



#UpTheHill2020

This October, Climb a Hill for Those Who Can't

We are asking people to go Up the Hill for Jack & Jill throughout the month of October and to pick the date and local hill that suits them best.

We've had to cancel our bigger Up the Hill events, due to restrictions on group sizes and we won't compromise on safety. Instead, we are asking supporters to stay local, support local and donate local to Jack & Jill by keeping their groups small and safe and register for €16 for their Up the hill pack on www.jackandjill.ie



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Message from our C.E.O. Carmel Doyle

Our SOS emergency appeal has sustained our service through Covid-19. Thanks to You.

I am glad to report that over 60% of our 362 families are still in receipt of in-home visits. The remainder keep their connection with us via regular phone calls. Community is our delivery ward, with care provided, not over a week or a weekend, but on an ongoing basis, in those critical early years, until the child's 5th birthday. That way, Jack & Jill becomes part of the fabric of the care regime.

Never a charity to sit still, we are running a pilot scheme to extend that service to the age of 6, on a limited and transition basis. We are determined to keep this pilot running into 2021, with a little help from our friends.



Kind regards,

Carmel

Carmel Doyle, CEO

COMING SOON!

Gorgeous 2020 candles designed by Paul and William Costelloe. Keep an eye on our social media for more details



Shops

Our 9 nationwide charity boutiques are all open, trading as usual. Please see the website for more details.

Thank you for your loyal support keeping us open for business.



Bingo

Jack & Jill Bingo has arrived. Host a fun Bingo session with friends, family, neighbours or club/work mates.

Log on to jackandjill.ie/bingo or contact tina@jackandjill.ie for all the details.

County Champion Programme

Jack & Jill is asking local businesses across Ireland to support our local families by becoming a Jack & Jill County Champion.

As a County Champion you will receive a Certificate of Appreciation, a Jack & Jill digital communications badge and you will have the opportunity to get involved in a range of Jack & Jill events throughout the year. Email tina@jackandjill.ie.

'I've never seen him smile so much'



Your support this year means that Adam has had the home care he needs, & his family rely on.

Adam was born prematurely, and spent 10 days in intensive care, but it was when he didn't meet milestones after 8 weeks, and again after a number of months that his mum Barbara investigated with an MRI, and learned the devastating news her son had a type of brain injury.

'The guilt is always there, maybe I didn't take it easy enough, even though deep down I know there's nothing I could have done' says Barbara. Barbara talks of how heart-breaking it is having a son who may never speak, and that as he grows, the gap will only widen between him and his peers.

'During lockdown, Adam wasn't able to go to his playschool, didn't see his grandparents and wasn't able to see Jack & Jill carer Donna. But after a few months when Donna came back, I have never seen him smile so much.' Adam's parents rely on the support of Jack & Jill for home nursing care, which gives them a much needed break.

Have you thought of writing your WILL?

Read about our FREE Will writing service for Jack & Jill supporters. We can book you an appointment with our generous donor, Paula McHugh (Solicitor, Milltown, Dublin 14) who has kindly agreed to write a will for our supporters at no charge. When you are drafting your will, you might consider leaving a gift to Jack & Jill. This gift is a way to ensure the sick children under our care continue to receive in-home nursing care throughout Ireland. Please email nancy@jackandjill.ie for a private discussion.

* When you register your interest please confirm that you are happy for us to share your name & email address with Paula McHugh Solicitor so that we are in compliance with Data Protection Legislation.

Meet Some of the People Behind Jack & Jill



Nancy Hickey
Fundraising Executive

This year we have had to turn our focus to virtual runs and events, and the support has been phenomenal.

The virtual 2k in May and Jogs in June & July were a huge success, and I want to thank all of you for taking part during lockdown.



Denise Nolan
Family Co-Ordinator

During this time, 61% of our families are still availing of home nursing care. I am lucky to be able to work remotely to manage family payments and to complete all other documentation. We are still taking on new referrals so all procedures remain in place to allow home nursing care to commence or continue as required.



Peter McManus
Shop Manager, Newbridge

I'm the proud manager of the Newbridge Charity Boutique, it is great to have the store open again with many loyal customers in the area. Post-lockdown, we were very happy to see strong sales and support, along with ongoing donations of good quality stock in the store.



Thanks for Showing You Care!

There is no care like home care, and we extend a huge thank you and congratulations for showing you care to so many supporters throughout lockdown

1. Dad Daithi carried 3 year old Emily the full distance of 42km in her carrier on his back, for a Marathon in May – 2 photos, one of Daithi and Emily, 2nd of Emily eating icecream
2. John O'Donnell ran a whopping 100km during lockdown in Limerick
3. The McCarrick sisters from Sligo cycled their age in miles – way to go girls!!

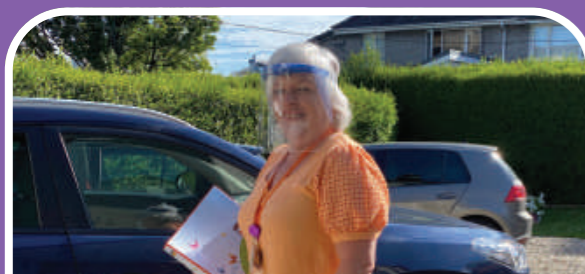
What it's Like to Cocoon with Complex Needs Children



The O'Brien family in Co Kildare face difficult decisions, while the rest of society starts to re-open around them

The O'Brien's liaison nurse Mary Joe misses the cuddles and Harry's wonderful laugh, but she realises that the family are grappling with the 'whats ifs' of allowing other people into their home. Mary Joe recently visited the family, but stayed socially distant in the garden. Harry's mum Maria refers to Jack & Jill nurses as her lifeline, allowing them to re-charge their own batteries knowing Harry is well cared for.

Throughout lockdown, Jack & Jill nurses continue to talk to families in person, by phone or through safe distance house calls, keeping that vital connection going.



Liaison Nurse Eilin doing a home visit during lockdown in Co. Cork

'These extraordinary times have certainly drawn on my ability to be adaptable and flexible in my everyday work.' – Eilin Ní Mhurchú

Covid-19 has brought many challenges to families supported by Jack & Jill. Many desperately need respite hours but face the dilemma of choosing in-home respite care and increasing the risk of exposure to Covid-19 or risk exhaustion themselves. Phone contact has become even more central in providing support to families and offering an outlet for them to discuss concerns and worries.

Thanks to our Friends at William Fry



Jack & Jill is honoured to have had William Fry as our long standing sponsor of Incognito for the past 3 years. Raising over €360,000 over 3 years, providing over 22,562 hours of home nursing care, it has been a crucial CSR partnership. We are grateful for their support in this award winning public arts initiative which was just one part of the firm's commitment to the Jack & Jill Children's Foundation. William Fry has also supported the Foundation through fundraising, volunteering and pro bono activities throughout the partnership.

This year, due to Covid 19 Incognito was forced to move to a virtual online auction where over 10,000 customers tried to bag a bargain from 2600 original pieces of art. Artists included Helen Steele, Duda, Abigail O' Brien, Robert Ballagh, Bruce & Patti Springsteen (YES THE BOSS), Bono, Don Conroy, Laura Cronin, Guggi, Maser plus lots lots more. All original artwork at €50 a piece was SOLD OUT within minutes.

Jack & Jill are always looking for new Corporate Partnerships, if you would like to get involved please contact info@jackandjill.ie.