



Jack & Jill News

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There is no place like home

The Jack & Jill Economic report “**There’s no place like home**” from Trinity College was launched to politicians on 3rd February and is on line at www.jackandjill.ie. Ironically, the only change in our State funding since then is a 6.5% “value for money” cut of €38,395 imposed in March 2010.

The good news is that we met John Moloney, Minister of State with responsibility for Equality, Disability & Mental Health and explained, using the report, why it is not sustainable and not right to rely on mobile phone recycling and public donations to fund our service and the rationale for extending our service to children up to the age of 6. We are due to meet the Minister for Health & Children, Mary Harney on 27th May and we will keep you informed.

“There’s no place like home” recommends more opportunities for our families to talk to each other and we are determined to make this happen with our regional roadshow starting on 20th May in Newbridge, Co. Kildare (Details page 3). We encourage our families, particularly the 81 with children nearing 4 years of age, to contact their local politicians (see www.jackandjill.ie for contact list) about the report and their own story. It is also important to highlight that the cost of hospital care is almost nine times higher than the average cost of homecare provision with the average annual costs falling on the State to deliver acute hospital care for a severely disabled child estimated to be €147,365 compared to the average cost of €16,422 per child for homecare.

We remain optimistic that the decision makers will see the sense of investing more in Jack & Jill and we will keep you informed.

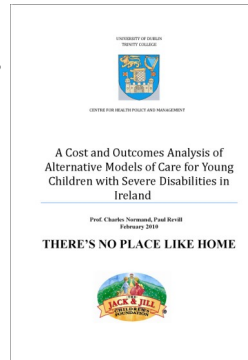
Giving our children a voice

Welcome to our first Newsletter, the aim of which is to keep you informed about what’s going on and our efforts to give Jack & Jill children and their families a voice. We highlight our events schedule and how you can get involved. As always, we’d love to hear your feedback and ideas for Jack & Jill—so don’t be shy! With the State still only providing 19% of what we need annually we have to be loud and clear about our plan and fundraising campaign. We owe it to our children—Jack, Jill, Sam, Ellen, LilyMay, Conor, all 308 of them.



Jonathan Finwin

We’re on the web
www.jackandjill.ie



Please contact your Local TD’s

- To tell them your story.
- To call for Jack & Jill’s funding to be increased from 19% to 50%.
- To extend the age range from 0 to 4 to 0 to 6 years old, so that the 81 children turning 4 this year will continue to benefit from Jack & Jill care.

You can find your local TD’s contact details on our website

ALMC Motor Show—9th May 2010



over 2000 visitors and a Monster raffle in aid of Jack & Jill.

A Big Thank You to the ALMC Motor Club for the annual ALMC Motor Show in City North Hotel, with 200 Supercars,

Schools

The Schools 'Phones for Boards' campaign which was launched in September 2009 is off to a galloping start. Over 1300 schools have jumped on board for this deal where 300 phones are donated to Jack & Jill in exchange for a Promethean



interactive whiteboard, with 500 phones providing the projector plus whiteboard. Schools all over the country are collecting on our behalf in their local communities with many local businesses getting involved too. Over 200 schools have reached their target of 500 Phones, including Belgrove Boys School, Clontarf (pictured left) with many others well on the way to collecting their second 500 mobile phones for their second interactive board.



Please find out if your local school is participating and direct them to our website www.jackandjill.ie for more information.

300 "Phones for Sport" jerseys, shorts, & socks.

Avoca GAA club under 8's and under tens were presented with new sports kit by Joanne Doyle who is Jack & Jill's liaison nurse for Wicklow, Wexford and Waterford. The club got the new kit from Jack & Jill in exchange for mobile phones donated by the Avoca Recycling Centre on behalf of the club. Now we are rolling out a whole new national fundraising campaign called "Phones for Sport" which encourages sports clubs of every type young and old – around the country to collect 300 old mobile phones on behalf of Jack & Jill and to exchange these for the sports gear they need.

Get in touch with us for more information.

New kit



Scholarships



Jonathan at DCU Launch



Alan Judge, SU President, GMIT



250 phones = 1 month's nursing care for one baby

In February 2010, Dublin City University (DCU) and Jack & Jill launched a scholarship programme for DCU's School of Nursing which is supporting nursing scholarships and is funded through the collection of unwanted mobile phones. The winners of the scholarships are chosen from DCU's Access Scholarship programme and each of the scholarships is funded through the collection and recycling of 600 mobile phones.

On 20th April 2010, GMIT in Castlebar Co. Mayo teamed up with Jack & Jill to launch its new scholarships, valued at €1,000 each, to be awarded to students "who have played an active part in fundraising and awareness raising for charities". Each scholarship will be funded through the collection of 350 unwanted mobile phones.

In September 2010, DIT will announce a new scholarship programme with Jack & Jill through the DIT Societies Office. Over 6,000 students are members of DIT societies, the core principle of which is about participation and student interaction for a better third level experience while putting the emphasis on practical education for DIT students. We look forward to working with DIT on this.

County champions

Kildare

On 20th May Jack & Jill is hosting a coffee morning / information session in the Keadeen Hotel, Newbridge from 10am to 12. All are welcome and visitors are encouraged to bring along their old mobile phones, gold and unclaimed Dublin Bus tickets for recycling into cash for home-nursing care. This is an opportunity for people to learn more about Jack & Jill and for our families to meet and chat over a cup of coffee .

We are also inviting local businesses, politicians and media to tell the Jack & Jill story in the community. Today we have 10 families in Kildare and our monthly nursing bill is €5,000.



Mary Joe Guilfoyle
Kildare Liaison Nurse
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Cork

As you can see from our County Breakdown below, outside Dublin, Cork has the largest population of Jack & Jill families at 36 currently, with a monthly nursing bill of €17,728 which amounts to €212,736 annually. There has been a big increase in the number of families in the Munster region and we are hoping to recruit a new liaison nurse to support Eilín and the team soon. We are hosting our Cork meeting in June and we will let people know the date and venue over the coming weeks. We are hoping for a big turnout of families, friends, politicians, media in the Rebel County.



Eilín Ní Mhurchu
Cork Liaison Nurse
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Mayo

In August this year, Jack & Jill will go into the West with a focus on our 11 families in Mayo and our plan to recycle mobile phones, Gold et al to raise the €56,064 we need annually for that county. Local liaison nurse Mags Naughton will be there along with our families, friends, schools, local politicians and supporters. Mayo is home to Galway Mayo IT which is the second college to sign up to our 'phones for scholarships' campaign which is going well. We will post the date and venue for this meeting on our website and we will write to people locally.



Mags Naughton
Mayo Liaison Nurse
087 8036656

County breakdown

County	Monthly	Annual cost	Children per county	County	Monthly	Annual cost	Children per county
Carlow	€1,056.00	€12,672.00	4	Louth	€4,960	€59,520.00	7
Cavan	€6,792.00	€81,504.00	10	Mayo	€4,672.00	€56,064.00	11
Clare	€4,800.00	€57,600.00	11	Meath	€5,536.00	€66,432.00	10
Cork	€17,728.00	€212,736.00	36	Monaghan	€4,992.00	€59,904.00	6
Donegal	€1,600.00	€19,200	2	Offaly	€2,624.00	€31,488.00	4
Galway	€9,216	€110,592.00	18	Roscommon	€3,616.00	€43,392.00	6
Kerry	€6,148.00	€73,776.00	10	Sligo	€2,112.00	€25,344.00	4
Kildare	€5,000.00	€60,000.00	10	Tipperary	€2,176.00	€26,112.00	5
Kilkenny	€3,872.00	€46,464.00	8	Waterford	€6,272.00	€75,264.00	13
Laois	€3,616.00	€43,392.00	7	Westmeath	€2,688.00	€32,256.00	8
Leitrim	€704.00	€8,448.00	2	Wexford	€10,464.00	€125,568.00	21
Limerick	€5,696.00	€68,352.00	10	Wicklow	€4,192.00	€50,304.00	5
Longford	€352.00	€4,224.00	2	Dublin	€48,244.00	€578,928.00	78



How you can help

RECYCLE GOLD



www.goldrush.ie

Only quote with built in 22.5% donation for charity

Sweet Appeal
Cause related marketing



Come along

9th May Free ALMC Motor Show in City North Hotel, Gormanstown, Co Meath

14th May 3rd Annual Sam's Lunch, Four Seasons Hotel, Dublin – sold out !

2nd July Jack & Jill Golf Classic, Rathsallagh, Co. Wicklow

20th May Keadeen Hotel Newbridge – Coffee/ Info Morning

June, Cork Coffee/ Info Morning

August, Mayo Coffee/ Info Morning

Or why not host your own event? For further information email us at info@jackandjill.ie

WEDDING FAVOURS



Wedding favours that truly are a gift - why not make a donation to Jack & Jill in lieu of wedding favours? For more info go to our website www.jackandjill.ie

The Wedding of Jack and Jill 2nd July 2009

A Donation has been made in lieu of wedding favours to The Jack and Jill Children's Foundation

Email: info@jackandjill.ie www.jackandjill.ie



Send us your Dublin Bus refund tickets
Split 50/50 with Temple St.

Jack & Jill Flowers



www.jackandjillflowers.ie

Why not purchase a Jack & Jill Pin for €2 The pin and others items can be purchased by calling the Jack & Jill Office on 045 894538



Kildare Half Marathon – 9th May
 Flora Women's Mini Marathon – 7th June
 Cork City Marathon – 7th June
 Dingle Marathon – 4th September
 Cork Women's Mini Marathon – 26th September
 Dublin City Marathon – 25th October
 New York City Marathon – 7th November



RUN A MARATHON

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