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Jack & Jill News

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Crutches to support Care hours

Jack & Jill, in partnership with Applegreen Ireland and Nightline Couriers, launched our **new nationwide crutch recycling harvest** running until September 2012 to raise much needed funds for the Foundation. With the help of Dr. Fergus Leahy, Tralee General Hospital, we identified a gap in the market as crutches are defined as **"single use items"** by the HSE on health and safety grounds and therefore can't be returned once the patient is finished with them. Now we need your help please to spread the word that these old crutches can support home nursing care hours.



We reckon there are **one million crutches** out there in Irish homes just taking up space, an environmental hazard and waste of money. These old crutches will help support Jack & Jill families up and down the country. So this is win win for everyone and a good opportunity to remind people to keep sending in their old mobile phones to Jack & Jill, the truly Green Irish charity!

People can liberate their old crutches at any one of 70 **Applegreen** garages nationwide. Their site locations are on www.jackandjill.ie and don't forget to check out their Charity Ticker showing money raised already for Jack & Jill and Console their chosen charities for 2012/13.

Message from Jonathan

We are as busy as ever on your behalf in Jack & Jill, but never too busy for Family Fun Day which is one of the happiest days in the Jack & Jill Calendar and my personal favourite. This is our day for pure, uninterrupted family fun, where there's something for everybody, especially the siblings of our Jack & Jill children who can sometimes feel isolated, but not today.



Jonathan Irwin with Jack & Jill Nurses

It's magical to see the children and our hard working nurses really having fun with the "Pirates and Princess" theme. In contrast, we've met more Pirates than Princesses on our quest for more Government funding, which continues to be an uphill struggle but onwards and upwards we go.

It is the family support that keeps Jack & Jill going, whether it's direct or via your contacts. Thank you for being true ambassadors for Jack & Jill and telling our story.

Jonathan Irwin



Sweet Smell of Success for Jack & Jill

A rousing sense of anticipation and excitement has descended upon Jack & Jill as we prepare to launch our online shop on the fourth of July. We will be selling discount designer scents for men and women as well as cosmetics, skin care and electronic goods. It is a great joy to have the opportunity to offer you all your favourite brands at discount prices whilst at the same time giving you the chance to support Jack & Jill! A donation from all purchases will go to the Foundation and the price is right. For further details logon to our website on www.jackandjill.ie and help us achieve the sweet smell of success!! You're worth it.

A Time for Change!!

Aer Lingus has been a great supporter of Unicef over the last 15 years and have raised over €15 million in funding. While Unicef is a great charity we think it is time for our National Airline to make a change and support an Irish Charity. We would ask you to contact Aer Lingus, or mention Jack & Jill if and when you or your friends fly Aer Lingus, and ask them to consider one of the many worthwhile Irish charities. It is time for change!



Jack & Jill Tablet for Schools

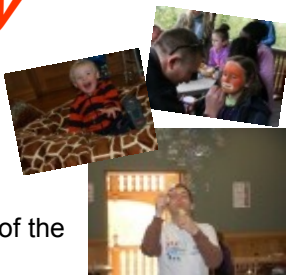
Students from St. Joseph's in Fairview, who put the new Jack & Jill Tablet Laptop called "The Jack" through its paces. The Jack, which has been developed with our friends in Microsoft and Net Communications, is now available through our schools programme at under €500 per unit and the option of paying via unwanted mobile phones. This is a neat, ruggedized interactive learning tool, packed full of useful tools like Mathletics, a built in eReader, handwriting recognition, the complete Microsoft Learning Suite and a Movie Maker Programme. Lights, camera, action and please do give your local teachers a report card!



Thanks to all those who have participated in one of the many 2012 Marathons in aid of Jack & Jill. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Zurich Zoo Day

A big thank you to all volunteers from Zurich who organised a fantastic Family Zoo Day. It was a great day out for some of our families with lots to see as well as fun activities for all members of the families (even the Dads!)



Get on your bike for Jack & Jill

Who better to launch our Dublin to Kilkenny Cycle than Henry Shefflin and Anthony Daly, who put aside their rivalry for Jack & Jill. Join us on Saturday, 15th September 2012 for a 100km picturesque cycle from Dublin to Kilkenny culminating in a fun evening with dinner and overnight stay at the 4 star Pembroke Hotel, Kilkenny



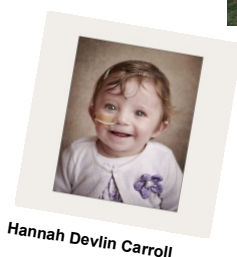
Jack & Jill Liaison Nurse Caroline Thomas with Henry Shefflin and Anthony Daly

Fundraising target is €500 per person which includes, dinner and accommodation, T-shirt and a professionally organised cycle with 1 marshal to 10 cyclists with refreshments en route.

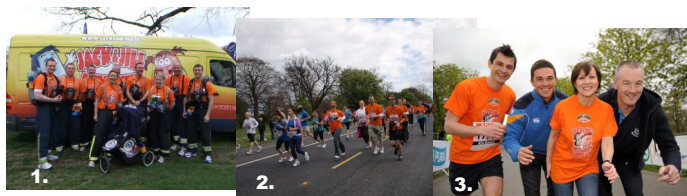
Spar Great Ireland Run

Happy Faces Day raises €80,000

Our thanks to all the IPPA photographers who gave up their time to run Happy Faces Day 2012 for Jack & Jill. We are delighted to announce that over 3200 people had their happy faces taken, with 100% of proceeds from every €25 portrait going to Jack & Jill. This huge effort raised €80,000 which will provide 5000 home nursing hours for children nationwide and that puts a smile on everyone's face. We look forward to IPPA Happy Faces 2013, in association with Canon.



Hannah Devlin Carroll



1. Dublin Fire Brigade 2. Jack & Jill runners 3. Emilian Tiba, Eoin O'Malley, Edelle Monahan and John O'Leary

We would like to say a **BIG** thank you to our families, friends, corporate partners and to each and everyone who came to the Phoenix Park on Sunday 15th April to support us in the Spar Great Ireland Run 2012. We had a fantastic turnout and hope everyone enjoyed the wonderful atmosphere and 10th anniversary of the largest mixed 10K race in Ireland - hopefully we can do it all again next year!

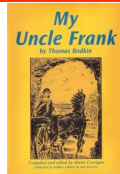
Corporate Update

We are both delighted and honoured to be chosen as Credit Suisse's Charity of Choice for 2012/13. It is a great pleasure to welcome them on board as one of our Corporate Sponsors.

Our thanks also to Nestle Ireland who recently hosted our Corporate offsite where we brought all our corporate supporters together to brainstorm future fundraising ideas. The afternoon was a great success resulting in many new fundraising partnerships. Looking forward to the next get together which will be hosted by Gala.

My Uncle Frank

The re-publication of Thomas Bodkin's *My Uncle Frank* was launched on Friday 25 May, at the Riverbank Arts Centre, Newbridge in aid of the Jack & Jill. **Thomas Bodkin**, Professor of the Barber Institute in Birmingham, originally published his light-hearted memoir of his days as a child in the company of his uncle in Co. Kildare in 1941. The reprinted book which costs €15 is available from the Jack & Jill Office on 045 894538 or from Barkers & Jones in Naas, Co. Kildare. A wonderful read with all proceeds to Jack & Jill



Jack & Jill Golf



A torment of rain and blustering winds enveloped Rathsaltagh Golf Club for our Annual Golf Club Classic recently. However the tempestuous Irish weather failed to affect the enthusiasm of the many supporters who braved the elements on the day. Unfortunately no one won the Toyota Rav 4 which was the star prize on the day for a hole in one at the 17th, although there were lots of stories of competitors coming very close. A welcomed respite from the long and arduous day came in the form of a barbecue which was held later in the evening. The festivities continued late into the night. The event was a marvellous success raising over €25,000.

Call for National Paediatric Budget

On 19th April 2012 Jack & Jill and the Irish Hospice Foundation, under the invitation of Senator Mary Ann O'Brien, made a presentation to 40 TDs and Senators in Leinster House urging them to ringfence a national budget for home nursing care for children with life limiting conditions. How can anyone operate a service without a budget? And this is a timely issue to debate, given the imminent publication of the "Value for Money Report" which we believe highlights the duplication in the existing €1.5 billion disability budget. On our children's behalf, we continue to lobby the HSE and the Dept of Health to ringfence this budget which makes economic sense and is in line with Government policy. We have also met with the Minister for Children, Frances Fitzgerald to brief her and to get her support under the banner of children's rights. **Our children must have a voice.**

Sam's Lunch was the place to be on the 11th May



Supporters and friends of Jack & Jill came together on 11th May to remember Sam Nolan and support Jack & Jill in style for Baby Sam's Fifth Annual Lunch at the Four Season's Hotel. The event was once again a tremendous success with over 200 guests in attendance. The afternoon was

a profusion of activity with a delicious lunch, entertainment, an auction and a raffle with a guest at each table winning a prize, ranging from weekends away to designer scents and clothing.

Our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Sam's wonderful family, parents Jolene and John and sister Amy, who organise this event on behalf of Jack and Jill to support other babies like little Sam. It is only through their hard work, dedication and extreme passion that this special event is so enjoyable and such a resounding success. Well done and thank you.



Our Thanks to the John Gaffney and the Cork Referees who raised €20,000 for Jack & Jill through the sale of their slightly risqué, semi nude 2012 calendar. A great score for the Cork soccer Refs!!

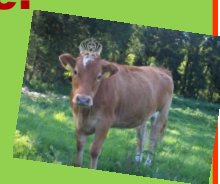


TEXT your County to 57034
Eg. Text KILDARE to 57034
And you will be helping children in your local county

Text cost €5 each
 Jack & Jill Foundation gets a minimum €3.62 of each €5 donation.

Daisy provides 750 hours of nursing care!

On the back of the success of the raffle for Daisy the cow, Jack & Jill are asking for a donation of another farmyard friend. If you or any of your friends have another Daisy, maybe a cow, chickens or suitable animal to donate to our raffle, we would love to hear from you. Email us on info@jackandjill.ie



Money raised locally stays locally

County	Monthly County Cost	Current cases	Cases since 1997	County	Monthly County Cost	Current cases	Cases since 1997
Carlow	€2,816	7	27	Louth	€2,560	7	42
Cavan	€556	2	25	Mayo	€3,328	10	63
Clare	€7,640	7	39	Meath	€7,568	13	65
Cork	€9,104	31	174	Monaghan	€1,624	3	21
Donegal	€2,944	4	27	Offaly	€2,672	5	21
Galway	€7,400	18	98	Roscommon	€2,176	5	19
Kerry	€5,728	9	37	Sligo	€1,376	6	20
Kildare	€5,544	12	87	Tipperary	€5,370	9	39
Kilkenny	€1,424	4	32	Waterford	€5,384	11	48
Laois	€7,176	3	29	Westmeath	€3,744	7	35
Leitrim	€480	2	9	Wexford	€9,940	18	76
Limerick	€5,592	15	73	Wicklow	€4,016	6	33
Longford	€1,952	4	14	Dublin	€35,256	70	390



Jack & Jill Land Raffle

We are delighted to announce that Michael Byrne from Beaumont is the winner of the Jack & Jill acre of land. The draw took place on the 15th June in the Jack & Jill offices with Independent adjudicator Sean Bagnall in attendance. Our thanks to all those who supported the raffle.

Please Remember



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

RED CORNER MONEY

Red Corner Money, an Irish owned financial services company have offered Jack & Jill a unique fundraising opportunity. Customers who choose to support Red Corner Money will in turn support Jack & Jill by refunding up to 33% of commissions received. Thus you save money on your current premiums whilst making a donation to Jack & Jill!

For more information checkout the red corner on our website www.jackandjill.ie

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