

St. Joseph's Foundation

Newsletter Spring 2010

Ceramics Department preparing for our Annual Spring Fair on Sunday, 25th April 2010 at Baker's Road, Charleville



Upcoming Fundraising Events

Greyhound Benefit Meeting



on Friday, 2nd July, 2010
in Curraheen Park, Cork

JP McManus Invitational
Pro-Am 2010

July 5th and 6th
at Adare Manor
Hotel & Golf Resort



Charleville Chamber of Commerce Customer Care Excellence Award 2010



Overall winner Marie Farrissey and nominees James Farrell and Donal Stritch with Conor Counihan C.E.O. of St. Joseph's Foundation.



Charleville Chamber of Commerce Customer Care Excellence Award 2010 was presented to Marie Farrissey at a Gala Dinner in the Charleville Park Hotel in February. Marie has worked in the Forge Coffee Shop for the past five and a half years. There were seventy seven nominees from the town of Charleville. The award is for customer care, rapport, personality, service and overall professionalism. Well done and congratulations to Marie from all in St. Joseph's Foundation.

Holy Family School News

Fr. Fitzgerald celebrating the Service of Light for First Communion and Confirmation pupils.



Marie Donegan and Jamie Leahy promoting the Holy Family School for the Allied Irish Banks Better Ireland Award.

Thanks to your support they won €5,000.



Sheila O'Keeffe, Dean White, Frances Monaghan and Joan Neil celebrating Dean's Confirmation



Peter Byrnes on his Confirmation day.

St. Joseph's Foundation Annual Christmas Dinner at the Charleville Park Hotel

Dr. O'Donnell and his wife Veronica following a presentation to Dr. O'Donnell to mark his retirement as Chairman of the Board of Directors of St. Joseph's Foundation.



CHRISTMAS DINNER PHOTOS 2009



Presentation to Mike O'Dwyer on his Retirement



Garry Mulcahy, Conor Counihan, Mike O'Dwyer, Mary McCarthy and Denis Henebry. Mike retired on March 22nd having spent twelve years working in maintenance with the Foundation.

SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT

National Job Shadow day is coming up on the 21st of April 2010. This is our third year getting involved. Graduates from the Holy Family School are participating this year and trainees from the T.E.S.S Training Programme . We attended the official launch at Government Buildings in Cork City on Wednesday, 10th March.

We met the Lord Mayor Darragh Murphy, members of the Irish Association for Supported Employment, Cope Foundation and F.A.S. This is a very important day for people with disabilities as it promotes Supported Employment in Ireland.



From left to right: Marion Hennessy, Supported Employment, Cope Foundation, Mallow. St Joseph's Foundation's Sean Corbett, Caitriona O'Sullivan, Jim Barrett, Peter Sexton, Lord Mayor Darragh Murphy, and Mary Hayes Job Coach.



St. Joseph's
Foundation
Annual



FAIR

On Sunday 25th April, 2010
at Baker's Road, Charleville at 1.30 p.m.

***Official Opening by Emily Hurley, Special Olympics Ireland
"Athlete Face of the Games"***

Stalls will include cakes, books, toys, bottles, home produce, Euro stall, wheels of fortune, white elephant stall, crafts and ceramics.

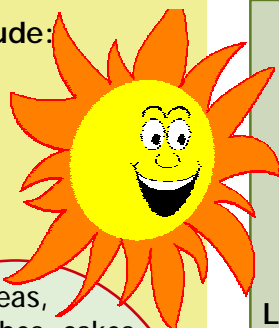
Glen Bridge Garden Centre will be open on the day.

New attractions at this year's fair include:

- 96FM and C103 Street Fleet will be present on the day.
- Children's sports including sack race, egg and spoon race etc.

Attractions and side shows include:

- The Mobile Creamery
- Reserve Defence Force Display
- New Magic Show
- Kiddies Disco
- Vintage Car Display
- Bouncing Castles
- Super Slide
- Obstacle Course
- Pony Rides
- Goal Kicking
- Golf Putting
- Basketball
- Guess the glugger
- Face Painting etc.
- Saoirse Green Project Display



Teas,
sandwiches, cakes
and minerals etc. will
be on sale throughout
the day.

Entertainment will be
provided by Charleville
Brass and Reed Band for
the official opening.

RAFFLES INCLUDE:

Raffle for 1st Prize:- €1,000
2nd Prize: €500
3rd Prize: €250.

***Thanks to Byrnes & Dillon Oil Co. and
Charleville Credit Union for their generous
sponsorship towards this raffle***

Lines for the above raffle only €2 each or 3
lines for €5.

*Other very valuable prizes will also be raffled on the
day.*

Heifer Calf (or the value of same) kindly donated by
Billy & Hannah Mulcahy, Ballyhea.
€60 Voucher for the Forge Restaurant, Broad St.,

The donation of items for any of our stalls would be greatly
appreciated (soft toys will not be accepted). Anyone who
would like to help with this event should contact Maura
Twomey, on (063) 21679.

Admission: €3 for Adults - €1 for Senior Citizens and Students - Children

St. Joseph's Foundation would especially like to thank the following sponsors: Charleville Credit Union, Byrnes and Dillon Oil Co., Tom Harrold, Electronics and Tarsier Electrical Engineering Contractors. A special thanks to everyone who contributes in any way, by donating cash or goods, by selling raffle tickets, collecting at schools, or helping on the weekend of the Spring Fair e.g. setting up stalls, catering or stewarding etc.

Preparing for our Annual Spring Fair



Dolores Murnane with a display of products from our Sewing Department.



Joan Hickey with a bowl from our Ceramics Department.



Patrick Ahearne, Garden Centre, busy at work preparing bedding plants and hanging baskets for the Spring Fair.

FUNDRAISING NEWS . . .

JP MCMANUS INVITATIONAL PRO-AM. 2010.

The Foundation is deeply indebted to JP McManus and his Pro-Am Committee for once again including the Foundation as one of the beneficiaries of the JP McManus Invitational Pro-Am which will take place on **July 5th & 6th** in Adare Manor Hotel & Golf Resort. Following the pre-qualifiers and qualifiers held at Charleville Golf Course last July and August, four teams will go forward to represent the Foundation in Adare in the Grand Qualifier on **May 26th & 27th**. We would like to take this opportunity to wish them well. The Qualifiers & Pre Qualifiers were kindly sponsored by the Kerry Group and Charleville Credit Union and we are extremely grateful to them for their support.

We would like to thank Charleville Golf Club & Charleville Lions Club who worked together to organise the event. Sincere thanks to all who sponsored teams, your support is much appreciated. Admission Caps for the Pro-Am are €50 for two days. Your Cap is your Ticket. Munster Rugby as well as Limerick and Cork Caps are available from Maura Twomey at (063) 21679.

GREYHOUND BENEFIT MEETING.

On Friday, July 2nd at Curraheen Park, Cork.

Advertising space is available on the race card at a cost of €100 for a full page or €50 for a half page. Approximately 1,200 race cards are circulated on the night. A greyhound nomination costs €25 (each nominator is allocated a particular dog), with prizes for winning nominators. We will also have €5 raffle tickets available on the night.

Thanks to all who have sponsored races, nominated greyhounds, bought tickets or contributed in the past. We are very grateful to the dedicated voluntary committee who have organised this event for the past 23 years. This is a very enjoyable night out and we would really encourage you to consider making the journey and hopefully making some money on the night!!

If you would like more information or would like to help or contribute in any way, please contact Maura Twomey on (063) 21679 or email mtwomey@stjosephsfoundation.ie



Peter Sexton's Special Olympics Games Report

I was very excited and delighted when I heard that I was chosen to represent Special Olympics Munster at the Ireland Games in June 2010. I was never at an Ireland Games before. My family were delighted and they are going to go to Limerick to support me. My friends in St. Josephs thought it was great and they want to go and support me too. My club is Bruff All Stars Special Olympics Club and we train on Tuesday nights. My sport is athletics and at the Games I will compete in the Standing Long Jump and the Tennis Ball Throw.

We train every week and we also train with the rest of the Munster Team in the University of Limerick on a couple of weekends. There is also a training session for my club in Ennis. We had to go to Limerick one day last November to be measured for our gear. Tom Ryan, Maura Kearney, Bernadette Cronin and Majella Fenn are the other athletes from the club who are also competing at the Games. We will be looked after by Patricia Hickey and Margaret Moloney from the club. Our club marched in the St. Patrick's Day parade in Bruff. There was a big crowd and they all clapped and cheered us. It was brilliant Emily Hurley from St. Josephs Foundation is the "Face of the Games" and she is doing a great job representing all the athletes. The things I am most looking forward to at the Games are taking part in the competitions and being with my friends. I would like to thank everyone in Bruff All Stars Special Olympics Club for their support. I can't wait until June.

Comings & Goings

Welcome to:

Maureen Finn
Eleanor Clogan
Eleanor Stanton

Goodbye to:

Michael O'Dwyer
Sheila Fennessy
Maura Murphy
Bridget Buckley
Jim Browne
Olivia Shanahan-Meehan

GOAL HAITI COFFEE MORNING

A very big thank you to everyone for supporting the Tea/Coffee Morning fundraiser for Haiti on Tuesday 2/3/2010. Thanks also to all who assisted in anyway, the canteen staff, the Forge, craft, David Doyle and Maura Twomey. The full total raised was €1,021.57 which was sent to the charity GOAL. These funds go directly to aid relief in Haiti. Karen O'Shea of GOAL was delighted and thanked all who supported the event.
Many thanks, Dermot O'D and Sharon



Mary Irwin celebrating her birthday at our Annual Christmas Dinner in the Charleville Park Hotel.

GREEN COMMITTEE



Left to right, Amanda O'Connell, Sharon O'Brien, Gary Morris, Tony Crowley and Peter Eggers members of the Green Mile



Service users from Craft Dept. visiting the new library in Kilmallock.

We have been very busy since we came back after Christmas. We collected the results from our Staff Travel Survey which will be displayed on our Green Notice Board. We have been working with the C.B.S and we have joined the Charleville Green Mile Group. Amanda O'Connell is on the Committee which is working towards improving facilities for Wheelchair users, Walkers and Cyclists in the town of Charleville. We recently organised a collection day in Charleville and a petition for local people to sign. We will use the outcome of the petition to lobby Iarnrod Eireann/Public Representatives to install a lift at Charleville Railway station. This will improve travel opportunities for us at St. Joseph's and for anyone with mobility needs in the town of Charleville. We participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade to promote the Green Mile Group with students and teachers from the C.B.S.

We are continuing to promote our Reduce, Reuse, Recycle motto with monthly litter picks and weekly paper and