

St. Joseph's Foundation

Newsletter Summer 2008

Job Shadow Initiative Day

Presentation of Certificates at the Charleville Park Hotel

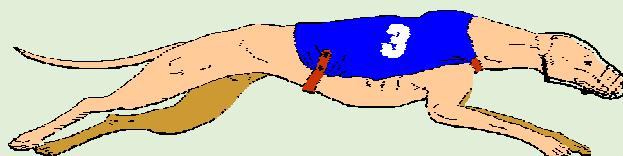


Back row, l. to r.: Conor Counihan, Greta Hickey, David Ryan, Noelle Mannix, Ray Lee, John Griffin, Joe Collins and Michael Moynihan T.D.

Middle row: Mary Hayes, Mairead Forde, Sofia Giraldi, Dolores Murnane. Seated front: Karen Smith and Brendan Cronin.

Greyhound Benefit Night

a date for your diary



will take place in Curraneen Park, Cork on Friday, 11th July, 2008

Job Shadow Initiative 2008 Presentation Night



David Ryan, Michael Moynihan T.D. Brendan Cronin and Conor Counihan.



Joe Collins with his mother and Sheila O'Keeffe, Principal of the Holy Family School.



David Ryan, Michael Moynihan T.D. Karen Smith and Ray Lee.



Mairead Forde, Noelle Mannix, Karen Smith and Sofia Giraldi.

Following the great success of the Job Shadow Initiative Day on the 23rd April, the Supported Employment Programme held a special presentation night in the Charleville Park Hotel, on the 24th April. The participants, Sofia Giraldi, Joe Collins, and Karen Smith (Holy Family School), Mairead Forde and Brendan Cronin (TESS Training Centre) were presented with certificates of participation from Michael Moynihan T.D. All the participants said they learned a lot and really enjoyed the experience.

The employers, Ducon (Kanturk), Lees Centra (Charleville), Griffin Taxi's (Charleville), 103.FM Mallow and Conor Counihan, Manager of the Cork Football team were also presented with a certificate of participation. A special presentation was made to Greta Hickey, Tesco, Mallow for her

continued support to our service users who have been on work experience there over the past couple of years.

David Ryan from the Irish Association of Supported Employment started the proceedings with an insight into the I.A.S.E. Ger Cott, the President of the Charleville Chamber of Commerce, congratulated everyone and wished continued success to St. Joseph's Foundation in the future.

Finally, Dr. O'Donnell, thanked all the employers for the opportunities they have made available to the service users at St. Joseph's Foundation.

A special word of thanks to Charleville Park Hotel who gave us complimentary use of their beautiful Hotel Conference Room. We hope to participate in Job Shadow Day 2009, so watch this space!

Cleaning-Training Department St Josephs Foundation



Helen Power with service users Elizabeth Curtin and Damien McCormack

My name is Helen Power, and I am Supervisor of the Cleaning Department in St. Joseph's Foundation for the past eight months. My background is catering, cleaning and caring. We are currently training service users in the area of cleaning. We have a list of duties which we follow on a daily/weekly basis. At present, I am also training a group of service users who are due to start work in September in the Housekeeping Department at the Charleville Park Hotel. In the future I hope to do a booklet giving everyone a better look at what we do. I also hope to introduce a questionnaire for the areas which we clean at present for feedback and advice on changes. I would like to thank most sincerely all the service users currently training with me for all their interest and hard work. Best of luck to the girls,



ADULT EDUCATION - VEC (Art Classes)

Co. Limerick VEC has assisted us this year by granting us funding for Gillian Kenny, Art Teacher who started her classes at the end of March. The service users really enjoy the classes and look forward to it each week. She hopes to display some of the completed work before the classes finish in June. Picture shows Gillian at work with some of her

NORTH CORK/SOUTH WEST LIMERICK SIBSHOPS – Children 8-12 years

Sibshops are opportunities for brothers and sisters of siblings with special needs to obtain peer support, education and advice within a recreational context. It gives these siblings a chance to meet in a relaxed, leisurely setting and to discuss common joys and concerns. It provides an opportunity to learn how others manage situations and gives them opportunities to learn more about the implications of their brother's or sister's special needs.

We hope that Sibshops will allow parents and other professionals to learn more about the concerns/opportunities frequently experienced by siblings. They are not therapy groups although their effect may be therapeutic for some children. Most brothers and sisters of people with special needs, like their parents, are doing very well, despite the challenges posed by a family member's illness or disability. Sibshops however reflect a belief that brothers and sisters have much to offer one another, if given the chance.

The Sibshops are held on the first Saturday of every month in a child friendly environment in Charleville and are facilitated by a multi agency team of professionals and volunteers. The team involves staff from St. Joseph's Foundation, Le Cheile FRC, Mallow and Avondu Development, Mallow. Children, from ages 8 to 12 years, can attend the Sibshops. It is also hoped to hold a Sibshop for teenagers in the Autumn.

The contact details of the North Cork/South West Limerick Sibshop are as follows:

Primary Contact: Emer Williams, Phone: 087 2785006



Sharon O'Brien celebrating her birthday with friends.

Spring Fair 2008



Rita Roche and Geraldine Coleman



Maura O'Riordan, Denis Twomey and Mairead Twomey



Shirley Woodage, Helen Healy and Ann O'Callaghan



Kate O'Brien, Nora Ann Howard, Bridget Dineen, Mary Hedderman



John O'Shea, Ciara O'Sullivan, Maura O'Sullivan, Rita Roche, Geraldine Coleman, Maureen Walsh.



Maurice Burns

Busy Year in Adult Education Programme

We have had a busy and varied programme running since October of last year. We have been lucky to have a number of outside tutors to deliver different programmes.

FETAC Level 1 - PERSONAL SAFETY

In October we had Jim Barrett a student who was completing a certificate course with NUI Maynooth – (Adult & Continuing Education). While on his four month placement he delivered a FETAC Level 1 module “Personal Safety” with nine service users, five from the TESS Training Centre and four from the Adult Services.

As these learners were amongst the first in Ireland to receive FETAC Certification at Level 1 the occasion was marked by the Minister for Education, Ms. Mary



Service users with Mary O’Connell and Helen Healy after receiving their certificates from Minister for Education Mary Hanafin.

ADULT EDUCATION

Co. Cork VEC sponsor Adult Education classes for us each year and this year we have two groups, both FETAC Level 1. The classes started on April 14th with Jim Barrett as tutor and will end in June. Photo shows Jim with some of the participants of the course.



LADIES GROUP

In January we started our ladies group which ran for twelve weeks. Jen Morey – Beauty Therapist attended these sessions and gave information and advice on different beauty topics. The highlight of each session was the demonstration. The participants took it in turn to be the guinea-pig while she demonstrated – Dermatological Facials, Indian Head Massage, Reflexology, Manicures and Pedicures. Jen was a big hit with our ladies and we



INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMME

Ballyhoura Leader Group are presently running a pilot programme with us. This programme hopes to prepare people (people with a disability or people at a disadvantage) for independent living. The programme is being piloted in St. Joseph’s Foundation. Marian Quirke delivers the main part of the programme, Mary Carroll the advocacy and rights section, staff from MABS the Money Management part. Nine service users participate in the programme which will run until October.

Back to Education Initiative

Marian Cronin VEC tutor is with us again to give organic horticulture classes to different groups of service users. Marian’s classes are based in the organic tunnel and in the sensory garden. Over the spring and summer months a variety of vegetables and fruits are grown and used in the canteen.

Mannix College Charleville continues to offer our service users two metalwork classes each week. Paddy Cooney teaches our service users at introductory and FETAC Level 3.

Our plans for the summer include our usual Summer Drama School sponsored by Cork County Council with Ann O’Regan and Thomas Wigandt.

Our service users enjoy and gain a lot from the different tutors/facilitators who come to the workshop.

They bring expertise, variety and good humour and we appreciate and are thankful to each one and to the

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL SPORTS DAY



Leanne Shields running in the relay



Pupils of H.F.S. getting serious about the girls v boys rounders game.



Liz Carroll and Gillian Chawke laughing all the way to the winning line.



Mateusz Slecza receiving his medal from Jerry O'Connor.

Holy Family School sports day was held on Friday May 15th. We had great fun, we ran relay races and had lots of other games. Pupils from Boherbue Comprehensive School joined us for the day and helped to make it a fun day for all in Holy Family School. Conor Counihan, Ben and Jerry O'Connor presented medals in the afternoon. The day finished with an ice-cream party in aid of the



Richard Barrett racing towards the finishing line.



Alice Chawke ready for action



Jerry O'Connor, Joe Collins, Sean McShera, and Ben O'Connor at the school sports day.



Aran Gleeson going for goal



H.F.S. pupils and staff enjoying their day trip to Mallow GAA Complex.

TAXI DAY

The taxi day out took place on Monday the 26th May. Transport was provided by the taxi and bus drivers, organised by John Griffin. They went to Carrigoon GAA Complex in Mallow. A great day was had by all.



Sean O'Keeffe and Emma Moloney enjoying their day at Mallow GAA Complex.

Padre Pio Pre-School - New Playground



Ehijie Aire taking in the view of the new playground at Padre Pio Pre-School



Deirdre & Rebecca (CIT Students) pictured with Ellie Kirk in the new playground at Padre Pio-

ORGANIC HORTICULTURAL CLASS



Shane, Garry, Gerard, Brendan, Patrick, Willie, Alan and Patrick at work in the Horticultural Class.

Edel Quinn House

On March 28th Mass was celebrated in the House by Fr. McAuliffe P.P. (Bruree). He was introduced to each of the residents by Emer Williams. "I am delighted to put names and faces on the people that Maura and Anne (Eucharistic Ministers Bruree) are dashing off to every Saturday night after mass" he said.

The large crowd in attendance were pleased and grateful for having been invited, it truly was an uplifting experience. Likewise, the organisers of the occasion, must have found it encouraging, giving a sense of participation and integration to everyone present and a sense of how special Edel Quinn House is.

The families of the residents, the people from the village, David, Donie and Emer, Edel Quinn staff members, Doctor and Mrs. O'Donnell, all helped in making the occasion memorable and special.

During mass Dr. O'Donnell read the scripture reading; Margaret Ryan read the Responsorial Psalm. Choir trio, were Betty Doherty, Sheila Quilty and Maria Whelan; Prayer of Thanksgiving cited by Emer Williams; background solo music by David Doyle.

After Mass there was a rush to the kitchen, where kettles were singing, tea-pots scalding, a table full of "tasty bites" and no-one was shy about coming forward.

The prayers having been said; the house having been blessed, friendship and good-will abounded,

Carron View

Carron View reopened on 26th February 2008. Extensive renovations were carried out bringing this unit to a very high standard. Carron View provides a day service to Seanie Moynihan, Paddy Wall, William Hoare, Sheila Casey and Norma O'Flynn. A mass and blessing of the house will be officiated by Fr. Michael Fitzgerald on May 22nd. We would like to thank our neighbours in Knockardandrum for their patience during the refurbishment.
Sinead O'Sullivan & Staff



Martin McCourt who became the proud grand uncle to Isabella Kate Walsh on 18/4/08 - Martin is looking forward to the Christening in June.

Comings & Goings

Welcome to...

Eileen Cremin
Lisa Keane
Mary Sol Webb
Sharon O'Donovan
Sinead O'Sullivan
Marion Keane

Goodbye to.....

Emily Aherne
Martin Buckley

ST. JOSEPH'S FOUNDATION SPRING FAIR 2008

The Foundation held its annual Spring Fair on Sunday, April 27th. Despite very inclement weather conditions, there was a good attendance. Final figures are not yet available but it would appear that the event was a good success financially. We are very grateful to all who helped on Friday and Saturday to prepare for the event and to all who attended on the day.

PRIZE WINNERS

MAIN RAFFLE - PRIZE WINNERS.

1st prize: €1,000 - Sean Doyle, Ballyhubba, Charleville.
2nd Prize: €500 - Colette Collins, 14. Canon Sheehan Place, Doneraile.
3rd. Prize €250 - Eileen Fehin, Seeds, Dromcollogher, Co. Limerick.

OTHER RAFFLES

Hereford Heifer Calf: Ivan & Gerard Linehan, Broghill South, Charleville.
Signed Munster Rugby Jersey: Caoimhe O'Driscoll, 24. Bruhenny, Churchtown, Mallow.

Lunch for Four at the Forge Coffee Shop, Charleville: Jascinta Kirby, Brickfield, Effin, Kilmallock.

Euro in the Jar: Matthew Murphy, Port Road, Garryspillane, Co. Limerick.

GOLF PUTTING COMPETITION

1st: Sam Holt, Love Lane, Charleville,
2nd: Cliona O'Callaghan, Farthingville, Dromina.

BASKETBALL COMPETITION

Under 12s

1st Place: Kathleen O'Reilly.
2nd. Place: Dan O'Doherty,

Over 12s

1st Place Mary Anne O'Reilly.
2nd Place Gavin Kelleher.



Forge Coffee Shop staff celebrating with Clare Healy before her departure to Australia.