



## Message from our CEO Carmel Doyle



**Welcome to our latest newsletter to keep you informed and highlight our 2020 plans. We dedicate this to the 340 wonderful children and families we have the privilege to care for and to our dedicated nursing and fundraising team keeping the show on the road in this difficult time.**

We finished 2019 in style by winning the 2019 Good Governance Award and topping the email poll to become Permanent TSB'S Charity Partner. We couldn't be prouder to have funded and delivered 123,054 hours of specialist home nursing care in 2019, to finish 2019 in good financial health.

Despite no increase in our government funding, we are piloting to extend our cut off point of care from 5 to 6 years old, by offering up to 20 hours per month to Jack & Jill children turning 5 this year. None of this would be possible without your continued loyalty and support. **Thank you.**

Our vital work continues across the country and we are looking for local businesses who are willing to donate €1,280 to support local families with 80 hours of in-home respite with our new 'County Champion' programme. We are also asking individuals to sign up for a standing order donation of €20 a month to help local families.

Since January, I've been doing a roadshow to meet local nurses and families visiting Galway, Longford, Kilkenny & Limerick so far this year. I especially want to thank all those who have welcomed us along the way and given such great feedback about our service. I hope to be in your locality very soon... once COVID-19 is behind us.



### Good Governance Award

Jack & Jill won the Best Governance Improvement Awards at the Carmichael Ireland Good Governance Awards 2019. This initiative recognises and encourages adherence to good governance practice by non-profits in Ireland.

*Well done to Board Member Maeve Beggs (pictured) and Head of Compliance Deirdre Walsh for making the submission on behalf of Jack & Jill.*



*"It isn't everyone that can support us when we need a bit of time out. There's a lot of technical bits with Olivia's gastric feeding. So that's why Jack & Jill hours are so important to help us go to family occasions like weddings and funerals. Our nurses allow us to get a bit of head space knowing that she is safe in the hands of a trained nurse who knows her just as well as we do."*

**– Anita & her daughter Olivia, Co.Cork**



## Jack & Jill Lego Drive

With the help of DPD Ireland, we are collecting loose LEGO bricks to fund extra home nursing care for sick children across Ireland. Families, schools and businesses across the country can recycle and donate their unwanted LEGO to Jack & Jill. Every €16 raised through this LEGO drive will gift one hour of home nursing care. No need for complete sets or boxes. It just has to be LEGO – no other brick will do. Find out how your local school can help: [www.jackandjill.ie/lego-drive/](http://www.jackandjill.ie/lego-drive/) #BricksforCare



# Meet Some of the People Behind Jack & Jill



**Anne Reilly** Jack & Jill Liaison Nurse looking after families in Donegal, Cavan, Monaghan, Louth & Meath.

"It's a great honour to meet families and share their journey. It's often the case that so much attention is focused on the child who is sick, that other children can feel left out. In my job, I think it is hugely important for parents to be allowed the space and time to nourish the bond with all of their children, and I hope that we can help in some small way in enabling parents to do that."



**Matt Hoban**

Matt is the Head Of Finance based in our Kildare Office.

"I'm responsible for all aspects of the finances including statutory accounts, the budget process, managing funding streams, leading the finance team and being a key member of the management team."

For me, working in an organisation that provides life-changing services gives my work great meaning, there's nothing more motivating than that. It pushes you to ensure that donors money is used for the full benefit of the people you serve."



**Emma Webberley**

Emma is a Fundraising Manager based in our Kildare Office.

"Working with Jack and Jill is truly rewarding. I feel so privileged to work with such a strong team, providing vital support to our families. Fundraising gives us a chance to connect the community to our families in a very special way."



**Theresa McCoy**

Boutique Manager in Arklow Co. Wicklow.

"No day is the same in the boutique. From dealing with customers, organising volunteers, accepting and sorting donations to creating exciting window displays that will entice customers to come inside with a view to raise funds for the nine Jack & Jill families currently in Wicklow."

## Family Day 2020

**Our Family Day is taking place on Sunday June 7th 2020.**

The venue for this year's Family Day is the fabulous Johnstown Estate, Enfield, Co. Meath. It's a magical day for families, staff and volunteers, creating memories to last a lifetime. This year's theme is Disney.



## Open for Business in Kilkenny

We have been blown away by the kindness and support from all our Kilkenny supporters since opening our boutique at 12 Friary Street.

We currently have 12 wonderful families throughout the county and some of them are pictured along with Jack & Jill Liaison Nurse Joanne Doyle and local patron Ella Dunphy at our recent launch. Our other boutiques are in Naas, Newbridge, Crookstown, Arklow, Wicklow, Gorey, Portlaoise & Tullamore. From bespoke furniture to never worn designer wear all our boutiques are full of wonderful bargains. Check out the Jack & Jill Charity Facebook & Instagram pages to see the latest deals.

## Munster Magic!

**We are delighted to have Munster Rugby as our partner for the 2019/2020 season.**

Since September, Munster Rugby has been incredible pushing us 'Up The Hill' in Cratloe Woods highlighting our work at the Munster v Leinster match and teaming us up with Lifestyle Sports who kindly donated €5 from the sale of every Munster jersey sold, up to Christmas raising an incredible €28,000. Our partnership with Munster Rugby raises awareness and funding for our service, with the squad even taking up their paintbrushes as part of Incognito 2020.

*Pictured: Jack & Jill families meet the squad in Cratloe Woods.*

*Jack & Jill Dad Billy Holland, Nick McCarthy Arno Botha and Noah and Leah Quish at Lifestyle Sports Campaign Launch.*



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Jack & Jill's Public Art Initiative



## Incognito 2020

**Now in its fourth year, Incognito has raised over €300,000 for Jack & Jill Children's Foundation, with over 1,600 artists taking part each year.**

Due to the current Covid 19 situation we have had to make some changes to the Incognito 2020. We have divided Incognito into 2 parts.

Part 1 artworks are available to view now at [www.incognito.ie](http://www.incognito.ie). These 1814 pieces will then be available for sale ONLINE at 10am on Friday 24th April for €50 each until the 30th April.

Part 2 details will be announced in May.

Artists taking part in this year's collection include; Helen Steele, Duda, Abigail O'Brien, Robert Ballagh, Bruce & Patti Springsteen (YES THE BOSS), Bono, Don Conroy, Laura Cronin, Gugli, Maser plus lots lots more.

All artists behind the work will be revealed after purchase.

Check out [www.incognito.ie](http://www.incognito.ie). Proudly supported by William Fry



## Make Our Raffle ROCK!

Thanks to the support of Universal Music Ireland, Jack & Jill is running a MEGA music raffle every month this year. To be in with a chance to win some spectacular prizes, check out what's up for grabs this month on [www.jackandjill.ie](http://www.jackandjill.ie) or on our social media channels. Entry costs just €5 per monthly draw with a new prize each month.



## VHI Women's Mini Marathon

*Postponed, new date to be confirmed*

The VHI Women's Mini Marathon is still within distance and registration is now open.

Email: [Nancy@jackandjill.ie](mailto:Nancy@jackandjill.ie) for your pack today.  
#TeamJackandJill



## Jack & Jill Golf Classic

*Friday 4th September 2020,  
Carton House in Co. Kildare*

Join Jack & Jill and friends this year in the luxurious surroundings of Carton House for a brilliant day out.

To book a team, please contact Alie:  
[Alie@jackandjill.ie](mailto:Alie@jackandjill.ie)

## Be A County Champion?

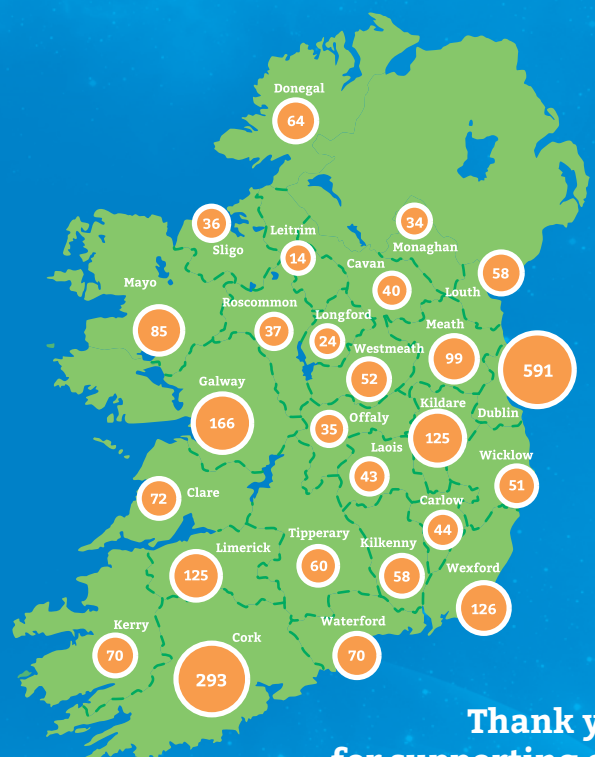
Can you introduce Jack & Jill to a local business in your area?

As a County champion there is a host of benefits and opportunities for small, medium businesses that make a substantial difference to families in your county.

With Jack & Jill the money really does follow the patient into the home and we have the county breakdown to prove it. Child and family centred care is at the heart of what we do and we need more county champions in every community.

**Contact Michelle to find out more:**  
[michelle@jackandjill.ie](mailto:michelle@jackandjill.ie)

## Number of Jack & Jill children nationwide since 1997



**Thank you  
for supporting our  
2400 families**