

The Jack & Jill Children's Foundation


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Message from our C.E.O. Carmel Doyle

We want to thank you for your support, so that we can support 374 families with specialist home nursing and end of life care for children from birth to 6 years of age. Yes age 6, that's not a typo!!

We've officially extended our age range by a year to 6 years of age.

Our service kept going throughout COVID. We funded and delivered 94,106 hours of home nursing care in communities across the country in 2020. That's not counting the time via home visits and phone calls from our core nursing team of 15 specialists. That extraordinary care in extraordinary times continues today and I want to salute the resilience of our families, our nurses, our carers, our supporters, our volunteers, our board and our fundraisers for keeping the show on the road, despite the challenges.

You answered our SOS, filling that huge shortfall left by COVID cancelling so many of our fundraisers, in what is now a 2-year COVID response plan. I am very proud of the support we continue to provide to our Jack & Jill families, not just for a week, or a weekend, but for those critical early years, right up to age 6.

Our community reach and reputation means that you are never too far away from a Jack & Jill family. We are asking everyone to #StayLocal #SupportLocal and #DonateLocal please. We need your continued support.



Carmel

Jack Reaches Some Very Special Milestones In His Own Way

Nina, a most devoted single mum went through a number of rounds of IVF before her miracle baby Jack was born, but the shocking news that he may never walk, talk or eat, crushed her.

After a complicated pregnancy Jack was born at 37 weeks and was taken straight to ICU. From day one, things have been very challenging. He was tube fed, and back and forth in and out of Temple Street. Eventually little Jack was diagnosed with a rare condition called Oberklaid Danks syndrome, that affects development of many parts of the body.

Nina was told that Jack may never walk, talk or eat and he may have an intellectual disability too. "He communicates by pointing at things and touches things he wants. Most of the time he shows me what he wants. A Kaye walker frame that he flies around on now was our first lockdown project. He became very proficient in the first lockdown, even getting better at holding hands and walking". Nina says that without the tireless support from the Jack & Jill Foundation she would have fallen apart.



We'd like to thank Nina and Jack for sharing their story

Meet The Team



Sinead Moran
Nurse Manager

As one of the nurse managers I am glad to say that as a team we have been able to continue to provide our vital service to families nationally. We have provided much needed relief to families during lockdown through socially distanced home visits, walks with Jack & Jill children and their parents and continuous phone calls to maintain a much-needed social contact.



Claire Sheeran
Digital Communications Coordinator

I'm a storyteller who collaborates with the entire Jack & Jill team to highlight the stories that make our service special and keep our supporters up to date on the latest developments.

From family stories to fundraising initiatives, charity boutique bargains to nursing news, no two days are the same.



Majella O'Rourke
Reception & Fundraising

With the majority of our team working remotely, I make sure I come into the office every day to check the post and take the phone enquiries and any deliveries for the nursing team.

It's a big help having someone in the office who can help out all our staff!

"A big thanks to the HSE for sorting the vaccine for our frontline staff. This gives us the confidence to deliver the care and support to families nationally"



Supporting vulnerable families during Covid-19

Thank you for supporting Jack & Jill throughout this extraordinary time. With your generosity, we continue to provide care to 374 families in every county in Ireland.



374 children and families under our wing nationwide



65% of families availed of home nursing support in December 2020



Since March 2020, we have looked after 36 end-of-life cases at home



Since March 2020, 89 new Jack & Jill children have been referred



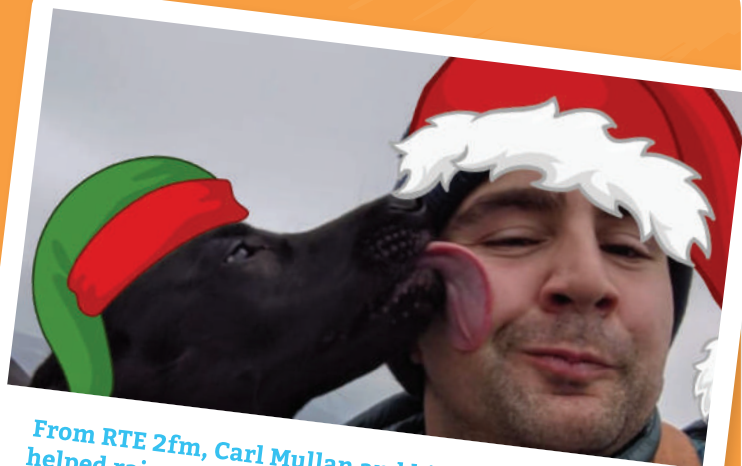
Essential visits and over the phone support for cocooning families continues



Every €16 raised since March has secured one hour of home nursing care

Your Support In Your Community

If you would like to do your very own fundraiser in your community, call 045 894 538 or email tina@jackandjill.ie



From RTE 2fm, Carl Mullan and his famous dog Angie helped raise money with a 12 day giveaway in the run up to Christmas. Thanks Carl!



A huge thanks to our Jack & Jill Ambassadors Eamon Fennell & Fiona Creely on reaching 160 laps in 158 minutes on #Hill16 at Croke Park in December 2020



Nicole & Katelyn Williams from Co. Kerry cut 16 inches off their fabulous hair, raising money for Jack & Jill - thanks girls!

Businesses supporting local and donating local

You and your business can become a County Champion for 2021!

Show that your business is supporting local and donating local, an important message during these extraordinary times. In return your business will receive a framed certificate, a digital social media badge and electronic greeting cards for your customers. Sign up to be a County Champion for one year with a once-off contribution from €800 (50 hours of nursing). For more information email tina@jackandjill.ie.



Meet our Westmeath County Champion



"Betterplants.ie (Organic & Natural fertilisers) are delighted to be able to help this brilliant foundation. Being county champion in Westmeath is an honour as helping in our own county is important to us."

– Ollie Greene, Managing Director, Betterplants.ie



Art Sale
for
Jack & Jill

incognito

Jack & Jill's Public Art Initiative

What do Bob Geldof, Robert Ballagh, Peter Curling, Una Sealy and Angela Bell all have in common?

They have all contributed to this year's Incognito Public Arts Initiative alongside a galaxy of well-known and up-and-coming artists.

Every piece is only €60, with the artist's name only revealed after purchase.

Online Sale - 22nd April @10am

View the 2021 collection from March 31st at www.incognito.ie

Support Local in Extraordinary Times, so that we can Provide Extraordinary Care



Step Up!

Set yourself a steps goal (walk, run, jog or sprint) and a fundraising target for #teamjack&jill.



Teacher Gift Certs

At the end of each term, don't forget our gorgeous Teacher Certs. Available all year round at jackandjillstore.ie/teachercerts



Charity Boutiques

While the shops are closed; you can continue to shop online at thrifty.ie and search for Jack & Jill or on jackandjillstore.ie



Up the Hill - Save the date for October 2021

Show Your Support

Make a donation at www.jackandjill.ie
or
call 045 894 538 to support local families