

St. Joseph's Foundation

Newsletter Autumn 2008

St. Joseph's Foundation Greyhound Benefit Meeting

Dr. and Mrs. O'Donnell with Mick Walsh whose original idea founded the Greyhound Benefit Meeting, with Helen Cussen and Mary Walsh at Curraheen Park.



Supporters of St. Joseph's Foundation Greyhound Benefit Meeting enjoying themselves at Curraheen Park, Greyhound Stadium, Cork.



Our Annual Outing to Killarney a great success . . .



DANIEL O'DONNELL IN CONCERT



On July 15th Pat Burke and Carol Newton attended the Daniel O'Donnell concert. It was Carol's first time seeing Daniel in concert and both herself and Pat thoroughly enjoyed the night. He played late into the evening and they eagerly waited to meet him after the concert.

Greyhound Benefit Meeting *a great success*



Michael Cussen, Cork senior footballer, with supporters, at St. Joseph's Foundation Greyhound Benefit Meeting.

Greyhound Benefit Meeting 2008 PRIZE WINNERS

1st Prize: Two Return Flights to New York:

Kaye Morrissey, No. 4, Newtown Close,
Newtownshandrum, Charleville

2nd Prize: Piece of Irish Dresden:

James Murphy, Derrawlin, Bruree

3rd Prize: €200 Voucher for Chic Boutique:

Sean Relihan, Mount Bridget, Churchtown

4th Prize: Night Out & Meal for 4 at Cork Track:

Con Kelleher, Donoughmore,

Race Card Raffle - €200 Dunnes Voucher:

Jacinta Buckley, Gurteenroe, Liscarroll

Raffle: Night Out for Two at Cork Track:

Susan Dolan, Ballyagran

Hamper Raffle donated by Regina Miller:

Sean Cahill, Dohora, Croom, Co. Limerick



FUNDRAISING AT ST. JOSEPH'S FOUNDATION

The Foundation has always had tremendous support for its various fundraising events. In the current economic climate, of HSE cutbacks, the continuation of that support from the local community will be hugely important. Fundraising enables the Foundation to ensure the continuation and enhancement of services being provided. The main fundraising events are:

JP McManus Invitational Pro-Am Golf Classic.

This event is held every five years and St. Joseph's has been one of the beneficiaries from previous classics. Money received from the golf classic is designated for capital development. Being a beneficiary of this event has been a tremendous boost and has enabled the Foundation to greatly develop its services.

Spring Fair

The Spring Fair is held annually in the month of April. As well as being a very enjoyable family day, it is a major event for all involved with the Foundation. Not only is there great fun but a substantial amount of money is raised from the various stalls and side shows.

Register of Friends Appeal

This appeal take place each February/March when a letter of appeal for an annual contribution of €15.00 is sent to approximately 1500 who are on a database - those who respond are included in a draw for €1,500.

Church Gate Collections.

The Foundation also holds an annual Church Gate Collection in parishes in its catchment area. Parent and Friends of the Foundation organise the collections in their local areas.

Greyhound Benefit Meeting:

The Greyhound Benefit Meeting takes place at Curraheen Park Greyhound Stadium, Cork in July each year. The event is organised by a voluntary group of 18 people who meet regularly during May, June and July and work extremely hard to ensure the event is a success. The group would welcome new members to assist with the organising of this event.

NEW IDEAS WELCOME

The Foundation is very grateful to all who take the time to organise and participate in the current fundraising calendar of events. As well as these events, various groups and individuals organise cards drives, dances, marathon runs etc.

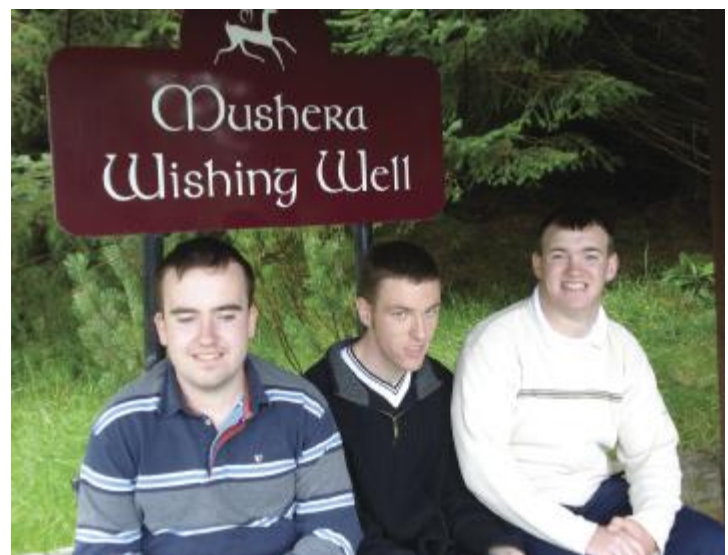
Any interesting ideas for new events or enhancing any of the current events would be very welcome.

DUBLIN ZOO TRIP



T.E.S.S. service users enjoying their trip to Dublin Zoo during the Summer

TRIP TO MILLSTREET COUNTRY PARK



During the summer months T.E.S.S. worked very hard on FETAC modules and social outings. Some of the modules that were covered included outdoor pursuits, travel training, organic horticulture, gardening, self advocacy, reading, office procedures, computers and digital photography. The weather was not very pleasant over the last few months but we made the most of it and went on the tour to Killarney, Cope in Mallow for a wonderful presentation from a touring group called Stop 'n' Stare, Millstreet Country Park, Dublin Zoo, and the

Mrs. Quin's Charity Shop Official Opening

Seán Óg hAilpín visits Charleville for opening of local charity shop and is greeted by his many fans from St. Joseph's Foundation.



Charleville & District Pilgrimage Society Trip to Knock



Charleville and District Pilgrimage Society went on their annual 3 day Pilgrimage to Knock on Friday, 22nd August. Twenty service users from St. Joseph's Foundation went along with family members. On arrival in Knock they booked into the Knock House Hotel where they enjoyed their stay. Mass and Anointing of the Sick was held in the Basilica on the Friday and Saturday with Mass at the Shrine on Sunday. They left Knock on Sunday after lunch and stopped on the way home at the South Court Hotel in

Holy Family School - July Education



David O'Doherty trying to figure out just where the yellow hankie came from at the magic show.



Emma Moloney enjoying the magic show during July.



Evan Moloney and Adrian Brennan clowning around.



All enjoying the music and dance..

Prizewinners at Limerick Show



Well done to the Sewing Dept. on winning 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes and a special prize in the sewing craft section of the Limerick Show which took place at the Limerick Racecourse.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Bernadette Ryan, C.N.S. in Early Intervention who was recently awarded her B.Sc. in Nursing (Intellectual Disability Studies) with honours from University of Limerick. One of her assignments has been accepted for

SUMMER OUTINGS



Craft Dept. trip to the Foynes Flying Boat



Craft Dept. visits Glenstal Abbey



Shopping in Cork City



Afternoon tea with Sr. Maura and Sr. Bernadine

AIB Better Ireland Programme Award



The staff and service users from Children's Services in the Foundation would like to thank everyone who voted for us in the AIB Better Ireland Programme. The €10,000 prize is going towards playground equipment for our new house in Cooleens.

A very special thanks to Noreen O'Dwyer, Assistant Manager of Children's Services whose hard work campaigning for us through posters and texts, to everyone who helped us to achieve this award.

ST. JOSEPH'S ANNUAL SPORTS DAY



On the 5th September we held our annual sports day indoors due to the inclement weather. Events included table tennis, golf, soccer, basketball and bocce. All enjoyed a day of competition and fun.

Workout Express Gym Charleville have offered service users discounted membership and unlimited use of the gym. Discount is also offered to the staff.

Members of Charleville Golf Club who are Special Olympics volunteers have recently offered to take over the coaching of our golfers. Best of luck for this partnership.

Three Charleville residents recently bungee jumped to raise €2,300 for the sports dept. A new treadmill was purchased. Many thanks to the lads and all who sponsored them.



DRAMA WORKSHOP

Our Drama workshop went ahead as usual this summer. Our theme for this year was *COMMUNICATION* – why people communicate and how

This year we were delighted to have Ann O'Reagan back with us for the week. We also had Thomas Wiedange the drumming facilitator for three days of the week.

Ann Marie O'Reilly Music Therapist also worked with us. During the week we explored different ways of communicating – music song, dance, and mime.

Friday the final day of the workshop culminated in a show which gave a flavour of the week's activities.

SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT UPDATE

We would like to congratulate Rebecca Bourke on being made a permanent member of staff in Dunnes, Charleville recently.

We would like to congratulate Stephen Kelly who started working as a volunteer in Mrs Quinn's Charity Shop. Mrs Quinn's Charity Shop opened its doors in March this year. The shop is one of 62 nationwide which sells clothes and other assorted items to the public. All money earned from this goes to the National Council for the Blind of Ireland, (N.C.B.I.) Stephen works one afternoon a week as a general assistant.

We would also like to wish Claire Galvin a long and successful future in her new job in Doherty's Centra in Buttevant.



Commings & Goings

Welcome to...

Anne-Marie Woodage
Aoife Gilbourne
Astrid Deiker
Brenda Gilroy
Bridget Buckley
Carol Power
Caroline Connolly
Charl Pretorius
Ciara Morrissey
Cornelia Fitzgerald
Deirdre Hayes
Dermot Burgess
Eleanor Sweeney
Emer O'Shea
Jennifer Parker
Juliet Murphy
Lisa O'Sullivan
Olivier Lefebvre
Patrick Herlihy

Goodbye to.....

Aisling McEnery
Joan O'Connor
Lisa Keane
Mary Browne
Mary Duggan
Mary Morrissey
Saretta O'Mahony
Senthil Periyasamy
Stacey McKeown
Theresa Buckley
Tina Lane

Personal and Social Employment Skills Pilot Programme at St. Joseph's Foundation.

The Department of Enterprise Trade and Employment, the H.S.E. and FÁS commissioned a review of the efficiency and effectiveness of rehabilitative training for people with learning disabilities. The purpose of this review was to make recommendations to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of RT – Rehabilitative Training and VT – Vocational Training in the future.

The result of the review was The Personal and Social Employment Skills Programme which St. Joseph's Foundation will run as a pilot programme. This two year training programme provides learners with the opportunity to acquire the education, training and social skills needed to progress to part-time employment, further training or specific skills training.

It also offers a comprehensive