

Message from our C.E.O. Carmel Doyle

We are a charity set up by parents, for parents, to fund and provide child and family centred nursing care in the home, but we couldn't do that without your continued support.

On behalf of the 385 children with highly complex medical conditions under our wing today, thank you. Your donation funds specialist home nursing care for local children, from birth to our extended age range of 6 years old, and it makes a big difference.

We continue to get new referrals, supporting Jack & Jill families like Bella's, with a combination of in-home visits and over the phone support and we've kept going throughout this pandemic.

We are delighted to have our 8 Jack & Jill Charity Boutiques back open for business and we started our local radio drive recently with Kildare's KFM spearheading our Support Local, Donate Local appeal for our 20 families in Kildare. It is great to see more local businesses sign up as 'County Champions' for Jack & Jill by sponsoring local families and we will continue that local appeal.

Thanks so much to our Founder Jonathan Irwin who turned his 80th birthday into a fundraiser, at home in Kilkenny with Mary Ann and family, reminding us all of his son Jack Irwin's legacy.



*Mum Aisling and Dad James
with Bella on her birthday*

Bella is one of ten families in Co Kerry, who rely on supporters like you.

Bella Leen is from Ballyheigue in Co. Kerry. Bella was born with Wolf-Hirschhorn syndrome, a disorder that means she has low muscle tone, is fed through a tube and has epilepsy. Despite the impacts of the condition, the two-and-a-half year old has recently started trying to sit up by herself, to the delight of her family.

"She needs full-time care but in her own little way she is doing great" said mum Aisling. "She's able to roll on the floor and she's getting there with sitting up by herself in the last two months, which has been just brilliant. She's started reaching for things as well which she wasn't doing when she was younger so that's great."

Bella started having seizures at two months and soon after received support from Jack & Jill.

"Our nurse Kaylee who comes to the house is brilliant. She's a lovely person and a brilliant nurse and Bella is mad about her. She gets really excited when she sees her come through the door."

Leaving a legacy means that you can give a lasting Gift of Time.

There are 385 families under our wing across the country, and your legacy will continue to help those who need it, for today and for tomorrow. Contact emma@jackandjill.ie for more information.

Meet The Team



Tina Priestley
Fundraising Executive

I look after community events and fundraisers, and also our 'County Champion' businesses. I'm an active member of Network Ireland and BNI.

As a Jack & Jill Mum, I volunteered before becoming part of the team in 2019. My favourite part of my job is meeting new people and catching up with our wonderful supporters and friends.



Sheila Hayes
Nurse - Waterford, Kilkenny, South Tipperary, East Cork

I provide clinical, practical and emotional support to 35 families who are supported by Jack & Jill, liaising with the local nurses & carers and working directly with families.

I help with discharge planning, coordination of appointments, review the Jack & Jill respite hours and also provide hands-on care in the home.



Robert McCoy
Shop Manager

I'm the Manager in our Gorey Jack & Jill Charity Boutique located at No.1, Main St.

Our 3,000 sq ft premises offers plenty of room to check out all kinds of bargains in comfort, with over 2,000 new and preloved garments for ladies, gents and children, plus a large range of homeware and furniture.

Partnering with local business

'In the past year we have all learned, more than ever, the importance of community and charity. Our investment in building lasting communities is focused on enhancing the lives of our residents and the wider community, particularly our elderly and children, in places where we build and right across Ireland'

– Stephen Garvey Glenveagh CEO

Thank you to the whole team at Glenveagh for partnering with Jack & Jill this year.



Two Jack & Jill Super Mums on The Late Late Show

Jack & Jill Mums Nina Fitzpatrick (Mum to Jack) and Katie Healy Nolan (Mum to Penelope) joined Ryan on The Late Late show in May, to talk about their experiences of being full time carers.

They explained how throughout Covid, families like theirs have continued to provide 24 hour care to their children at home. Highlighting delays in equipment, Katie said "These children are children who have very limited time and they're the ones that are always asked to wait longest. It's very difficult sometimes to go public and to put yourself out there and explain that your child needs these services and unless you're living in the world, you can sometimes not understand just how vital they are".

Thank You For Supporting Local This Year



Eva Maria from Co. Dublin is a super big sister, raising funds to help care for more children like her brother Filip.



Thank you to all those who donated to Jonathan's 80th Birthday Fundraiser in lieu of gifts this year.



TY Students Oisín Black and Luke Carley from St. Mary's in Drogheda 'Bagged some Boots' for Jack & Jill – thank you!



Thanks to all at Kidz@Play in Maynooth & Kilcock for organising the most gorgeous Teddy Bears' Picnic in support of our 20 children in Co. Kildare.

A note from Chairperson Maeve Beggs

"I think we've all learned a lot this year and at Jack & Jill we want to continue to play a vital role in delivering frontline home nursing and end-of-life care in every community across the country."



Supporting Jack & Jill Families During COVID-19



385 children under our wing, with 133 referrals nationwide during the pandemic



65% of families receiving home nursing support
*May 2021



Over 94,000 hours of home nursing care funded and delivered in 2020, despite COVID-19



Over 25,000 hours of hands on care, advocacy, case management in 2020 from our specialist team of liaison nurses



Essential visits and over the phone support for cocooning families continues



Every €18 raised funds one hour of home nursing care via donation direct to family model



"It's been such a tough time for our families, but thankfully we managed to continue our service over the past 18 months. We look forward to better times ahead for everyone"

Saundra, Nurse Manager





Stay involved this year!

From Walks, 5ks to challenges and marathons. Email info@jackandjill.ie for more information on activities near you.



Annual Golf Day

Would you like to join us at Carton House on 23rd September? Register your 4 ball for €799 at www.jackandjill.ie



Cards, Gifts of Time, Wedding Favours

Visit jackandjillstore.ie for gifts for all occasions



Win a cottage worth over €100,000!

Tickets available from Aghamore Community Development Company at www.housedraw.ie

10% of proceeds goes to The Jack & Jill Children's Foundation.

How To Stay Involved



This October, climb a hill for those who can't.

We are calling on you to Support Local, Donate Local by taking on a hill of your choice, and make a donation to Jack & Jill.

Our ask is simple, gather a few friends (*adhering to government guidelines at the time*) and head Up the Hill for those who can't. More info to come on jackandjill.ie

#UptheHill21



All 8 boutiques are now open and taking donations of clothing, LEGO, and other quality items

Thank you for continuing to support the charity boutiques in your community.

Volunteering Opportunities Available!

For more information please visit: www.jackandjill.ie/volunteering



CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

Registration for Incognito 2022 is now open at incognito.ie