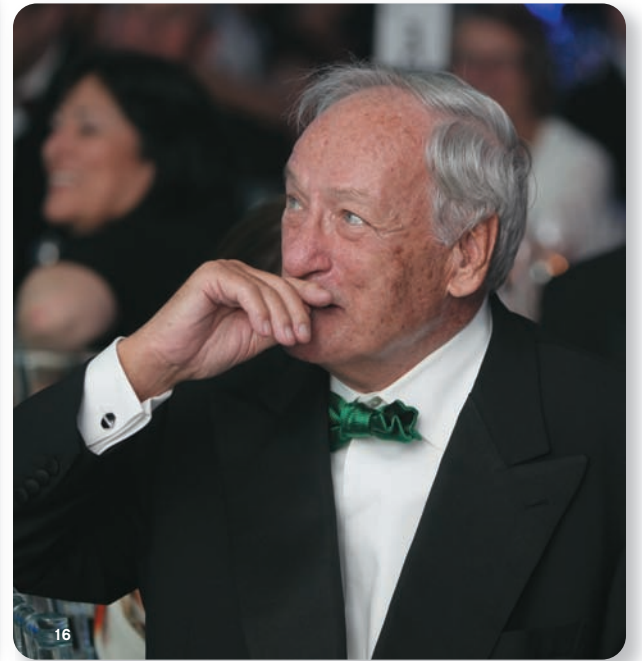
developed by The Ireland Funds such as No Mind Left Behind, The US Northern Ireland Mentorship Program, Music Generation and The Ireland Funds Business Plan Competition are delivering positive outcomes to Ireland.

Pat Tully and Caitlin Duffy presented to the Young Leaders gathered at the Conference on the accomplishments of the Young Leaders Society over the past year and gave a city-by-city summary of what each chapter was doing. They covered events, recruiting, and the annual NYC Summit and its objectives. Pat shared suggestions that had been submitted by Young Leaders for new initiatives and made the announcement that the Young Leaders had now raised over \$1 million in unrestricted income for the work of The Ireland Funds.

That evening, the Gala was held on the grounds of the K Club. The evening’s guest of honor was An Taoiseach Enda Kenny who came to celebrate the *Promising Ireland* Campaign’s milestone accomplishment. An Taoiseach expressed his pride in the work of The Ireland Funds and the difference those in the room had made for Ireland at a most difficult time. The night also marked the 41st Annual American Ireland Fund AWB Vincent Literary Award. Kieran McLoughlin used the occasion to recall the unique spirit of the late Billy Vincent for whom the award was named. Maryon Davies Lewis, longtime supporter of the Literary Award was present and Kieran thanked her for her generosity. Author Roddy Doyle—co-founder of Fighting Words, a creative writing centre for young people supported by The Ireland Funds—won the 2013 award. He spoke about the transformative power of writing for the thousands of children that had been reached by Fighting Words. He concluded by announcing to a standing ovation, that he would be giving his prize of 25,000 euro to Fighting Words to continue their work.

Co-founder of The Ireland Funds Dan Rooney took the podium to speak of Chairman Loretta Brennan Glucksman’s extraordinary role with The American Ireland Fund. He recounted stories of her grace and humor over the years and she was welcomed to the stage with a standing ovation from those gathered. Loretta gave a heartfelt and emotional thank you to Ireland Fund supporters for all they had accomplished during her period as Chairman. Kieran McLoughlin produced the surprise of the evening—a portrait of Loretta by the great Irish artist James Hanley. Hanley came to the stage to present Loretta this very special memento of her faithfulness to Ireland and to the work of The Ireland Funds. Loretta left the stage to a second standing ovation as supporters recognized her final Ireland Funds Conference in the role of Chairman.

The evening continued back at the K-Club. It was filled with song, camaraderie and the craic that is a hallmark at The Ireland Funds Annual Conference.



DAY THREE

The final day of the Conference allowed supporters to enjoy time together in this beautiful area of Ireland. Groups visited Russborough House, considered the best example of Palladian architecture and the historic home of Sir Alfred and Lady Beit, for private tours and lunch. This was followed by a tour of Ireland's National Stud and Japanese Gardens where they learned about Ireland's grand tradition of raising some of the best racehorses in the world.

Another group golfed the legendary course at the K Club. It was "Ireland vs. the rest of the world" and at the end of a day that showcased every type of Irish weather from pouring rain to brilliant sunshine, the Irish team came out on top with all golfers smiling.

The Conference came to its official close with a celebration at the restored historic village at Lyon on the banks of the Grand Canal. Supporters reconvened for a final evening together and the highlight of the evening was pausing to remember once again the compassion and style of longtime Ireland Funds supporter, the late AWB Vincent. Kieran McLoughlin, Dr. Maurice Hayes, Bill Cullen and finally Loretta Brennan Glucksman each spoke movingly of their memories of "Billy" and his legacy to Ireland and The Ireland Funds.

Supporters left Kildare with a renewed understanding of their relationship to Ireland and the role that The Ireland Funds play in facilitating that relationship. The three days in Kildare strengthened the global Irish making a difference together.





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1 & 2 The K Club, County Kildare
 3 Sabina & President Michael D. Higgins,
 Loretta Brennan Glucksman
 4 Sabina Higgins, Ambassador
 Dan Rooney, President
 Michael D. Higgins
 5 President Michael D. Higgins welcomes
 the guests to Áras an Uachtaráin
 6 Attendees of the Conference

7 Tim O'Dea, Peggy McQuade,
 Gene McQuade, Avril McHugh, Kelly
 Dragelin, John Fitzpatrick, Caitlin Duffy,
 Dee Ahern
 8 Pepper & Michael Jackson, Lore Dodge,
 Donogh Cahill, Christina McInerney,
 Sheila O'Malley
 9 Loretta Brennan Glucksman,
 John Fitzpatrick
 10 Bart Murphy and Roddy Doyle

11 Caitriona Fottrell
 12 Loretta Brennan Glucksman
 13 Annette Foley, Hugo MacNeill,
 Ronan Foley, Emer Gilvarry
 14 Kieran McLoughlin
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 16 Denis Healy
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 Niamh & Michael Flatley
 18 Kip Condon



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19 Pat Tully, Jim Quinn, George Egan,
Gene McQuade
20 Tara McCabe, Megan Molloy
21 Alayne Kane, John Kane
22 Dessie Farrell, Anthony Callaghan,
Shane Naughton, Richie Huggard
23 Pauline Ryan at the National Stud

24 Margaret Hayhurst at
Russborough House
25 Orla Murray, Caitlin Duffy, Megan Molloy,
Genevieve LeFevour, Grainne Lawlor
26 Maurice Hayes
27 Tom Meagher, Loretta Brennan
Glucksman, Diane Meagher

28 Caitriona Fottrell, Tom Quick,
Lore Dodge
29 At the National Stud
30 Craig & Maureen Sullivan
31 Missy O'Neill, Emmett O'Neill, Loretta
Brennan Glucksman, Tom O'Neill

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GEORGE MOORE, BOARD DIRECTOR OF THE AMERICAN IRELAND FUND AND HEAD OF THE AMERICAN IRELAND FUND'S FINANCE COMMITTEE, PASSED AWAY IN MAY OF 2013.

Regarded as one of the most successful Irish-American businessmen of his time, George established Targus Information in Virginia and bought into Erne Heritage Holdings, parent company of Belleek China and Galway Irish Crystal.

His Irish philanthropic and Irish interests were extensive. In addition to serving on the Board of The American Ireland Fund, he served on the boards of the Northern Ireland Trade and Investment Council, The Flax Trust, and the Taoiseach's economic advisory board. He was the Trustee of the Northern Ireland Memorial Fund and was involved with the Irish Technology Leadership Group as well as the Global Irish Economic Forum. He received the Outstanding Alumnus Award from University College Dublin in 1991 and was awarded an honorary doctorate in sciences by the University of Ulster in 2006. In 2007, he received an honorary CBE from Queen Elizabeth in recognition of his contribution to Northern Ireland's economy. He and his wife Angela were key donors to the University College Dublin Science Centre.

Kieran McLoughlin, President & CEO of The Worldwide Ireland Funds said, "George's untimely passing is first and foremost a devastating loss for Angela and their family. In addition, his death is an enormous loss to Ireland, Irish America and philanthropy everywhere."



New York Dinner Gala Kickoff

FEBRUARY, 2013 The American Ireland Fund launched the Kickoff to the May 30/13 New York Dinner Gala in the historic **Metropolitan Club**. Over 150 guests were welcomed by President & CEO **Kieran McLoughlin** who introduced the Dinner Co-Chairs; **Adrian Jones**, Managing Director of **Goldman Sachs** and **John Fitzpatrick**, CEO of Fitzpatrick Hotel Group. Kieran McLoughlin reported on the great progress of the *Promising Ireland* Campaign raising over \$1 million each month for Irish charities in need across Ireland. Kieran also revealed that the honoree for the event would be Chairman of The American Ireland Fund, **Loretta Brennan Glucksman**.

- 1 Kickoff Reception
- 2 Shane Naughton, Shaun Kelly, John O'Donoghue
- 3 Chairmen's Committee Dinner



New York Leadership Forum with Wilbur Ross

FEBRUARY, 2013 Key supporters gathered at the AIF Offices for a Leadership Forum addressed by **Wilbur Ross**, CEO & Chairman, **WL Ross & Co. LLC**. Wilbur is a market mover in industries as diverse as foreign investment, steel, coal and telecommunications. Wilbur made a milestone investment in **Bank of Ireland** in 2011. This was the first major investment not only in an Irish bank, but in any European bank since the onset of the European sovereign debt crisis. Wilbur delivered an analysis of the Irish banking system and spoke positively about Ireland's recovery which has been helped by the Government's reform program, especially regarding mortgages and spending.

- 1 Loretta Brennan Glucksman, Wilbur Ross
- 2 Pat Broe, Loretta Brennan Glucksman
- 3 Robert Garrett, William Frank, John Gardiner



- 1 Aisling McDonagh, John Fitzpatrick, Ann Murtagh
- 2 James Fiore, Charle Webb, Dean Thomas, Greg Mintz
- 3 Supporters enjoying the live auction
- 4 Honoree Chris O'Dowd
- 5 Co-Chairs Rachel Conlan, Bernadette McCabe Kelly and David McCormack with Jameson Irish Spirit Award Winner, Chris O'Dowd
- 6 Dawn O'Porter & Chris O'Dowd

New York Young Leaders St. Patrick's Celebration

MARCH, 2013 Over 700 Young Leaders and friends of The American Ireland Fund met up for the 8th annual St. Patrick's Celebration. This signature fundraising event for the New York Young Leaders was held at **Capitale**. The evening raised support for The Ireland Funds *Promising Ireland* Campaign to assist charities in Ireland and around the globe. The program was led by the Co-Chairs **Bernadette McCabe Kelly, David McCormack** and **Rachel Conlan**. The first honoree was Ireland's Deputy Consul General to New York, **Peter Ryan**. Peter was the recipient of the inaugural **Dylan Smith Community Service Award**. The award is in honor of Dylan's bravery during Superstorm Sandy. Dylan saved six people from drowning in Belle Harbor with the use of his surfboard. Soon after, Dylan tragically died in a surfing accident. The award was given to Peter for his dedication to the recovery effort after Superstorm Sandy. Peter coordinated local Irish organizations to work together in the Rockaways and Breezy Point for a series of service days titled "Irish Day of Action." Ireland's Minister for Transportation, **Alan Kelly** complimented the Young Leaders on their fundraising efforts and recognized the important work of The American Ireland Fund on the ground in Ireland. The second honoree was actor **Chris O'Dowd**. Chris was presented with the **Jameson Irish Spirit Award**. He spoke about what he felt the "Irish Spirit" was and how the Irish people were at their best when telling stories. He went on to tell a few stories of his own to the delight of the supporters. The night continued with an after-party on Stone Street at our sponsors taverns: **Stone Street Tavern, Becketts** and **The Dubliner**. Special thanks to our presenting sponsor, **Jameson Irish Whiskey** as well as the following sponsors: **PWC, McNamara Options LLC, Sixpoint Brewery, Kennedy Computer Consulting** and **Aer Lingus**.



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The 38th Annual New York Dinner Gala

MAY, 2013 The 2013 American Ireland Fund Gala exceeded its target by \$500,000 and in total raised \$3 million in support of The Worldwide Ireland Funds' *Promising Ireland* Campaign to assist Irish charities. Among those charities helped was the **Wicklow Hospice** whose patron, Oscar-winning actor **Daniel Day Lewis**, made a rare appearance to acknowledge the Fund's support. "Having Daniel Day Lewis present was remarkable," said President & CEO of The Worldwide Funds **Kieran McLoughlin**, "We were delighted to have such a celebrated actor show his support and solidarity with Ireland." Over 1,100 guests from the spheres of business, the arts and politics attended the 38th Annual Gala at the **Grand Hyatt New York at Grand Central**. It is the largest of the 100 global events hosted annually by The Worldwide Ireland Funds. The 2013 Gala honored **Loretta Brennan Glucksman**, outgoing Chairman of The American Ireland Fund. Under her 18-year tenure, The American Ireland Fund has become one of the largest private funding sources for not-for-profits across the island of Ireland. The award also recognized Loretta's personal generosity in having contributed over \$27 million to The American Ireland Fund in support of numerous causes and institutions. Also honored was **James E. Quinn**, former President of **Tiffany & Company**, in recognition of his corporate leadership, philanthropy and commitment to Ireland. Jim is a longtime supporter of The American Ireland Fund as well as the **Michael Smurfit School of Business**, Ireland's leading business school. The 2013 American Ireland Fund New York Dinner Gala was chaired by **John Fitzpatrick**, CEO of **Fitzpatrick Hotel Group NA** and **Adrian M. Jones**, Managing Director of **Goldman, Sachs & Co.** Kieran McLoughlin, President & CEO of The Worldwide Ireland Funds said, "The generosity and commitment of our donors is the engine behind tonight's milestone event. Tonight brings the total amount raised since our inception in 1976 to over \$450 million, with almost one third of that total raised in just the past four and a half years alone. The *Promising Ireland* Campaign has now provided vital support to more than 350 outstanding charities in Ireland and around the world."

- 1 Loretta Brennan Glucksman, Dan Rooney
- 2 Daniel Day Lewis
- 3 New York Dinner Committee
- 4 Hugh Gordon, Irial Finan and guests
- 5 Mary & Shaun Kelly
- 6 Les Quick, Jim Quinn, Tom Quick
- 7 Alison & Duncan Niederauer
- 8 Anne Anderson, Marion & Elie Wiesel, Frank Lowe
- 9 John Fitzpatrick, Loretta Brennan Glucksman
- 10 John Sharky, Guest
- 11 Daniel Day Lewis, Loretta Brennan Glucksman, Evanne Cahill
- 12 John Fitzpatrick
- 13 The Grand Hyatt at Grand Central
- 14 Adrian Jones
- 15 Pat & Paula Broe, Guests
- 16 Kieran McLoughlin, Daniel Day Lewis
- 17 Room shot
- 18 Lore Dodge, Tom Quick
- 19 Dan Rooney, Loretta Brennan Glucksman, Kieran McLoughlin





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New York Gallery Circle ONCE on Broadway

MAY, 2013 Over forty members of the 38th annual New York Gala Dinner Committee attended a Gallery Circle event and joined Chairman **Loretta Brennan Glucksman** to celebrate the success of the \$3 million they helped collectively raise for the *Promising Ireland* Campaign. They attended a memorable performance of the TONY Award winning hit, **ONCE** on Broadway at the **Bernard B. Jacobs Theatre**. Winner of eight 2012 Tony Awards including BEST MUSICAL, ONCE is a truly original Broadway experience. Special thanks to all of our loyal committee volunteers who together "Once" again made this year's New York Gala one to remember.

- 1 John & Keelin McCormack, John Sharkey, Loretta Brennan Glucksman, Helen Sharkey
- 2 Anne & Anthony Callaghan
- 3 Anna & Brian Ruane



Irish Women's Group hosts an evening with Renee Haugerud and Kathleen Kelley

JUNE, 2013 Over 50 supporters of the AIF Women's Group gathered to welcome two outstanding women of Wall Street: **Kathleen Kelley**, CIO of **Queen Anne's Gate Capital** and **Renee Haugerud**, CIO of **Galtere**, for an evening of wine, hors d'oeuvres and a discussion with emcee, **Pat Tully**, New York Director of the AIF. Kathleen and Renee spoke candidly about their experiences in their roles as Chief Investment Officers on Wall Street. Both women are founders of their own macro hedge funds and believe aspects of the female approach to risk management have attributed to their success. They emphasized the need for women to support one another in the business world. Topics discussion ranged from the current and future state of the Irish economy to Ireland's economic potential.

- 1 Kathleen Kelley, Patrick Tully, Renée Haugerud and Liadain Conlan
- 2 Alice Carroll, Margaret Molloy, Fanny Trataros, Bernadette Heward Davida
- 3 Group Discussion



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Palm Beach Emerald Valentine Celebration

FEBRUARY, 2013 Nearly 270 friends and supporters gathered at **The Breakers** for The American Ireland Fund's Palm Beach Emerald Valentine Celebration. **Michael Gibbons** and **Thomas C. Quick** were the Dinner Co-Chairmen, and the Honorary Co-Chairs were **Loretta Brennan Glucksman**, **Michele & Howard Kessler** and **Hillie Mahoney**. The American Ireland Fund honored **William B. Finneran**, Founding Partner, **EXOP Capital LLC**; and Chairman and CEO, **Edison Control Corporation**, with its 2013 American Ireland Fund Business Leadership Award in recognition of his business acumen and philanthropic commitments. A live auction was conducted by Tom Quick for two oil paintings by acclaimed Irish artist **Hugh O'Neill**. The paintings were donated by O'Neill, and **Cynthia & Michael Gibbons**. The evening raised nearly \$400,000 and drew guests that included **Paul Gleeson**, the Consul General Of Ireland in Atlanta; members of the Irish American US Council; former US Ambassador to Ireland **Tom Foley**; **Dr. Maeve Hilary**; **Mila & The Honorable Brian Mulroney**, Canada's former Prime Minister; Ambassador **Nancy Brinker**, former ambassador to Hungary; **Dennis Swanson**; **Hilary & Wilbur Ross**, **Peggy & Kip Condron**, **Suzanne & Bob Wright**, **Rebecca & Bill Dunn**, **Jackie & Jim Higgins**, and **Michele & Howard Kessler**.

- 1 Bill Finneran, Carol Rohrig
- 2 Right Honorable Brian Mulroney, Kieran McLoughlin
- 3 Lucy Musso, Tom Quick and Loretta Brennan Glucksman
- 4 Michele & Howard Kessler
- 5 The Breakers
- 6 Hilary & Wilbur Ross
- 7 Cynthia & Michael Gibbons



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- 1 Fran McCartan, Steve Lenox, Michael Nolan
- 2 Molly Early and Jason Early
- 3 Guests arrive in style

Philadelphia Young Leaders Spring Celebration

MAY, 2013 The Philadelphia chapter of the Young Leaders hosted their inaugural Spring Celebration at the magnificent **Franklin Institute** in Center City Philadelphia. National Director of the Young Leaders, **Pat Tully**, welcomed guests and Philadelphia Young Leaders Steering Chair, **Jason Early** encouraged the guests to get involved in the growing chapter in Philadelphia. Pat Tully began the live auction that included VIP passes to the US Open golf tournament, taking place in the greater Philadelphia area. NY Young Leader Christine Chase also donated VIP access to **Mercedes-Benz** New York Fashion Week. Thanks to the committee including Jason Early, **Chris Carroll**, **Fran McCartan** and **Michael Nolan**. Special thanks to sponsors: **Jameson**, **Janney**, **The Brian H. Early Foundation**, and **Buckingham Research**.



Washington DC Young Leaders Kick off to St. Patrick's Day

MARCH, 2013 The American Ireland Fund DC Young Leaders and friends gathered in DC to ring in the 2013 St. Patrick's Day season. Over 100 young professionals gathered at **BlackFinn Saloon** in Washington, DC for the Kickoff to St. Patrick's Day event. There was live music featuring **Conor Malone**, and raffle prizes included tickets to a **Washington Capital's** game and to The American Ireland Fund Washington, DC 21st National Gala. The event promoted AIF DC Young Leaders' membership and fundraising and introduced new friends to the mission of The American Ireland Fund.

- 1 Mark Siegel, Kevin Murphy, Megan Molloy, Patrick Martin, Hammad Atassi
- 2 Drew Walsh, Christina Svolopoulos Robbins, guests
- 3 guests



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Washington DC 21st National Gala

MARCH, 2013 Over 750 influential American and Irish political and corporate leaders gathered at the **National Building Museum** to honor US Senator **Patrick Toomey** (R-PA) and US Senator **Kirsten Gillibrand** (D-NY) as they were presented with the 2013 American Ireland Fund Leadership Award. In addition, Ambassador **Daniel Rooney** (former United States Ambassador to Ireland) and Ambassador **Michael Collins** (Ambassador of Ireland to the United States) received The American Ireland Fund Public Service Award for their contributions to Ireland and Irish-America. Gala Chair **Mark H. Tuohey** and Honorary Chairs of the Gala: **Sir Peter Westmacott**, British Ambassador to US; Hon. **Peter T. King** and Hon. **Richard E. Neal** ensured evening was a highlight of the DC St. Patrick's Day season. **Margaret Brennan**, CBS News correspondent, served as the evening's emcee. **Kieran McLoughlin**, President & CEO of The Worldwide Ireland Funds welcomed those gathered and outlined the many achievements of The Ireland Funds *Promising Ireland* Campaign and the difference donors' generosity was making for hundreds of Irish charities. Kieran then introduced **Loretta Brennan Glucksman**, Chairman of The American Ireland Fund who welcomed supporters and introduced the evening's Honorary Chair and keynote speaker, An Taoiseach **Enda Kenny**.

An Taoiseach spoke on Ireland's ongoing economic recovery and went on to express deep gratitude to The American Ireland Fund for its commitment to the island through philanthropy and partnership. "The American Ireland Fund has provided extraordinary support for Ireland. Its communities and causes and above all, the cause of peace," said the Taoiseach.

The evening continued with world-renowned flutist **Sir James Galway** taking to the stage to entertain guests with Irish music and stories. Ambassador Michael Collins spoke about the deep ties between Ireland and the US and noted that The American Ireland Fund had been there for Ireland through good times as well as difficult times. Ambassador Dan Rooney delivered a message by video and spoke on the history of the organization and its ongoing mission to assist Ireland. The evening continued with the 2013 American Ireland Fund Leadership Awards given to US Senator Patrick Toomey (R-PA) and US Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) who spoke about their pride in the contributions of Irish America to society, culture and business.

- 1 President and CEO of The Worldwide Ireland Funds Kieran McLoughlin welcomes An Taoiseach Enda Kenny. Background center: An Tanaiste Eamon Gilmore
- 2 The National Building Museum
- 3 An Taoiseach Enda Kenny with Sen. Patrick Leahy and Ambassador Michael Collins
- 4 Gala Chair Mark Tuohey and Emcee Margaret Brennan
- 5 U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) recipient of the 2013 American Ireland Fund Leadership Award
- 6 Gary McSharry, Anne Daly, Megan Molloy, Joe Tully
- 7 Loretta Brennan Glucksman, US Senator Patrick Toomey (R-PA) recipient of the 2013 American Ireland Fund Leadership Award, Kieran McLoughlin
- 8 Sir James Galway



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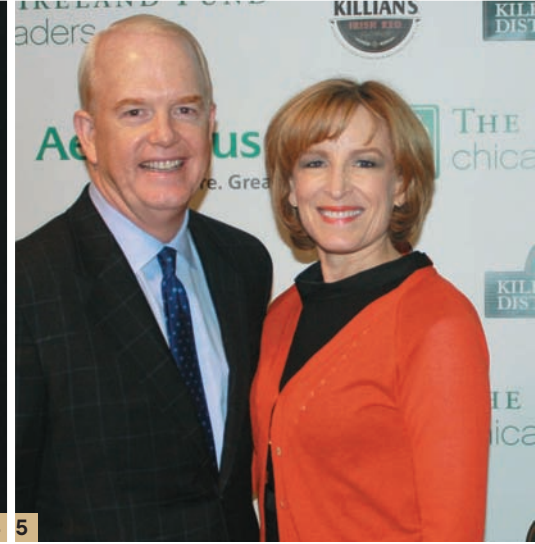


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Chicago Young Leaders Green Gala

MARCH, 2013 A sold-out crowd of Young Leaders celebrated the 3rd Annual Winter Green Gala on the 99th floor of the Willis Tower. The Young Leaders honored Chicago Bear **Robbie Gould**, the fourth most-accurate place kicker in NFL history, with the 2013 Young Leaders Leadership Award. Young Leaders from other chapters across the country including Board Director **Tara McCabe**. **Pat Tully**, the National Chair of the Young Leaders, welcomed everyone and gave an update on the Young Leaders worldwide. Several members of the Regional Advisory Board including Former Ambassador **Jim Kenny**, his wife **Margaret**, **Gavin & Caroline Tierney** and **Ted Brombach** shared in the excitement of the evening. Thank you to the 2013 Green Gala Planning Committee who worked tirelessly to make this event such a success. Thank you also to our generous sponsors. **Aer Lingus**, **Kilbeggan Irish Whiskey**, **Beam Global**, **Killians Irish Red**, **Private Bank**, **Murphy's Irish Stout**, **Grosvenor Capital, LLP**, **Tom & Diane Meagher**, **John & Barbara Keeley** and **Michael & Kay O'Halleran**.

- 1 Chicago Young Leader Chair Nick Parrish with Chicago Bears Robbie Gould, recipient of The American Ireland Fund Young Leaders 2013 Leadership Award
- 2 Bernadette McCabe Kelly, Dan Sullivan, Tara McCabe, Bill Kelly, Nicole Tramontano, Christine Chase, Marc Ryan and Kelly Ryan
- 3 Beth Montoya, Jim Phelan
- 4 Chicago Young Leader Committee:
Back Row L to R: Emmet O'Neill, Bridget Monahan, Nick Parrish, Patrick Ryan, Alan Dalton
Front Row from L to R: Chad and Colleen Richardson, Meghan Lee, Kat Woodruff
- 5 Former US Ambassador to Ireland Jim Kenny and his wife Margaret
- 6 Chad & Colleen Richardson



Chicago Leadership Forum with Former President of Ireland Mary McAleese

APRIL, 2013 Mrs. Mary McAleese, the former President of Ireland, addressed supporters of The American Ireland Fund at a roundtable breakfast. Mrs. McAleese served as the eighth President of Ireland from 1997 to 2011 serving the maximum two terms. **Jim Kenny**, Former US Ambassador to Ireland, introduced both Mrs. McAleese and her husband **Dr. Martin McAleese**. **Niamh King**, Vice President of Programs for **The Chicago Council on Global Affairs**, moderated the discussion. Mrs. McAleese spoke about a variety of subjects including the historic visit of Queen Elizabeth II to Ireland in May 2011; the Irish financial crisis stemming from 2008 and the expanded role for women in business and government. Mrs. McAleese noted that she was able as President to build on the work done by The Ireland Funds and concluded by thanking the attendees for their continued partnership with Ireland through their involvement with The American Ireland Fund.

- 1 Michael O'Halleran, President McAleese
- 2 Terry LeFevour, President McAleese
- 3 Hon. Aidan Cronin, Dr. Martin McAleese, Enda Meehan, Patrick Ryan



Chicago Leadership Forum Financial Leadership Breakfast

APRIL, 2013 Supporters of The American Ireland Fund had the opportunity to hear several of Chicago's leading investors and wealth advisors speak on the topic "Building Wealth and Protecting Assets in an Uncertain Macroeconomic and Fiscal Environment" at the inaugural Financial Leadership Breakfast held at the **Union League Club**. The breakfast was hosted by Regional Advisory Board Member, **Dan Sullivan**, Head of Private Banking for **The Private Bank**. The panelists included **William T. Norris**, Chief Investment Officer, The Private Bank and Regional Advisory Board Members-**Patrick Lynch**, President, **Chicago Equity Partners** and **John L. Keeley, Jr.**, President and CIO, **Keeley Asset Management**. **Dan Sullivan** and **Nicholas Parrish**, Vice President, **Grosvenor Capital Management, L.P.** and Chair of the Chicago Young Leaders, were the moderators.

- 1 Patrick Lynch, Dan Sullivan, Nick Parrish
- 2 John Keeley, Joseph Walsh
- 3 Patrick Callahan, Michael Dennis, Tom Finnegan



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The Inaugural Dallas Emerald Ball

- 1 Don & Jane Hanratty, Suzanne & Bill Murray
- 2 Northern Ireland's First Minister, Peter Robinson MLA and deputy First Minister, Martin McGuinness MP MLA
- 3 2013 Honorees Daryl & Diane Johnston with Roger Staubach
- 4 Mary & Mike Terry, Michelle & Richard Anderson, Colleen Barrett & Herb Kelleher
- 5 Buzz Crutcher, The Most Rev Kevin Farrell, Carolyn Crutcher, Adm Patrick Walsh (Ret) & Andy Walsh
- 6 2013 Emerald Ball Co-Chairs David Devlin and Caitríona Ryan, MD

FEBRUARY, 2013 The American Ireland Fund celebrated its Inaugural Emerald Ball in the Grand Ballroom of the **Adolphus Hotel** in Dallas. The event was Co-Chaired by **David Devlin**, Co-owner of **Scapes Incorporated**, and **Dr Caitríona Ryan** of **Baylor University Medical Center**. **Daryl Johnston**, formerly of the **Dallas Cowboys**, and his wife **Diane** were the evening's honorees and were introduced by Cowboys' legend, **Roger Staubach**. The event began with a reception and art exhibition by Dallas artist, **Shannon Kincaid** followed later by a performance of "Tara" by **Kincaid Stringer** and **Leslie McDonough**. The **Phillip Earle "Bo" Williams III, MD Award** was presented to **Dr Alan Menter** (Chief, Division of Dermatology, Baylor University Medical Center). The **Corboy Anam Cara Award** was presented to **Camilla Ballard**, Director of Youth Ministries at **First Presbyterian Church**, Dallas. Guests included Northern Irish First Minister **Peter Robinson** and Deputy First Minister **Martin McGuinness**; Irish Consul General **Aidan Cronin** from Chicago; The Most Reverend **Kevin J. Farrell**, Bishop of Dallas; Hon Irish Consul General and AIF Board Director **John Kane**; AIF Board members: **Tom Codd**, **Mike Corboy**, **Don Hanratty**, **Dolores McCall**, **Bill McNally**; Admiral **Patrick Walsh**, US Navy (Ret); Vice Admiral **Thomas Church III**, US Navy (Ret); President **Michael Murphy**, University College Cork; **Harry and Rebecca McKillop**, **Perot Systems**; **Caroline Rose Hunt**, **Rosewood Corporation**; **Ebby Halliday**, **Ebby Halliday Realtors**; **Keith & Lisa Duffy**, Irish singer-songwriter and actor; **Mary Templeton**, **The Richard & Mary Templeton Foundation** and **Roger & Marianne Staubach**. Special thanks to Sponsors and Patrons **Scapes Inc**—**David J Devlin**; **Shelly & Tom Codd**; **John Kennedy**; **Mary & Richard Templeton**; **Celtic Legal**; **Emerald Star Investments**; **Global Football-Gaelic Football Bowl 2014**; **MedSynergies Inc**; **Trintech**; **W White & Associates, LLC**; **Melissa Curry Design**; **Herbert Park Hotel**; **Jameson Irish Whiskey**; **Northern Ireland Bureau**; **Rachel Gaffney's Real Ireland**; **University College Cork**.



Dallas Leadership Forum with Admiral Patrick Walsh

JANUARY 2013 Admiral Patrick Walsh USN (Ret) spoke about “National Security Issues Currently Facing the United States” at a Dallas AIF Leadership Forum event hosted by AIF Board Director, **Tom Codd** at **The Petroleum Club**. Admiral Walsh is a four-star admiral who served as Vice Chief of Naval Operations and commanded the US Pacific Fleet at the time of the tsunami in Japan. His talk was riveting and provided a detailed historical context for many of America’s present military and political challenges. Those gathered included American Ireland Fund Board Directors **Don Hanratty** and **John Tillotson**.

- 1 Tom Codd, Adm Patrick Walsh (Ret), Dr Mark Wynne
- 2 Kevin Curley II, Michael White, Eddie Geraghty, Davey Devlin
- 3 Tom Codd, Rachel Gaffney Smith, Bill Murray



Dallas Leadership Forum with Richard Bruton TD

MARCH, 2013 Friends and benefactors in Dallas gathered at **The Park City Club** for dinner with Minister **Richard Bruton**. Functioning as Ireland’s equivalent to the Secretary of Commerce, Minister Bruton is playing a critical role in Ireland’s “Celtic Comeback”. The dinner, co-sponsored by **Enterprise Ireland**, was a unique opportunity for corporate leaders to outline the opportunities for Irish businesses to expand into Texas. Minister Bruton concluded the dinner by thanking those present for their insights and contributions. The Minister said it was clear that there are tremendous opportunities for a wide range of Irish companies from technology to agribusiness to start doing business in Texas.

- 1 Minister Richard Bruton, Bill Murray, Conor Quinn, Andy Welch
- 2 Kevin Curley, Minister Bruton, the Hon John Kane
- 3 Paul Byrne, Tom Codd

- 1 Netta Blanchard, Chris & Ellen Carrie, Liza O'Connor
- 2 Kathy & Kevin Hanrahan, Brian & Meridith Casey



Welcome Irish Party to the 16th Annual Texas Irish American Cup Challenge

MAY, 2013 May 17th was a little late for Cinco de Mayo but Fiesta was the order of the evening at the beautiful Spanish hacienda of **Ellen & Chris Carrie** on Turtle Creek. New Irish and the veteran Irish mixed with the old and new Texans while new friendships were formed and old ones renewed. AIF Vice President of Major Gifts **Liza O'Connor** and AIF Life Trustee **Netta Blanchard** presented a thank you gift of wine in appreciation of the hospitality.

- 1 Archie & June Bennett, Paddy Shanahan, Nick Gallagher
- 2 Nick Gallagher, Leslie McDonough, David O'Donovan, Valerie McDonough



Supper honoring Irish Golfers and Sponsors hosted by June & Archie Bennett

MAY, 2013 As always, the Bennett party was the place to be and this year was no exception. The events around the Texas Irish American Cup continued as **Nick Gallagher, Paddy Shanahan,** and **Liza O'Connor** thanked **June & Archie Bennett** for their ongoing generosity.

- 1 2013 Chairman Chris Carrie and Nick Gallagher
- 2 Paddy Shanahan, Cliff Miercort, Mike Corboy, Kevin Hanrahan, Kevin Curley



Dallas Dinner honoring the Golf Committee hosted by Tommy Gallagher

MAY, 2013 The dinner was held in the **Dallas Petroleum Club** with its magnificent views of the Dallas skyscrapers. The talk was all of golf, toasts, and roasts. **Chris Carrie** toasted **Tommy Gallagher**, who 16 years ago, came to Dallas to see if there was enough interest and enough Irish Texans to warrant a golf tournament. Now it is one of the top tournaments on the North Texas golf calendar. Tommy Gallagher could not be there as he was in Dublin recuperating from knee surgery, but was ably represented by his son **Nick** and his good friend **Paddy Shanahan**.



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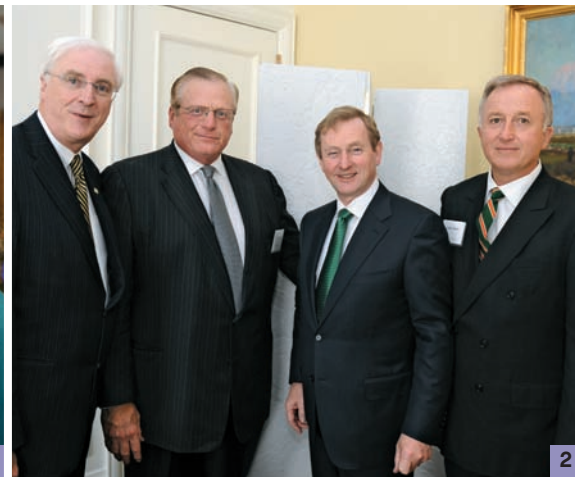


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San Francisco Gala Dinner

MARCH, 2013 The San Francisco Gala Dinner was held at the St. Francis Hotel. **Bart Murphy**, President of **Murphy Investments**, received The American Ireland Fund Distinguished Leadership Award, presented by **Kieran McLoughlin**, President & CEO, The Worldwide Ireland Funds and Dinner Co-Chairs, **Bill McKiernan** and **John McDonnell**. Bart was joined by many family members including his wife, **Eileen Moore**, son **Denis**, his mom **Kate** all the way from Tipperary, and his brother **Michael**—along with **Brian Moore**, **Sheila Moore Thurston** and their families. 450 guests gathered in celebration of Bart who has done extraordinary work in advancing the status of Irish immigrants in the U.S. MC **Sean Burns** welcomed the enthusiastic audience which included special guests who attended: Consul General **Gerry Staunton** and Vice Consul **Amy Stack**, AIF West Coast Director **Marjorie Muldowney**, **Pauline & John Ryan**, **Sheila O'Connor Burns**, **Cynthia & Rob Birmingham**, **Olivia-Gaynor Long & Brian Long**, **Julie & Dan Murphy**, **Kathleen Ryan**, **Sheila & Keith McWilliams**. Other key supporters were: **Joan & Dave O'Reilly**, **EJ Tracy and Tracy Industries**, **Maryon Davies Lewis**, **Kathleen & Kevin McDonough**, **Patsy McGinnis**, AIF Director **Craig Sullivan & his wife Maureen**, and **Diane Wisey**. There were key supporters present from: **Deloitte**, **First Republic Bank**, **Silicon Valley Bank**, **UCSF Medical Center**, and **Visa, Inc.** as well as **The Alice Phelan Sullivan Corporation**, **Cybersource, Inc.**, **IDA Ireland**, **Invest Northern Ireland**, **Irish Technology Leadership Group**, **Residential Builders Association**, and **San Francisco Apartment Association**. An exclusive drawing was made possible through the support of **Aer Lingus**, **Ashford Castle**, **Dromoland Castle** and **The Merrion Hotel** as well as from **Kerry Egan** of **The Villagio Inn & Spa**, **Kerry Murphy** of **DuMOL Wines**, **Cinta Salon**, **Momo's Restaurant**, **the San Francisco Giants**, and **the St. Francis Hotel**.

- 1 Bart Murphy
- 2 Bart and Eileen Murphy
- 3 Kieran McLoughlin, Bart Murphy, Marjorie Muldowney, Sean Burns
- 4 Bill McKiernan, Bill McCarthy
- 5 Mr. and Mrs. Rich Moran, John Ryan
- 6 Sheetal Walsh, Sarah Smith, Sam Kamangar



Leadership Forum with An Taoiseach Enda Kenny

MARCH, 2013 There was great excitement in Orange County as An Taoiseach **Enda Kenny** TD made his first visit to the West Coast. The Taoiseach joined an enthusiastic group of American Ireland Fund supporters for a private Leadership Forum luncheon at **The Pacific Club** in Newport Beach, generously hosted by AIF Board Director, **EJ Tracy**. This was the Taoiseach's key official engagement in Southern California and he was warmly welcomed by AIF West Coast Director, **Marjorie Muldowney**. The Taoiseach was accompanied by a delegation that included H. E. Ambassador **Michael Collins**, Consul General **Gerry Staunton**, **Barry O'Leary** of **IDA Ireland** and Honorary Consul **Finbar Hill**, along with members of An Taoiseach's Department and the Department of Foreign Affairs. San Diego was represented by two torchbearers of the Fund, AIF Board Directors **John Lynch** and **Dan Mulvihill**. Several Los Angeles Regional Advisory Board Members also attended including **Sean Kneafsey** of **Kneafsey & Friend**, **Bill McMorrow** of **Kennedy Wilson** and **Conor Shalloe** of **TCW**. The La Jolla Room at the Club was abuzz with many friends of the Fund including **Tom Barry** of **UBS**, **Matthew Doran** of **RBC**, **John Ganley** of **Quest**, **Donal Hanley** of **Aviation Capital Group**, **John Hearty** of **Allen Matkins** and **Edward Siebert** of **Loyola Productions**. Also present were Orange County friends **Georgia & Bob Roth**, **Susan & Chuck Van Cleve**, **George O'Connell**, **Larry Ort** and **Monsignor Art Holquin** along with **Mary Mulvihill**, **Dan Broderick** of **Cassidy Turley**, **Catherine Thyen** and **Bishop Tod Brown**. The Taoiseach spoke about the important steps that have been made in Ireland's economic recovery. He praised the founders of the Fund, **Dan Rooney** of the Pittsburgh Steelers and **Sir Anthony O'Reilly** as well as generous supporters in California for their longstanding loyalty to Ireland.

- 1 An Taoiseach Enda Kenny, EJ Tracy
- 2 Ambassador Michael Collins, John Lynch, An Taoiseach Enda Kenny, Conor Shalloe
- 3 Dan Mulvihill, An Taoiseach Enda Kenny, Mary Mulvihill
- 4 An Taoiseach Enda Kenny, Donal Hanley, Marjorie Muldowney, Matthew Doran
- 5 Sean Kneafsey, An Taoiseach Enda Kenny, Matthew Doran
- 6 An Taoiseach Enda Kenny, Susan Van Cleve



Young Leaders Society Launch

FEBRUARY, 2013 The official launch of The Los Angeles American Ireland Fund Young Leaders Society was held at The Jonathan Club in downtown LA and hosted by Los Angeles Regional Advisory Board Member, **Sean Kneafsey**. AIF West Coast Director, **Marjorie Muldowney**, welcomed guests at a special luncheon to kick off this inaugural gathering of a new and vibrant group of young professionals aged 25-40. The Los Angeles Regional Advisory Board was represented by: **Harry Hartford, Kaitlyn Cafferky Kyle, Conor Shalloe, and Brendan Carroll**—who were on hand to welcome **Rob Ennis, Eoin Gubbins, James Kearney, Michelle Loughran, Caitlin McGinty, Cliona McCarthy, and Sean Murphy** (son of longtime AIF friend and supporter, **Jimmy Murphy**). Other guests included **Susan Hartford, Charlie Callanan** and **Dave Walsh**. The camaraderie and enthusiasm that emerged from this newest Young Leaders Society was truly exciting and we look forward to producing a slate of events that will help build this important network.

- 1 Susan & Harry Hartford
- 2 Cliona McCarthy, Michelle Loughran
- 3 Caitlin McGinty, James Kearney, Cliona McCarthy, Michelle Loughran



Leadership Forum with William McMorrow

JUNE, 2013 The American Ireland Fund Leadership Forum held a luncheon at the **Beverly Hills Hotel**. The speaker was **William McMorrow**, President & CEO of **Kennedy Wilson**, an international real estate & investment services firm that has recently made a significant and transforming capital investment in Irish commercial real estate. Under Bill's direction, Parnell Square on Dublin's north side is undergoing a massive restoration and will house the **National Library** once completed. Bill spoke about the commitment of KW to the communities in which it invests and the importance of giving back. West Coast Director **Marjorie Muldowney** greeted guests and introduced AIF National Board Director, **Bart Murphy**. Bart spoke about The Ireland Funds' projects that have made some of the greatest impressions on him, describing why he continues to support The American Ireland Fund. The Los Angeles Regional Advisory Board was represented by **Brendan Carroll, Peter Culhane, Sean Kneafsey, Kaitlyn Kyle, and Conor Shalloe**. Guests included **Keith Ennis** and **Ben Chu, Anne & Jimmy Murphy** along with sons **Sean and Jamie, Margaret Hayhurst, Debbie & Tom Lomis, Tom Barry** of UBS, **Jim Layden** of **Deutsche Bank, Sean Browne, Tom Hunt, Tom Kneafsey, Ted Leary, Tom Napier, Michele Shalloe, Michael Sullivan, John Coughlin, and Daniel Crowley**. The Los Angeles Young Leaders included **Shannon Anderson, Matthew Doran, Rob Ennis, Alan Hearty, James Kearney, Michelle & Jonathan Loughran, and Caitlin McGinty**.

- 1 Bill McMorrow
- 2 Bill McMorrow, Marjorie Muldowney, Peter Culhane
- 3 Ben Chu, Margaret Hayhurst, Keith Ennis, Bart Murphy



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1 Irish Minister Pat Rabbitte, Patricia & Ambassador Dan Rooney, Kieran McLoughlin
2 Chuck & Mary Ann Bogosta, Lisa & Tim Heim
3 Greta Rooney, David Malone, Art Rooney II, Sy Holzer
4 Pennsylvania Governor Tom Corbett, USW President Leo Gerard

5 Kristin Chick, Zach Malone, Nancy Malone, David Malone, Cally Malone, Erin Kander, Max Malone
6 Front: Left to Right: Joan Regan, Evelyn O'Brien, Rita Heberle, guest. Back: Ian O'Brien, Martin Regan, Pat Rooney Gerrero, Mary McMasters
7 Left to right: Beth & Brendan Kelly, Joanne & John Mastalerz, Kelly & Michael Mullen, Tammy & J Aupperle, Kathie Bobby

American Ireland Fund Pittsburgh Gala

MARCH, 2013 From the moment they stepped onto the green carpeted entrance of Heinz Field guests were immersed in the charms of an Irish village. Life-sized photos of Irish cottages, pubs and shops decorated the entrances, cocktail and dining spaces, while guests were welcomed with pints of Guinness. AIF Chairman's Award Honoree **David Malone** and his family greeted guests along with **Ambassador and Mrs. Daniel Rooney**. The evening's theme, "Heart of the Community" was a tip o' the hat to Mr. Malone's generous donation of his time and energies to a number of Pittsburgh charities. A Celtic flash mob of dancers from the **Burke-Conroy School of Dance** sporting masks of David Malone's face, led guests into dinner, where Pennsylvania Governor **Tom Corbett** and Steelers President **Arthur J. Rooney, II** offered a traditional Irish toast. Raising a glass in honor of Mr. Malone were: **Kieran McLoughlin**, president & CEO of The Worldwide Ireland Funds; Irish Minister of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources **Pat Rabbitte**; Dinner Chairman **Sy Holzer**, President of **PNC Bank Pittsburgh**, along with dinner committee members **Jack & Lisa Barbour**; **Jeff Bergman**; **Charles Bogosta**; **Glenn Buterbaugh**; **Leo Gerard**; **David Morehouse**; **Michael Mullen**; **Tony Quatrini**; **Greta K. Rooney**; **Cliff Rowe**; and **Michael Zamagias**.



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Boston Young Leaders St. Patrick's Celebration

MARCH, 2013 500 guests gathered for The American Ireland Fund Boston Young Leaders' St. Patrick's Celebration at the **Boston Harbor Hotel** and raised over \$125,000 for the *Promising Ireland* Campaign. The event was co-chaired by **Patrick Carney, Jr.** of **The Claremont Company**, **Maura Fitzpatrick**, formerly of the Office of Senator **John Kerry** and **Devin Condron** of **Morgan Stanley**. Special guests included Ireland's Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government **Phil Hogan, T.D.** and Consul General of Boston, **Michael Lonergan**. The raffle was highlighted by two round trip tickets from Boston to Ireland donated by **Aer Lingus**. **Steve Greeley**, New England Director of The American Ireland Fund, thanked the crowd for their continued support. Maura Fitzpatrick illustrated to those gathered the reach of their work in Ireland as she spoke about her experience visiting the **Rebel Wheelers** project in Cork, Ireland which assists disabled children. Special thanks to our Patron sponsor **Synergy Investments** and Benefactor sponsor, **the Patrick Carney Foundation**.

- 1 Co-Chairs Patrick Carney and Maura Fitzpatrick
- 2 Shannon Murphy McAllister, Annie Duffy, Emily Cluff
- 3 Steve Greeley, David Krietzer, Tim Stoll, Acacia Walker, Morgan Weinstein, Kelly Dostal
- 4 Annie Warner, Brady Moore, Courtney Collins, Corey Griffin, Annie Geraghty
- 5 Justin Kelly, Steph & Jack Greeley, Kate Revington Hlavacek & Tim Hlavacek
- 6 Erica & Ryan Chamberlain



1 Michael DiMaggio,
Kate Sheridan, Liz Collins,
Tim Sheridan
2 Joanna Litsas, Ellen Donovan,
Chris Hagan
3 Melissa Clary, Courtney Gribbon,
Aengus McAllister, Amanda
Amendola, Jessica Early



Boston Young Leaders Spring Social

MAY, 2013 The Boston Young Leaders enjoyed a Spring Social at **Dillon's Restaurant**. American Ireland Fund New England Director **Steve Greeley** spoke to the group of over 75 Young Leaders and thanked the Young Leaders and St. Patrick's Celebration Chairs for their memorable St. Patrick's event in March. It was a great night for the group to get together, share Young Leader ideas, network and enjoy one of Boston's celebrated Irish pubs located on Boylston Street. Outgoing Irish Consul General **Michael Loneragan** also thanked the Young Leaders for their continued hard work that supports so many worthy projects in Ireland and also recognized the multi-faceted support that The American Ireland Fund brings to Ireland. In true Young Leader fashion, the night continued well after its scheduled ending. Special thanks to the Spring Social Chairs for making this a great night: **Patrick Burek, Shane Early, Jack Greeley, Ryan Heald, Joanna Litsas, Aengus McAllister, Shannon Murphy McAllister, John McDonough, Kate Sheridan, and Rob Sheridan.**

Dallas 16th Annual Texas Irish American Cup

MAY, 2013 A record-setting 12 Irish teams played with 10 American teams creating the largest alternate shot shootout in the history of the Irish American Cup Challenge shootout. The tournament saw the Waterford Crystal Celtic Harp won by the American team of **Steve Woram** and the Celtic Shootout won by **Mike Burress** and **Chris Elliott**. Former football star and current NFL on Fox sports analyst **Daryl Johnston**, kindly donated his time to provide the color commentary for the final four. **Paddy Shanahan** and **Nick Gallagher** brought the Irish together for the tournament and thanks go to Co-Chairs **Michelle Anderson** and **Chris Carrie**. Special thanks to our sponsors **Aer Lingus** and **JetBlue**, **Roisin Fitzpatrick—Artist of the Light**, **Golf Vacations Ireland**, **Jim Vincent**, the **Kennedy brothers**, and **One Stop Sign Shop**.



2013 Champions Lindsay Brown, Steve Woram, and Reid Shepherd



Paddy Shanahan, Daryl Johnston, Caitriona Ryan, John Kennedy. Back row: Paul Cooke, Mike Burress



Kieran McLoughlin, Chris Carrie, Michael Collins, David Newman

20th Annual Eithne & Paddy Fitzpatrick Memorial Golf Tournament

MAY, 2013 Hotelier **John Fitzpatrick** of the Fitzpatrick Hotel Group held the 20th annual golf tournament in honor of his parents at The Sleepy Hollow Country Club in Scarborough, New York. It was a landmark year as the Eithne and Paddy Fitzpatrick Memorial Fund reached the \$2.5 million mark. Over the past 20 years, the Eithne and Paddy Fitzpatrick Memorial Fund has enabled many charitable organizations worldwide to empower and provide aid to children and families. With The American Ireland Fund, it continues to support charities such as Barretstown Camp, the Integrated Education Fund and the East Belfast Network Center. It also provided support to the Breezy Point community devastated by Hurricane Sandy, through the rebuilding of the Breezy Point Club House. In attendance were members of the Irish-American community and those from abroad including Ryder Cup player, European Cup Winner and Senior British Open Winner **Christy O'Connor** and Irish radio and television presenter, **Ronan Collins**.



Christy O'Connor, Jr.



Matt McCoy, Christy O'Connor Jr., John Fitzpatrick, Ronan Collins



Consul General Noel Kilkenny, Hanora Kilkenny, Mick McCarthy



DALLAS WINEGEESE DINNER WITH CLIVE COATES

Clive Coates, Master of Wine and one of the most highly regarded wine authorities in the world, attended a special dinner featuring Burgundian wines at the City Café Monday April 8th. WineGeese Founding Chairman John Tillotson and WineGeese Southwest Chairman Cliff Miercort were on hand to welcome the guests for a wonderful evening of wine and food. Also attending were AIF Board Directors Mike Corboy and Tom Codd. Dr Caitriona Ryan represented the Dallas Young Leaders. WineGeese members will know Clive Coates from his leading the WineGeese through Burgundy in June 2012. Clive Coates is well-known for *The Vine*, his independent fine wine magazine, which ran from 1984 to 2005, back issues of which continue to be in high demand. His books are widely considered the classic works on their respective subjects including *Côte d'Or*, *A Celebration of the Great Wines of Burgundy*, and the newly released *The Wines of Burgundy*.

Special thanks to Karim Alaoui, chef de cuisine Mario Flores and the City Café staff for a special evening of good wine, good food, and great service.

For further information on *The Ireland Funds WineGeese Society* visit www.theirelandfunds.org/winegeese



A Kingdom of Wine

The new edition of **Ted Murphy's** award-winning *A Kingdom of Wine: A Celebration of Ireland's Winegeese* will be out in late September 2013 and available for Christmas 2013. Ted Murphy is the Honorary Chairman of the WineGeese Society. This book was made possible by the support of the Patrons of The Ireland Funds' WineGeese Society. The sold out first edition is followed by an equally sumptuously illustrated coffee table hardback book that traces the drinking traditions, winemaking, and wine trading history of the Irish from pre-Christian times to the present day.

As wine writer Tomás Clancy notes, "Ted Murphy in offering this revised edition has extended again the reach of his scholarship. In that, he is an example to all scholars in never resting or being satisfied with his information, he is always eager to refine, review, and embrace every new shred of information and evidence."

This makes the second edition a vital addition to the body of wine and wine history writing because, like the first edition it is breaking new ground again, telling new stories and bringing an even clearer picture of the Irish hand in sculpting our present picture of wine."

For further information on the book, please contact Elisabeth Bordt at: 469.232.9601 (US) or ebordt@irlfunds.org



Clive Coates, and AIF Vice President of Major Gifts Liza O'Connor



Waymon Levell, Alayna Bennett, Archie Bennett



Shelly Codd, Mike Corboy, Dr. Caitriona Ryan



The Ireland Funds Rugby Luncheon

FEBRUARY, 2013 Over 350 guests attended The Ireland Funds annual Rugby Lunch in Dublin's **Shelbourne Hotel**. The lunch honoured Irish Rugby Legend, **Dr Syd Millar** not only for his role as a great player and manager of the national side but as a leader in working to help others. The Ireland Funds Board Director and former Irish International player, **Trevor Ringland**, presented Syd with his award. On hand to pay tribute to Syd was the Chairman of The Ireland Funds, **Hugo MacNeill**. Other former rugby internationals in attendance included **Brendan Mullin, Philip Matthews** and **Killian Keane**. Amongst the attendees was British Ambassador to Ireland, Ambassador **Dominick Chilcott**. Irish Board Directors were represented by **Caroline Kennedy, David Duffy, Michael Houlihan, David McRedmond, Jim Barry, John Crimmins, Mark Cunningham, Ronan Foley, Tommy Gallagher, Emer Gilvarry, David McRedmond, and Philip Nolan** and overseas chapters were represented by **Peter Sutherland, Basil Geoghegan** and **Archie Bennett**. The President and CEO of The Worldwide Ireland Funds, **Kieran McLoughlin**, spoke to the capacity crowd about The Ireland Funds *Promising Ireland* Campaign. **Caitriona Fottrell**, Director Ireland, gave an overview on the role of The Ireland Funds in Ireland, speaking about the real need amongst the not for profit sector throughout the island, the levels of requests The Ireland Funds receive on a weekly basis and the support The Ireland Funds are able to provide. The Ireland Funds Young Leaders also were in attendance led by Director of Young Leaders **Caitlin Duffy** and Chair of the Young Leaders Committee, **Erica Roseingrave**.

- 1 Front row: Trevor Ringland, David McRedmond, Tommy Gallagher, Hugo MacNeill (Chairman), Erica Roseingrave (Chair of Young Leaders Steering Committee), Kieran McLoughlin (President and CEO The Worldwide Ireland Funds), Middle row: John Crimmins, Philip Nolan, Caroline Kennedy, Jim Barry Back row: David Duffy, Mark Cunningham, Emer Gilvarry, Ronan Foley, Caitriona Fottrell (Director Ireland) Michael Houlihan
- 2 Ailbhe Gilvarry, Niamh Callaghan
- 3 Caroline Kennedy, Michael McDowell
- 4 Charlie Carroll, Chris Connolly
- 5 Hugo MacNeill, Dr Syd Millar (honouree), Trevor Ringland
- 6 Kieran McLoughlin address guests at The Ireland Funds Rugby Lunch



- 1 Young Leaders gathered on the stairs of Leinster House
- 2 Senator Mark Daly giving some brief history to his fellow Young Leaders
- 3 Minister Jimmy Deenihan welcomes the Young Leaders

Young Leaders at Leinster House

FEBRUARY, 2013 30 Young Leader members gathered for an evening at Leinster House. The group was joined by Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, **Jimmy Deenihan**, T.D. **Erica Roseingrave** welcomed the group and **Caitriona Fottrell**, Director of The Ireland Funds spoke to the group about the work that The Ireland Funds were doing with the government to promote philanthropy within Ireland. The Minister was complimentary of the work of The Ireland Funds and took questions from the group before they headed off on a personal tour of the Oireachtas lead by fellow Young Leader, Senator **Mark Daly**. Mark gave an entertaining and informative tour of both Houses: Dáil Éireann (the House of Representatives) and Seanad Éireann (the Senate).



- 1 Erica Roseingrave, Dessie Farrell, Caitlin Duffy
- 2 Melissa Mardelli, Caroline Bradley, Brid O'Shea
- 3 Eamonn Murphy, Tomas Colton, Dara McGarty and Niall McGovern

Young Leaders Spring Party

APRIL 2013 Over 150 guests gathered in Dublin to honour Young Leader of the Year, **Dessie Farrell**, for his dedication to The Ireland Funds, the Gaelic Players Association (GPA) and his philanthropic work. Central to the GPA's Social Responsibility Programme is their partnership with **Headstrong**, the national centre for youth mental health in Ireland, a relationship that was initiated by The Ireland Funds. **John Hennessey-Niland**, Chargé d'affaires at the U.S. Embassy spoke about the importance of the strong ties between the US and Ireland. Special thanks to sponsors **Jameson**, **Heineken**, and the **GPA** for all of their support throughout the planning of the event.

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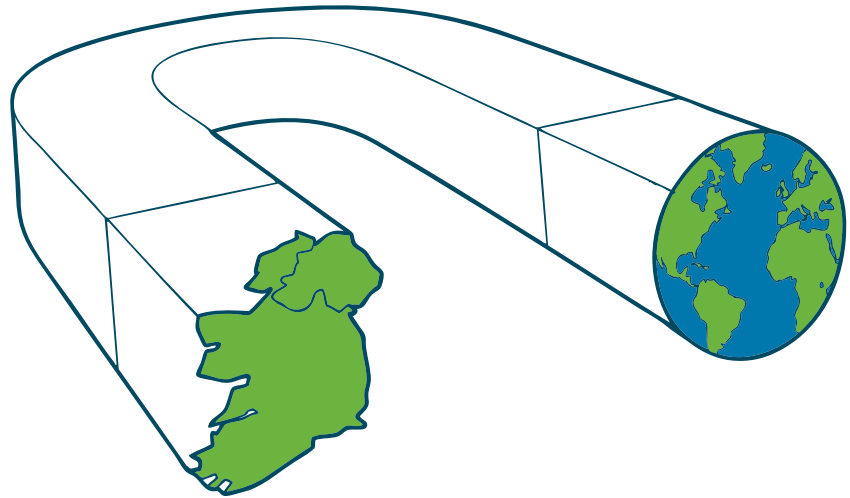
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The Ireland Fund of Great Britain's Ladies Luncheon

- 1 Guest Speaker Santa Montefiore with IFGB Co-Chair Ruth McCarthy
- 2 Ann Walsh, Anne Ellis, Roisin Flannery, Mary Whelan, Sheila Dixon, Jane Randalls, Rita D'arcy, Victoria Yassa, Anne Nevin
- 3 IFGB Ladies Lunch Goodie Bag—Everyone went home with an iconic yellow Selfridges bag including Voya Organic Hand Cream, Butlers Chocolates, Ballymaloe Relish and the June edition of Vogue

MAY, 2013 Best-selling novelist **Santa Montefiore** was the speaker at the 3rd annual Ladies Lunch hosted by Co-Chairman, **Ruth McCarthy**. Ruth opened the lunch, which was sponsored by Selfridges, with a moving address outlining The Ireland Fund of Great Britain's work with an emphasis on support for the **Magdalene Laundry** women and the victims of institutional abuse. Santa is much lauded for her hugely successful novels of life and love in places as far apart as Argentina, Italy and London and she entertained guests with stories of researching her latest upcoming novel which is set in Ireland.



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A Visit to Mick Channon's Racing Stables & Newbury Races

APRIL, 2013 Top racehorse trainer **Mick Channon** opened the gates of his historic **West Ilsley Stables**, formerly owned by **HM The Queen**, to welcome guests of The Ireland Fund of Great Britain on a perfect spring morning. A champagne breakfast was provided by **Insignia Racing** who showcased their 2 year olds to an enthusiastic audience. Since then **Jaywalking** has made his racecourse debut coming 2nd with promise of future glory. Ireland Fund guests continued onto Newbury Racecourse for an afternoon's racing hosted by Mick and Insignia Racing in their private box overlooking the winning line. HM The Queen attended the races too.

- 1 Seamus McGarry, Vicky Kinmonth-Gordon
- 2 IFGB supporters with Mick Channon (centre front) and Mick Channon Junior (centre back)
- 3 Tina Dawson, Mick Channon, Sheila Bailey



The Ireland Fund of Great Britain's Midsummer 25th Anniversary Party

JUNE, 2013 On the 21st June, the exact date the founding document of The Ireland Fund of Great Britain was signed by **Sir Anthony O'Reilly** and the late **Josephine Hart** some 25 years ago, a gathering of friends and supporters took place in the surroundings of one of the most prestigious private clubs on **London's Pall Mall**.

Sir Terry Wogan, a founding member, spoke with his usual sparkling wit about his memories of the early days when life for the Irish in the UK was very different to today. He paid tribute to Sir Anthony's foresight in establishing a fund to support peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland and paid tribute to all those who have supported the many projects over the years. Sir Terry was joined by six other founding members on the night; all of whom have kept in close touch with the IFGB over the years.

Basil Geoghegan, a Board Member for 13 years and Co-Chair for the past 4, had earlier that week retired from the board. He will now join **Peter Sutherland** as Patron. Basil received tributes for his sterling service from Chairman **Ruth McCarthy** on behalf of the board and the team.



- 1 Stephanie Freaney, Elgin Loane, Jacqueline O'Donovan
- 2 Sir Terry Wogan toasting 25 years of The Ireland Fund of Great Britain
- 3 Sir Terry Wogan with Governor Bob Miller (Nevada) and John McKeon
- 4 The Magnificent Seven— Founding trustees from left to right: David Kingsley OBE, Stephen Quinn, Marigold Johnson MBE, Sir Terry Wogan, Caroline Neville-McCarthy, Seamus McGarry, Leslie Powell
- 5 John & Valerie Quaid
- 6 Maurice Conway, Sir Terry, Maevé O'Rourke
- 7 The IFGB Board: Seamus McGarry, Ruairi Conneely, Chairman Ruth McCarthy, Sir Terry Wogan, Retiring Co-Chairman Basil Geoghegan, Peter Kiernan, Eileen Kelliher, Michael Casey
- 8 Powerscourt's Rory Godson and Hawkpoint's Peter Kiernan
- 9 Susan Craig, John Kennedy, Barbara Stanley
- 10 Peter Kiernan with Chelsea gold medal-winning gardener Mary Reynolds
- 11 CEO Sheila Bailey presenting retiring Co-Chairman Basil Geoghegan with a pictorial record of his 13 years sterling service on behalf of the team, past and present
- 12 Irish Ambassador to the UK Bobby McDonagh with Lady Wogan & Sir Terry Wogan



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- 1 John O'Neill, Anthony Whitlam QC
- 2 Stewart Neish, Maura Dempsey Englman, David Englman
- 3 David Murray, Anne Murray, Yvonne le Bas

Sydney Fairwater Supporters Reception

MARCH, 2013 Lady Mary Fairfax opened up her magnificent home 'Fairwater' to The Australian Ireland Fund. The reception provided an opportunity to update and thank many of their valued supporters and friends. Chairman **John O'Neill** welcomed guests including Board Members of The Australian Ireland Fund **Jane Cosgrove, Tony Harrington**, and Treasurer **Yvonne le Bas, Prof. Ronan McDonald, Ron Porter, Peter Ryan** and Executive Director **Teresa Keating**. John also revealed that they would be supporting two flagship projects in the Republic of Ireland in 2013—**Barnardos Loughlinstown** and **Darndale Belcamp**.



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Sydney Young Leaders and Board celebrate St. Patrick's Day

- 1 Teresa Keating, Consul General
Caitriona Ingoldsby
- 2 Donna Campbell, Maureen
Van Metter, Dr Andrew Cluer
- 3 Donna Mullens, Clare Foley,
Scott Kennedy, Marie Maguire

MARCH, 2013 The Australian Ireland Fund and Young Leaders attended the **Lansdowne Club** St. Patrick's Day Lunch held at the **Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre**. This event, hosted by The Lansdowne Club, the premier Irish business network in the region has now become the largest event of its type in the world. It was a celebration attended by a number of distinguished guests including The Hon **Barry O' Farrell** MP, Premier of New South Wales; the Hon **Tony Burke** MP and Minister for Sustainability & Environment; and **Caitriona Ingoldsby**, Consul General.



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Young Leaders Network Breakfast with iiNet and Barnardos

- 1 Lauren and Melissa Fisher,
Simon Wilson
- 2 John Moran, David Creaven,
John Gallagher
- 3 Barry Murphy, Peter James
of iiNet

APRIL, 2013 Executive Director of The Australian Ireland Fund, **Teresa Keating** welcomed guests to this important networking breakfast. Guest Speaker **Peter James**, Director of **iiNet**, gave an insightful presentation on the history of iiNet from its inception in CEO **Michael Malone's** garage in Western Australia in the early 90s right through today; where iiNet now sits as a \$1 billion dollar company. Michael moved from County Clare, Ireland to Western Australia with his family when he was 6 years of age. **Ruth Guy** Director of **Barnardos Ireland** gave a memorable presentation on the fantastic work of Barnardos and specifically Barnardos Loughlinstown which provides an early year's service offered to children aged 0-7 living in areas of deep disadvantage.



Brisbane Supporters Reception

MAY, 2013 Professor **Iain Watson** of the **University of Queensland** hosted table captains and new supporters of the Australian Ireland Fund in Brisbane to a wonderful cocktail reception at the **Customs House** on Queen Street. Executive Director **Teresa Keating** provided an overview and update of activities of the Fund. Director **Sallyanne Atkinson AO**, former Lord Mayor of Brisbane, then spoke of why she is involved with the Fund. The host, Prof. Iain Watson explained that he is involved with the Fund because he believes education is the key. Lastly **Dr. Tom Moore** spoke of the friendships he has formed with Fund supporters and the opportunity to give back to Ireland.

- 1 Teresa Keating, Dr. Tom Moore, Sallyanne Atkinson AO
- 2 Dr. Ailbhe Cunningham, Patricia Fox
- 3 Dr. Tom Moore, Prof. Iain Watson, Martin Murray



The Australian Ireland Fund Melbourne Lunch

JUNE, 2013 Australian Ireland Fund Chairman **John O'Neill AO**, officially welcomed close to 200 guests to our annual Melbourne lunch including Ambassador **Noel White**, he acknowledged local Directors **Ted Johnson**, **Richard O'Brien** and new board member **Paul O'Brien**. The Chairman made a presentation to **Kevin Luscombe AM**, retiring Board member, thanking Kevin for his enormous contribution to the Fund in Melbourne since its inception in 1987. The lunch was a social and financial success, with funds raised supporting two flagship projects in the Republic of Ireland this year, **Barnardos Loughlinstown** and **Darndale Belcamp Integrated Childcare Services**. Both of these Dublin projects have had major funding cuts. Without the assistance of The Australian Ireland Fund and its generous supporters, neither NGO could maintain their current level of service and quality for another year.

- 1 Fergus Ryan and Chairman of the Australian Ireland Fund John O'Neill AO
- 2 John O'Neill AO, Brendan Sheehan, Kevin Luscombe AM
- 3 Dr. James King, Ambassador Noel White, Ted Johnson



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The Singapore Ireland Fund Supporters Lunch

MARCH, 2013 The Singapore Ireland Fund held its Supporters Lunch on St Patrick's Day at the **Absinthe** restaurant on Singapore's famous Boat Quay. 80 guests attended including Guest of Honour, the Irish Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, **Brendan Howlin**. Other special guests included HE Irish Ambassador **Joseph Hayes** and his wife, **Deirdre Hayes**; **Dr Maurice Manning**, Chancellor of the National University of Ireland and **Dr Attracta Halpin**, Registrar of the **National University of Ireland**. Despite the rain, all enjoyed the pre-luncheon drinks on the waterfront and lunch in one of Singapore's heritage conservation shophouses, and were entertained by the **Irish Chamber Orchestra Quartet**. The Quartet was sponsored by The Singapore Ireland Fund to play at events during the St Patrick's Day Street festival as well as to participate in the Ministry of Culture, Community & Youth's School Music Programme. The afternoon ended with some guests participating in the St. Patrick's Day Parade and the street festival that followed.

- 1 Minister Brendan Howlin, Mrs Deirdre Hayes
- 2 Dr Stanley Quek, Tara Barker, Sherine Toh
- 3 Irish Chamber Orchestra Quartet
- 4 Minister Brendan Howlin addressing TSIF Supporters Lunch
- 5 Dr Leslie Lam, Noor Quek, Tara Barker
- 6 Noor Quek, Dr Stanley Quek and Desmond Sheehy leading TSIF contingent



The Ireland Fund of France Franco-Irish Rugby Match Dinner

MARCH, 2013 The Ireland Fund of France Franco-Irish Rugby Match Dinner took place in the elegant surroundings of **The Royal Irish Yacht Club**, Dun Laoghaire. The dinner was attended by French Ambassador to Ireland HE **Emmanuelle d'Achon** and Irish Ambassador to France HE **Paul Kavanagh**. The evening provided the opportunity to inaugurate the new Ireland Fund of France Heritage Craft Foundation, a bursary scheme for Irish trainees to master the skill of classic yacht building. The night began with a **Jameson Whiskey** reception accompanied by a harpist and an excellent five course dinner was served. The dinner was also attended by **Raymond Floch**, Sous-Prefet of Nice-Montagne, where a non-profit classic yacht school is planned to sister a similar new school in Ireland involving the local community and those interested in seeing the revival of wooden racing yacht construction. This is a fine craft enjoying new growth in France, but is all but lost in Ireland.

- 1 Gilliane Quinn de Schonen, President Network Irlande; Aine Ades, President of The Ireland Fund of France; Jennifer MacNeill; Hugo MacNeill, Chairman of The Ireland Funds in Ireland
- 2 Chris Craig of the Heritage Craft Foundation, Raymond Floch Sous-Prefet of Nice Montagne and French Ambassador to Ireland Madame Emmanuelle d'Achon

The Ireland Fund of Monaco Residential Bursaries

Awarded annually, The Ireland Fund of Monaco Residential Bursaries were established to enable writers born or living in Ireland to pursue a current project during a one-month residency at the Princess Grace Irish Library in Monaco. We are pleased to present this personal reflection of Professor Ríonach uí Ógáin on her experience in Monaco.

About the Author

Ríonach uí Ógáin, MA, PhD (National University of Ireland), is Director of the National Folklore Collection, University College Dublin. She has published numerous articles on traditional song and music and has lectured widely on the subject.

As a folklorist it was the ideal time to experience some of the local traditions that straddle St Patrick's Day and the end of the Lenten season to include the Easter celebrations in Monaco. In search of Monégasque tradition and lore, I experienced a sense of empathy with what might be termed the minority Monégasque expression of identity in numerous ways. Much of this reminded me of home in Ireland. Bi-lingual street signs indicated the dual languages within the society. Restaurants such as L'Ostrega de Mùnegu at the Place d'Armes emphasised a sense of pride in language and in traditional, local food. Irish tradition mingled with the Monégasque when the lights on the Prince's Palace shone green for St. Patrick's Day. As might be expected, other events had been organised by the Princess Grace Irish Library for this day which included the music of Cór Mhaigh Eo and harmonised songs of the group CODA. They were very well received and these events were reminders of the global nature that has become of the St. Patrick's Day celebrations.

A highlight of my stay was something that appeared to be very old indeed and should really only be experienced live 'sur le rocher'. The gathering for the Procession de Pénitents took place on the evening of Good Friday. Early on in the course of my visit I had been told of this holy week procession and I looked forward to it. When I arrived, an atmosphere of anticipated ritual was evident on the rock around the area of the Chapelle de la Miséricorde before the procession began. A voice of authority called out 'Je cherche un pénitent' and gave orders such as 'Avancez' as participants gathered before the procession began. The sombre music which accompanied the procession of centurions on horseback, the nuns, priests, brothers, friars and children, all suitably attired, were mindful of the Passion of Good Friday.



For me in Monaco, the universal nature of folk belief and of religious celebration was affirmed. The opportunity afforded to me by the Ireland Fund of Monaco to pursue research and experience aspects of life and tradition in Monaco is greatly appreciated. The day-to-day experience of life at the Princess Grace Irish Library was greatly enhanced by Judith Gantley, Géraldine Lance, Sile Jackson and Francis O'Hara in particular.

Another highlight of my visit was my discussion with students of the local senior high school—Lycée Albert Ier—who shared some of their customs, beliefs and lore with me. They are proud of the local saint, Saint Devote, and were very interested in Irish, Irish-English and Irish tradition. We compared notes on belief associated with Friday the thirteenth, on matters of luck and ill-luck of the black cat and we agreed that all this is probably part of a tradition which may well be hundreds of years old. The Monaco experience at the Princess Grace Irish Library was an enriching, memorable experience which will remain with me for a long time.

— Professor Ríonach uí Ógáin



St. Patrick's Day Lunch

MARCH, 2013 Over 1250 people joined the 30th Annual St. Patrick's Day lunch in Toronto to celebrate this very special anniversary event. Proceeds from this event benefited food banks across Canada and throughout the island of Ireland. With deep historic roots stemming from the Great Famine in Ireland, hunger has been and continues to be a cause close to the hearts of Irish people around the globe. This event would not have been as successful without the tremendous support of sponsors **Diageo, Bank of Montreal, CIBC Bank, Quinn Pubs, Brandes Investment Partners, Norton Rose** and **TD Bank**. Thank you to Ireland Fund of Canada Board Members, **Terry Smith** and **Barry Columb**, for Co-Chairing such a successful event. It was a tremendous tribute to the last 30 years and a wonderful start to the next 30.

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- 4 The Honourable Ray Bassett, Ireland's Ambassador to Canada and Brendan Grace
- 5 John McDermott
- 6 Guests enjoying the lunch



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Day at the Races

- 1 Sheila Kirk and Ann Quinn
- 2 John Maxwell, Linda Armstrong, Kevin Gallagher, Terry Smith, Eithne Heffernan
- 3 Hugo Straney and Oliver Murray
- 4 Eithne Heffernan
- 5 Anne and Michael Hurley

MAY, 2013 This annual event in support of the Celtic Studies program at the University of Toronto is always an outstanding success. 200 joined the track-side tent on the hottest day of the year, but after the long cold winter an unseasonably warm day was most welcome. Thank you to race sponsors: **The Bayview Animal Hospital, Jovian Capital, President's Choice Financial, Brandes Investment Partners** and **GFX Partners**. There were fantastic live and silent auctions and attendees had the chance to bid on Justin Bieber tickets, a golf outing at an exclusive private club north of Toronto, shopping sprees, Waterford crystal, gift certificates, wine experiences and much more. Thank you to everyone who donated items. A special thank you to Ireland Fund of Canada Board Member, **Eithne Heffernan**, for her ongoing support and dedication to this important event. Eithne is supported by a great team of volunteers, **Linda Armstrong, Erin Cassidy Boland, Kevin Gallagher, Con and Cathy O'Connell, Brian O'Leary, John Sandeman** and **Maura Walsh**.



The Ireland Fund of Germany's 20th Anniversary in Dusseldorf

JUNE, 2013 More than 60 members and friends of The Ireland Fund of Germany (IFoG) and the German-Irish Lawyers and Business Association (GILBA) met to celebrate IFoG's 20th anniversary. IFoG was established in 1993 and has used its available resources over the years to support—among other projects—a holiday camp for children suffering from serious illness, a community centre in a disadvantage community in north Dublin, multi-denominational schools in Northern Ireland and the promotion of students, young artists and the fine arts. After a guided tour through Dusseldorf themed “a city which is changing its face” IFoG's members and friends came together at **McLaughlin's Irish Pub**, in the center of Dusseldorf's vibrant “Old City” (Altstadt). The Chairman of IFoG, **Elmar Conrads-Hassel**, and his wife, board member **Dr Ursula Hassel** had chosen the venue to commemorate **Tom McLaughlin**, the former owner of the Pub and a long-standing friend and supporter of The Ireland Fund of Germany who tragically died four years ago. During the evening Elmar Conrads-Hassel bid farewell to the Irish Ambassador to Germany, **Dan Mulhall** who is on his way to assume his new post as Irish Ambassador to Great Britain. Elmar Conrads-Hassel thanked Dan and his wife Greta for their great work during their four years in Germany and wished both every success and luck in London. Long after midnight IFoG's members and friends left McLaughlin's Irish Pub after a wonderful evening.

- 1 Elmar Conrads-Hassel
- 2 Sabrina Palm and the “Young Folks”, an Irish Music band from Bonn
- 3 Eileen Robinson, Lilly Lauterborn
- 4 Elmar Conrads-Hassel, Amb. Dan Mulhall, Greta Mulhall, Ingrid Basse, Kurt Pillmann
- 5 Greta Mulhall, Ingrid Basse, Kurt Pillmann
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