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Jack & Jill News

Updates on www.jackandjill.ie

March 2012

Where's the national Paediatric home nursing care budget?

Since establishing this Foundation in 1997 in my son Jack Irwin's name, we've supported over 1500 children. It has taken blood, sweat and tears to raise the €35 million we've needed while receiving a €4.5 million grant from the HSE. Ironically, €35 million is what's already been spent on the consultation process for the new Children's Hospital, without a location sorted. Madness! That amount would keep Jack & Jill going for the next 16 years. At a time when the right of the child is top of the Government agenda, this debate must be broadened to ask the question why Ireland in 2012 still doesn't have a national paediatric home nursing care budget? If the 286 children under our wing ended up back in hospital, the already dangerously overcrowded hospital system would not cope and it would cost the State over €42 million per annum in hospital care. We need our families and friends to pose this question to your local politicians by emailing firstname.surname@oireachtas.ie or just call them.

Premiere movie tickets for The Pirates a steal at €10



Thanks to our friends in Nestle Ireland and Sony, Jack & Jill is delighted to announce the premiere of **The Pirates, In an Adventure with Scientists** on 25th March at the Odeon Cinema at the Point Village, Dublin in aid of Jack & Jill. These VIP premiere tickets, which include a pre film party sponsored by Nestle Ireland, are a steal at €10 each, with 100% of the proceeds going to

Jack & Jill. To order your tickets *me hearties* logon to the Jack & Jill website www.jackandjill.ie and please book early or walk the plank to Full House.

Perfect Mothers Day Gift

happy faces day 2012
in association with Canon
(an Irish professional photographers association initiative)



gift voucher

happy faces day 2012
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(an Irish professional photographers association initiative)

this voucher entitles you to a mini portrait session and desk portrait with a qualified ippa professional photographer during **happy faces day 2012**
www.happyfacesday.ie

Number: _____
100% of proceeds go to



No Care Like Home Care

Happy Faces Day in aid of Jack & Jill is a campaign on 1st April run by the Irish Professional Photographers Association (IPPA) in association with Canon. It is made possible by the

generosity of professional photographers nationwide who give their time free. What's on offer is a personal, professional portrait costing just €25 with 100% of the €25 going to Jack & Jill. Our target is to raise €100k through this special initiative but to achieve this we need your help in spreading the word and getting involved. Today we have €25 Happy Faces Vouchers available which make wonderful Mother's Day and Birthday gifts while helping Jack & Jill families in your area. Please check out your local participating photographers on www.jackandjill.ie

654 Foroige clubs & projects
300 Families with seriously ill children
10,000 Smart phones recycled: Our target!
8 Weeks to help make a difference during March & April
1 Big impact on services in your community

SMART MOVE
RECYCLE YOUR SMART PHONE

Help make a real difference to children & young people in your community
Support Foroige and the Jack & Jill Foundation to raise funds
Prizes for phone donors & collectors up for grabs

Check out www.foroige.ie for full information

Jack & Jill has joined forces with Foroige to ask businesses to donate 10,000 smart phones during March and April to raise funds for both Foroige and Jack & Jill. Each participating member of Foroige will collect one smart phone each to the benefit of their club and the Jack & Jill babies in their local community.



Letter from Jonathan published in Irish Times - 28th Feb

Sir, – The 286 severely disabled children currently under the wing of the Jack & Jill Children's Foundation know our hospital system inside out. Indeed, it is not uncommon to dash to hospital twice a week with these fragile babies. This I know from personal experience caring for my son Jack, whose 16th birthday anniversary occurs this February 29th. Since establishing this Foundation in Jack's name in 1997 when he passed away, we have supported more than 1,500 children and their families by funding and delivering quality home nursing care and respite. However, it has taken blood, sweat and tears to raise the €35 million we've

needed while receiving a paltry €4.5 million grant from the HSE. Ironically, some €35 million has already been spent on the consultation process for the new Children's Hospital, without a brick laid or a location sorted yet. That amount would keep Jack & Jill going for the next 16 years. So if there's a refund to be had please direct it our way Mr Reilly. And it's not just the cost of the consultation process that doesn't make sense. Views were sought from our nurses regarding the new children's hospital throughout this consultation process, but they weren't heeded. If they were, we wouldn't be in this mess. What we need now is less talk and more

listening; and this debate must be broadened to include home nursing care for sick children. Why is it that we still don't have a national home nursing care budget in Ireland in 2012? If the 286 children under our wing ended up back in hospital, not only would the already dangerously overcrowded hospital system not cope, but it would cost the State more than €42 million per annum in terms of hospital care regardless of the location of the new Children's Hospital. I am ready, willing and able to consult with this new review group, free of charge.

Yours, Jonathan Irwin

1 cent per transaction for Jack & Jill



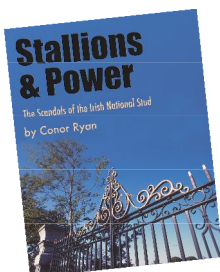
Applegreen which employs 1,024 people throughout its 67 stores in Ireland has raised €276,082.39 for GOAL and the Laura Lynn House through its Charitable Fund, which donates 1 cent from every transaction. Now

Applegreen has appointed two new charity partners in Jack & Jill and Console, with a target to raise another €240,000 for each by the end of 2013. This couldn't come at a better time and is like a charitable wheel of fortune for Jack & Jill and we want to thank the Applegreen team for choosing us. Applegreen's target is to raise enough cash to provide over 3700 nursing hours per annum to our families and you can check out their ticker target on www.applegreen.ie. They're also helping with IPPA Happy Faces by providing a number of venues for Happy Faces Day and marketing the campaign in all their stores.



Jonathan Irwin, Bob Etchingam & Geri Maye

€5 to Jack & Jill from every book sold



You will be aware of the Irish National Stud's proud breeding history, its international reputation and its nurturing of the great 'Sea the Stars'.

But you may also know something of the Stud's penchant for controversy

But do you know the full story? Hillgate Publishing Ltd., now reveals that full, uncensored, thoroughly researched and scandalous story, with the publication of 'Stallions and Power- The Scandals of the Irish National Stud'.

Our CEO Jonathan Irwin described it as a 'Riveting' Read and we are delighted that €5 from every book sold through Jack & Jill will be donated to Jack & Jill. Logon to www.jackandjill.ie for order details

Nationwide



1. Chq pickup from Orla Trearty walk 2011; 2. Commissioner Martin Callinan and Sergeant Ronan Carey 3. Anne Valley Challenge 2012

Making a real difference, thanks

Jack & Jill Annual Golf Classic



The Jack & Jill Annual Golf Classic will take place this year on 14th June in Rathsallagh Golf Club, which is one of Ireland's top golf courses. The cost is €1000 per team of 4 which includes a light lunch and golf. It also includes a

barbecue after the golf for the team and 4 guests. It always proves to be a great day with good fun, great food and fantastic prizes!!! For more information or to book a team, please contact the Jack & Jill Office on 045 894538



The Spar Great Ireland Run 2012 - on Sunday April 15th in the Phoenix Park, Dublin - was launched recently by Ireland's European Cross Country champion and 2012 Olympic Games qualifier, Fionnuala Britton. Jack & Jill along with the Marie Keating Foundation are the two chosen charities for the main run. To register for the run logon to www.greatirelandrun.org

Photo: Jonathan Irwin, Fionnuala Britton, Linda Keating, Zena Donnelly & Abbie Cleere



Sam's Lunch 11th May- Four Seasons Dublin

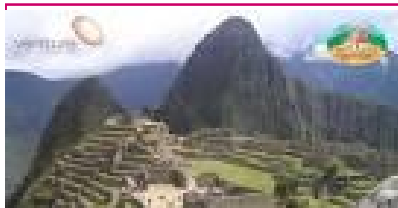


Once again Jo & John Nolan, the parents of baby Sam Nolan who sadly passed away in June 2008 are hosting their annual Sam's Lunch in the Four Seasons Hotel Dublin on 11th

May 2012. This is Sam's fifth lunch which always proves to be a great event with lots of fun, great food, wow factor raffle and auction prizes. A table of ten costs €1000 with individual tickets available for €100 each. To book, contact the Jack & Jill office on 045 894538. All bookings must be paid in advance.

Photo: Jonathan Irwin with Jo & John Nolan and Jo's daughter Amy

Inca trail for Jack & Jill



Why not dust off those hiking boots and take up the challenge of completing the Inca Trail in aid of Jack & Jill? Earth's Edge in conjunction with our new fundraising partner Venture Networking

Group are organising a trek on the Inca Trail in aid of Jack & Jill which will depart from Dublin on 21st September. The cost including fundraising for Jack & Jill is €4998 per person. For more information logon to www.jackandjill.ie

Jack & Jill Dublin to Kilkenny Cycle



Join us on Saturday, 15th September 2012 for a 100k picturesque cycle from Dublin to Kilkenny culminating in a fun evening with dinner and overnight stay at 4 star Kilkenny Hotel.

Fundraising target is €500 per person which includes:

- Dinner and accommodation (€155 per person)
- Dublin to Kilkenny Cycle T-shirt

Professionally organised cycle with 1 marshal to 10 cyclists and refreshments en route.

To book your place or for more information, please contact Edelle on Edelle@jackandjill.ie

Jack & Jill Run Up the Hill 2012



Jack & Jill Run Up the Hill takes place this year on April 28th. The Annual 10k in Kenmare Co. Kerry, which is now in its 4th year, is driven by local postmaster John

O'Sullivan and each year provides funds to care for the children in Co. Kerry. This year entry is €20 to be paid on the day. For more details logon to our website www.jackandjill.ie. Big thanks to John and his team again.

Jack & Jill Calendar Pen



Why not purchase one of our new Jack & Jill pens with pull out calendar? They cost €2 each and can be purchased from the Jack & Jill website.

www.jackandjill.ie

Daisy



The raffle for "Daisy", our gorgeous year and a half old Red Limousin Heifer took place on 9th March 2012 in Millar's Pub, Ballydangan, Co. Roscommon.

Our thanks to the local Ballydangan farmer who donated Daisy and to everyone who sold tickets for the raffle.

Daisy has raised some eyebrows and a large amount of funds for Jack & Jill which will go a long way towards looking after sick children in Roscommon.

Money
raised
locally
stays
locally

County	Monthly County Cost	Current cases	Cases since 1997	County	Monthly County Cost	Current cases	Cases since 1997
Carlow	€2,560	6	26	Louth	€3,360	8	42
Cavan	€1,336	3	25	Mayo	€3,384	10	62
Clare	€2,416	6	37	Meath	€7,312	13	65
Cork	€10,640	31	170	Monaghan	€1,624	3	21
Donegal	€3,104	5	27	Offaly	€2,512	5	21
Galway	€5,512	15	94	Roscommon	€2,016	4	18
Kerry	€6,112	10	37	Sligo	€928	4	16
Kildare	€5,312	12	86	Tipperary	€3,322	9	38
Kilkenny	€1,336	5	31	Waterford	€4,848	11	48
Laois	€6,856	11	27	Westmeath	€2,208	5	33
Leitrim	€256	1	8	Wexford	€10,348	20	75
Limerick	€4,968	13	70	Wicklow	€3,696	5	31
Longford	€2,112	5	14	Dublin	€31,208	67	380

Become a Jack & Jill Volunteer

We need more volunteers to help out with our fundraising events please. If you have some spare time, you like meeting people and would like to help Jack & Jill raise much needed funds, please contact us on info@jackandjill.ie with your name, telephone number and some details about yourself. We really need your help and ask a friend too.



Apology

Our apologies to those babies whose names we omitted from our December Newsletter. This was due to an error on our part formatting the presentation of the names. We apologise for the disappointment caused and we wish all our babies and their families the Best for 2012.



A picture is
worth a
thousand words
Jack & Jill's
Online Album

If you have a picture
of your child that you
would like to have on
our website, please
email it to us on
info@jackandjill.ie