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Jack & Jill News

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GALA UP THE HILL FOR JACK & JILL

We have quite an army to mobilise throughout September for our Gala Up the Hill for Jack & Jill. The 1700 families of our precious children supported since 1997; our extended family of 1000 nurses and carers around the country under the watchful eye of our 11 liaison nurses; the hundreds of schools, clubs and volunteers supporting us; the growing number of corporate partners, including Gala Retail, who are more than willing to give us that extra push up our fundraising hill.

The Gala Up the Hill for Jack & Jill is simple to do and will make a real difference to our fundraising drive between now and Christmas, but we need your help to make this happen. And please share your ideas with friends on facebook. We've got to get the national conversation going.

Throughout the month of September we are asking people to go up a hill for Jack & Jill. Any hill. Big hill, small hill, ant hill, treadmill, imaginary hill, emotional hill. People are hosting dinner parties and presenting a 'Hill of Food' to friends. Others are tackling a 'Hill of Work' like filing or washing up or ironing and tagging that as their Up the Hill for Jack & Jill.

All we ask is that people register and pay the €16 donation. Every €16 funds 1 hour of home nursing care for a sick child. It couldn't be easier.

This national fundraiser was born out of the efforts of John O'Sullivan in Kenmare who has been running his own Up the Hill for Jack & Jill for years, raising thousands of euro for us. Well done John and thanks for helping us to roll this hill out nationally.

What is your hill for Jack & Jill? For details and to sign up please log onto www.jackandjill.ie and get sharing those pictures and ideas soonest.



National Children's Hospital

As more and more flaws appear in the St. James' project and our parents become more distressed by the apparent intransigence of this Government to listen to them; an even worse disaster is about to suffocate the planned proposal. St. James were charged by the previous Minister for Health to produce a Master Plan for the development of their campus for the next 25 years before the Children's Hospital moves forward. This apparently still does not exist certainly not via Freedom of Information.

Without this document which has to confirm that there will be space available to build a Maternity Hospital on site and quickly, the Children's Hospital St. James project has to be halted in its tracks. We cannot be so irresponsible as to build one without co-locating a Maternity Hospital thereby endangering the lives of chronically ill babies year after year. Those politicians still promoting St. James should think hard and fast about placing future generations in such a tragic position.

Jack & Jill

The Story of
Jonathan Irwin



Released
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The story of Jonathan Irwin

The fascinating and heart breaking story of the man behind Jack & Jill, Jonathan Irwin, is to be published by Mercier Press this October with all royalties going to the Jack & Jill Children's Foundation

You can buy your copy from www.jackandjill.ie or in leading bookstores nationwide and on www.amazon.com.



Itsfabulous.com

Itsfabulous.com, the snazziest newest online retailer in Ireland offering the best of brands at the best prices, has partnered with The Jack & Jill Children's Foundation!! The site offers visitors the opportunity to buy fragrances, beauty products and accessories at the best prices around - hugely discounted—while a contribution is made to The Foundation with every purchase. Logon to www.jackandjill.ie to start shopping!



Toby for charity

Jack & Jill is delighted to have Toymaster's mascot, Toby, with us again this year. We are repeating our 'Toby on Tour' campaign from last year, where people are asked to visit their nearest participating Toymaster store and purchase a 'Toby' puppy to raise much needed funds for Jack & Jill and to share their picture stories online just like Sybil Mulcahy, Brendan O'Connor, and Tom O'Leary did. The proceeds will provide home nursing hours for 300 families nationwide with critically sick children. Toby puppies are available for €3 in 33 Toymaster stores nationwide and all proceeds from the sale of Toby will go to Jack & Jill.



Diamond in a Candle

Buy a candle this Autumn for Jack & Jill and be in with a chance to win a real Diamond ring



€19.99

This autumn we have a candle with a lovely ring to it—literally—to raise much needed funds. Each and every candle contains a costume jewellery ring while 2 of the candles have real diamond rings in them! These candles will make an ideal gift for friends, family, colleagues, teachers etc. A gift of these candles could replace the traditional box of chocolates or bottle of wine when going to a party. As a gift not only are you giving a beautiful candle, but you are donating the gift of time to the families of very sick children while also giving the recipient a chance of winning a real diamond ring.



Save the date



JOHNSTOWN GARDEN CENTRE

Autumn/Winter Fashion Show

In aid of The Jack & Jill Foundation.

VIP discounted shopping at 7pm followed by fashion show at 8pm in Johnstown Garden Centre Café, Naas, Co. Kildare.

Clothes from Reflections, Born, Johnstown Garden Centre, Jack & Jill Charity Boutique and many more....

Tickets €15 available from Jack & Jill Office & Johnstown Garden Centre



Christmas Corner

Christmas Cards

In aid of The Jack & Jill Children's Foundation



Pack of 12 Christmas Cards for €6.

Available from www.jackandjill.ie

Or call Jack & Jill on 045 894538



500 FREE Christmas Trees to Giveaway
More details coming soon!!



Little Ones Appeal
November and December

More details at www.jackandjill.ie

Bloom

The Jack & Jill garden, designed by Paul Doyle won the Gold Award in Bloom this year. The garden was opened by Brendan O Connor and attracted a lot of attention over the bank holiday weekend in June! Thanks to Paul Doyle, Brendan O'Connor and all our wonderful volunteers who helped us out that weekend.



Dubai Duty Free Derby Ball



Putting on the glitz! A night to remember was had by everyone at this year's Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby Ball at the K Club on 27th June. Jack & Jill was delighted to be the beneficiary charity for this year's ball which took place on the eve of the Dubai Derby at the Curragh Racecourse. With magic in the air and glitz and glamour in abundance for the black tie event, the evening included a drinks reception, sumptuous dinner, a quick auction and raffle with really fabulous prizes. The party atmosphere then continued as guests danced the night away into the early hours of the morning! Sincere thanks to all our sponsors and guests for helping us make it such a successful and enjoyable event.

Family Day

This year's Family Day brought 900 Cowboys and Indians to The Royal Hospital Kilmainham Dublin for an action packed day of fun. From bouncy castles to face painting, there was something there for everyone with the Garda Band, Army Vehicles, Weapons Display and Dublin Fire Brigade adding to the wonderful atmosphere.



Horse Show Ball



The Horse Show Ball at The Four Seasons Hotel, was hosted by Jack & Jill to mark the 2014 Horse Show Week at the RDS with proceeds raised going to Jack & Jill (with a percentage going to the Injured Riders Fund). The ball was a huge success with a night of lively entertainment, auctions and raffles. Many thanks to all guests who attended and all those who provided raffle and auction items for the event.

Sam's Lunch

Friends, both old and new, gathered together in the Four Seasons Hotel, Dublin on May 9th to remember a very special little boy at Sam's Lunch and raise much needed funds for the Jack & Jill Children's Foundation. As always the afternoon was a wonderful mix of great food, fun and banter, special guests and wonderful memories of Little Sam. Our sincere thanks to Jo, John and Amy for this annual event and here's to the 8th lunch next year!!



Golf in Mount Juliet



A fabulous day was had in Mount Juliet at this years annual Golf Classic. It was wonderful day with many of our regular supporters back together with a large number of new friends joining us on the course and for the dinner party in the beautiful Marquee. We look forward to welcoming more teams next year on the 22nd May 2015 in Mount Juliet.

Ways to help Jack & Jill

We need your old mobile phone



Why not get your local school, sports club, company to sign up for our campaign to collect 400 old mobile phones in exchange for a lifesaving Zoll AED. Contact phonerecycling@jackandjill.ie for more information

Send us your bus refund tickets



You can donate your Dublin Bus Refund Tickets to us which is split 50/50 with Temple St. Children's Hospital

Getting Married?



Why not make a donation to Jack & Jill in lieu of wedding favours.

Bargains Galore!

Our Jack & Jill Boutique in Newbridge showcased the quality of their high end stock at the Jack & Jill Fashion Show in May, in Killashee House Hotel, Naas which was hosted by Marietta Doran. Modelled by the Kildare Roses were a selection of seasonal outfits from spring/summer, beautiful bridal gowns, mother of the bride outfits, debs/ evening dresses. The Boutique also carries accessories, books, household goods etc so why not pop in and bag a bargain. For opening hours logon to www.jackandjill.ie or to contact the shop, phone 087 6890894.



If you have an hour here and there and would like to help raise funds for our families in your community please sign up as a volunteer at www.jackandjill.ie or call the office 045 894538

Money raised locally stays locally

County	2013 Total County Cost	Current cases	Cases since 1997	County	2013 Total County Cost	Current cases	Cases since 1997
Carlow	€11,358	1	27	Louth	€29,476	7	47
Cavan	€7,562	3	28	Mayo	€43,092	10	71
Clare	€30,388	7	47	Meath	€66,928	10	72
Cork	€119,908	29	206	Monaghan	€6,720	2	24
Donegal	€29,752	15	44	Offaly	€26,000	3	25
Galway	€72,599	21	115	Roscommon	€19,200	4	21
Kerry	€33,187	9	49	Sligo	€18,880	4	22
Kildare	€59,138	10	97	Tipperary	€41,618	7	43
Kilkenny	€22,984	9	38	Waterford	€45,040	10	59
Laois	€39,298	7	32	Westmeath	€10,560	4	38
Leitrim	€6,912	2	9	Wexford	€100,361	16	93
Limerick	€60,866	14	87	Wicklow	€36,660	6	36
Longford	€7,296	2	15	Dublin	€226,391	59	444

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