



# The Jack & Jill Children's Foundation

## GUIDE TO SERVICES



### Our Mission Statement

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We endeavour to help improve families' lives by engaging with the child and family to empower them and give them the choice to care for their child at home, often in extraordinary circumstances with extraordinary responsibilities.

# REFERRALS FROM

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- Acute Hospitals
- Disability Services
- Outreach Nurses
- Social Workers
- GPs and PHNs
- Homecare Teams
  - Parents

## Making A Difference Across Ireland

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Contact **045 – 894 538**

to be directed to the specialist liaison nurse in your area

# HOW WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

*"No Care Like Home Care"*

## Specialist Children's Liaison Nurse

### In Home Respite for children with severe neurological conditions 0 - 4 years

- A specialist children's nurse will be available to each family referred.
- We assess the child and family's individual needs and set up our service immediately.
- Listen, advocate and help co-ordinate families' wishes.
- We offer a donation towards the cost of in home respite care for families to source competent nurses/carers.
- We provide a flexible family-centred service.

### End-of-Life Care for children 0 - 4 years

- A specialist children's nurse will be available to each family referred.
- We offer a donation for up to 80 hours nursing care in a month.
- Nursing care in the home within 24 hours.
- Listen & help co-ordinate families' wishes.
- Daily review of child and family's needs.
- 24-hour crisis care & telephone contact.
- Communicate & liaise with appropriate agencies.
- We facilitate Irish Hospice Foundation (IHF) and Health Service Executive (HSE) funding for additional nursing care at home.
- Offer bereavement support and liaise with expert counsellors.

Involved in future development of The National Policy in Children's Palliative Care

Direct funding for Nursing Care

Link with hospital, outreach nurse, G.P., PHN, Disability Services, Homecare/Hospice, Voluntary Organisations

Sibling Care

**Child  
&  
Family**

Liaise and support Nurse/Carer working in the home

Expert Specialist Care & Advice

Advocacy & Referral

Emotional & Bereavement Support

Ongoing Health Promotion & Education

"Hands on" in-home care as needed

*“Our homecare support provides A Gift of Time”*

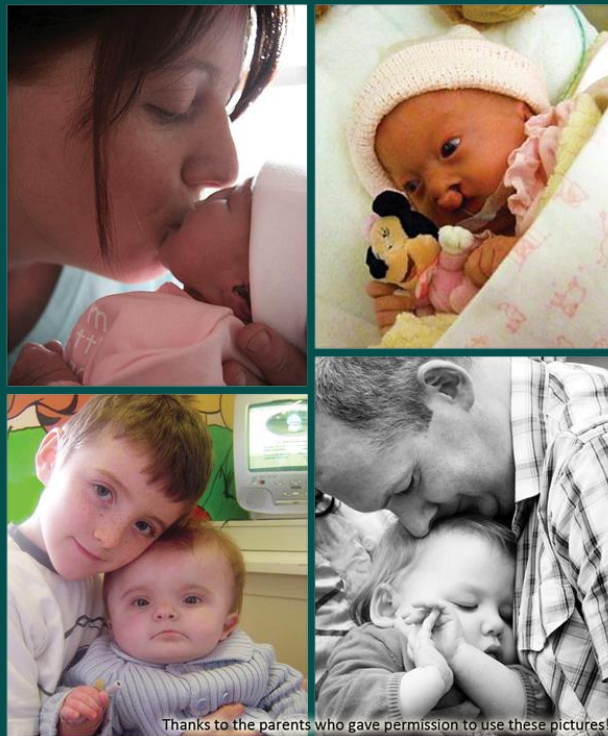
## BACKGROUND

The Jack & Jill Children’s Foundation was founded by Jonathan Irwin and his wife Mary Ann O’Brien in 1997.

*“Having the baby at home and having that level of support and care, just to know that someone was at the end of the phone, meant the world to us” – Carrie, Wexford*

*“Most importantly for our child it means that if he is unwell, we have the support of fully trained nurses to care for him, instead of having to bring him into hospital...” – Peter, Sligo*

*“Jack & Jill means a lot to us as it’s a lifeline to my family that enables us to live a somewhat normal life” – Helen, Waterford*



*One can pay back the loan of gold but one dies forever in debt to those who are kind.  
(Malayan proverb)*

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