

# RTÉ TOY SHOW APPEAL



Community  
Foundation  
Ireland

## Changing Children's Lives for Good.



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# The RTÉ Toy Show Appeal



## 1.2 million children and family members

benefitted from the RTÉ Toy Show Appeal last year

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## €4 million

was donated by the public last  
November to help change children's lives

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## 147 projects

were given grant support

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## 1.6 million

television viewers of the *Late Late Toy Show*,  
watched in 139 countries via RTÉ Player

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## Over €17million

donated to help children via the  
RTÉ Toy Show Appeal since 2020.

# RTÉ Toy Show Appeal Mission Statement

**Inspired by children, we work to bring the magic of *The Late Late Toy Show* to every child in Ireland. By funding essential support, health, well-being, play and creativity, we aim to change children's lives for good.**

**The RTÉ Toy Show Appeal raises funds to be shared with charities across the island of Ireland who work with children from infancy to teenagers in the following ways:**

## → Ensuring basic needs

Providing holistic and practical supports for children such as food, shelter and warmth who are at risk;

Enhanced educational support where needed.

## → Improving health and wellbeing

Promoting mental health and resilience;

Increasing quality of life for children with disabilities and serious health conditions.

## → Reducing inequality through play, creativity and personal development

Supporting creative activities which enhance personal and emotional development, resilience and wellness;

Increasing access to play and recreation experiences for disadvantaged or vulnerable children and young people

# Acknowledgements

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ABTRAN who generously provided all professional call-centre services at no charge to the appeal. Thanks to all of the call-centre volunteers who help process all donations made by telephone.

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## stripe

Stripe, our payment processing provider, who facilitate online donations at a specially discounted professional rate.

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## Revolut

Revolut who enable all donations be made to the Appeal, on a fee-free basis, and who offer all essential technical support to enable this volume of donations be possible.

# Statement from Kevin Bakhurst, Director- General, RTÉ

**By any standards, the enduring public affection for *The Late Late Toy Show* is remarkable, and it is something that we never take for granted. With the inclusion of the RTÉ Toy Show Appeal, our audiences have transformed a viewing experience, to a national outpouring of outstanding generosity.**

In its first three years, the public have donated over €17 million to help children who need some level of extra help. It is estimated that over 1.2 million children and family members were helped each year since it began. Thousands of individual donations have helped to change the lives of children in every county in Ireland.

Connecting with audiences is more than simply a worthy ambition for RTÉ. It's fundamental to our responsibility to support and offer value to everyone.

That includes every child and family who may feel left behind. In that quest, we are proud to partner with the hundreds of charities and community groups around the country who are working to ensure that more children are supported in having a safe, healthy and happy life.

Thanks to the generosity of our audiences last November, the appeal has been able to give grant support to an incredible range of projects, from specialist equipment for children with disabilities to additional supports for children in hospital and from food and nourishment to children at risk of food poverty to joy and play through festivals and playgroups.

We are grateful to the team at Community Foundation Ireland, our charity partner who receive the donations, assess all the applications, and ensure that this money achieves the best outcomes possible.

There is no other fund like this in the country, and we hope that with the support of our viewers, it will sustain and grow and help even more children in the years ahead.

**Kevin Bakhurst**  
Director-General, RTÉ

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# Supporting Children Through Times of Crisis

Denise Charlton



**The generosity of viewers of *The Late Late Toy Show* is transforming young lives in communities in every county. A remarkable achievement at any-time but particularly when so many are grappling with the cost-of-living crisis.**

Despite the challenge of stretched household budgets families who gathered on the last Friday in November to watch the highlight of the television calendar dug deep raising €4 Million.

The impact of which has been scores of projects which are strategic and transformative with an ability to make significant positive change.

Not only does it mark a third successful appeal but also a unique coming together to respond to the needs facing children right across the country.

A unique event with viewers giving what they can to support not only family, friends and neighbours but also strangers living in their communities.

## Supporting 1.2 Million Children

The figures are remarkable. Once again 1.2 Million Children and their families supported with 147 grants bringing the total since the first appeal in 2020 to 359 grants. As impressive as they are these totals do not tell the full story of the RTÉ Toy Show Appeal and the impact it has every day of the year.

This appeal is about putting food on the table or a roof over the head of a child who has no place to call home, supporting children scarred by the trauma of war as well as bringing the joy, energy and colour of the arts to children living with a disability. The impact is huge. Informed by those working on the ground in communities as well as the leading child advocates in the country, grants were distributed under three themes; Essential Needs, Health and Wellbeing as well as Play and Creativity

## Cost of Living Crisis

The themes allow the appeal to respond to emerging challenges fuelled by the cost-of-living crisis. Grants under Essential Needs are being used to give practical supports to those families who them most.

Children and young people at the centre of the homeless crisis are being traumatised – not knowing where they will be sleeping from night to night is deeply unsettling and disruptive. The appeal has allowed the provision of counselling supports for those forced to live in emergency accommodation.

Food banks and other centres are being supported to allow parents to put food on the table. In terms of overcoming rising bills and costs case workers have been put in place to help people find a way to make ends meet. New mothers in vulnerable situations such as Direct Provision Centres are being assisted with needs such as nappies and push chairs.

## Children of War

In addition to those children trapped in the asylum system, communities across Ireland continue to support and shelter families fleeing for their very survival. The impact of the war in Ukraine has seen tens of thousands of people seeking safety in Ireland.

# Supporting Children Through Times of Crisis

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Children, many of whom arrived with little or no knowledge of Ireland and only the most basic English, quickly have been adapting not only to a strange land but also to new schools and new friends.

Whether after school home-work clubs in Shannon, creative clubs in Sligo, sports days in West Cork or trauma supports across the country the Toy Show Appeal has allowed local actions which are bringing comfort and support to the children of war.

## Health and Wellbeing

Many other children face trauma and challenges. With a focus on health and wellbeing the appeal ensures children no matter what their circumstances will benefit. From providing equine therapy to children living in violent homes in the Midlands to liquid therapy from access to surfing in Donegal, the Appeal is promoting alternative supports which are transforming young lives.

Cope Galway is working with 200 homeless children in emergency accommodation providing health and education programmes.

## Creativity and Play

Imagination is at the very centre of the RTÉ Toy Show, so it is fitting that once again the Appeal adopted Creativity and Play as a theme in its third year. Bringing colour, excitement and energy into young lives is what makes this appeal unique amongst all others. It is the instigator and the driver of many projects allowing community groups and organisations to plan bigger and bolder.

The Crann Centre in Wexford, Limerick Youth Services and LARCC Cancer Support in Roscommon are just three of the projects focusing on bringing the arts to children living with illness or disabilities. Special play therapy facilities as well as art and creativity programmes have been made possible through the appeal.

## Local Impact

The projects highlighted in this report can only ever tell part of the story. What viewers can be assured of is that young lives in their county are being improved in many ways. Often unique programmes and projects are made possible which otherwise either would not happen or be unable to reach so many children.

At Community Foundation Ireland we are proud of our partnership with the RTÉ Toy Show Appeal.

As a philanthropic hub we have access to the insights which allow us to identify where the need is greatest as well as those issues which require an urgent response. That knowledge and agility gives us the ability to turn the generosity of viewers into action and to change children's lives for good.

On behalf of the Foundation we want to thank all who make the RTÉ Toy Show Appeal happen, in particular the viewers who each year respond to a uniquely Irish night of incredible television to create magic.

**Denise Charlton**  
Chief Executive of Community Foundation Ireland

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# 2023 Toy Show Appeal Grants

## Awarded from the €4million raised in the 2022 *Late Late Toy Show*

The lives of children across Ireland were improved in multiple ways through 147 RTÉ Toy Show Appeal grants which were made possible by the generosity of viewers of last November's *Late Late Toy Show*.

The response once again from *Late Late Toy Show* viewers to the appeal will help transform the lives of an estimated 1.2 million children, young people and their families, with every county on the island benefitting from grants totalling almost €4 million.

Grants are being provided under three main areas of support:



### Addressing Essential Needs

Addressing Essential Needs assists those children in every country who face the greatest challenges.

**Projects include:** afterschool care to children at risk of food poverty, improving the lives of children in emergency accommodation (Galway), and the development of specialist resources for children with Down Syndrome.



### Health and Wellbeing

Health and Wellbeing focuses on supporting children facing living with health challenges or disabilities. In total over €1.9M is being awarded this year to provide health, disability supports, mental wellbeing and therapy services for more than 100,000 children and their families.

**Grants include:** funding a developmental trauma intervention for the Irish Foster Care Association, supports for children with a cancer diagnosis (Cavan), therapeutic care services (Kerry) and monthly home care support hours for children with life-limiting illnesses (nationwide).



### Creativity and Play

Creativity and Play will bring colour, creativity and fun into young lives all over Ireland, many of whom have faced serious adversity.

**Examples include:** Exploring the World of Languages is a programme which will engage pre-school children (nationwide), the provision of musical instruments for children traumatised by the war in Ukraine (Mallow), the upscaling of a palliative care unit (Cork), and the creation of the first accessible surf centre for children with disability (Donegal).

# RTÉ Toy Show Appeal



The monies raised were made available as grants to registered charities who work to improve children's lives by an open application process, managed on behalf of RTÉ by Community Foundation Ireland.

Founded in 2020, the RTÉ Toy Show Appeal has raised over €17.5m for children's charities to date. Over the past three years 359 grants have been provided to 226 children's charities across the island of Ireland. It is estimated that the Appeal has helped over 1.2million children and family members annually since its inception. Community Foundation Ireland has been the charity partner of the RTÉ Toy Show Appeal since its establishment in 2020.

Over 20 years in existence, Community Foundation Ireland works with individuals, families, companies, and other trusts and foundations to support a diverse range of not-for-profit organisations.

Since 2000 Community Foundation Ireland has awarded over €120 million in grants. Community Foundation Ireland is a registered charity, (Registered Charity Number (RCN): 20044886) and is committed to the highest standards of trust and governance. Community Foundation Ireland and its partners believe in equality for all in thriving communities. They work with individuals, families, corporates and other trusts and foundations as well as Government to translate giving in the moment to giving that is strategic, sustainable and impactful.

## Key theme 1

### Cost of Living Crisis

The cost-of-living crisis has been impacting children and young people, particularly those who are more marginalised in society. The RTÉ Toy Show Appeal has stepped up by providing funding for:

- Food provision and case workers to support families to overcome the issues they face as a result of increased costs
- Counselling and family support for children in homeless emergency accommodation
- Providing essential items such as nappies and pushchairs to new mothers in Direct Provision

## Key theme 2

### Ukraine War

Ireland has welcomed more than 70,000 refugees from Ukraine, many of them children. The RTÉ Toy Show Appeal has been providing funding to support Ukrainians settle into new schools, make new friends and to overcome war trauma. Projects include:

- Afterschool clubs in Shannon to support children complete homework and participate in art classes
- Creative programmes in Sligo to improve wellbeing, self-esteem and resilience
- Counselling for young people in Direct Provision and from Ukraine in Leitrim.

## Grants were made available against the following three themes in the following categories:

- Addressing Essential Needs
- Health and Wellbeing
- Play and Creativity

## Community Level Grants

Grants of €5,000 up to €25,000 were made available to eligible organisations (with a turnover of less than €500,000) that can demonstrate the impact of their work at local and community level.

Grant amount →

# up to €25,000

## Impact Grants

Grants of between €25,000 and €75,000 for projects of a significant scale, likely to benefit many children, or address a very specialist need.

Grant amount →

# up to €75,000

# How the RTÉ Toy Show Appeal Helped Children in 2023

# 147 charities

have benefitted, across the whole Island of Ireland

Total awarded to charities in Republic of Ireland:

## €3,586,000

Total awarded to charities in Northern Ireland:

## £312,942.46

The 2022 RTÉ Toy Show Appeal raised more than €4,000,000 which was granted to 133 children's charities in Ireland and 14 in Northern Ireland.

Through an Open Grant Round, charities were invited to apply for funding through the Community Round (up to €25,000) or through the Impact Round (up to €75,000).

The Community Round supported 79 charities across the island of Ireland to support the most vulnerable and marginalised children and young people at a local level. With RTÉ Toy Show Appeal funding, charities are providing Community Food Banks for children impacted by the cost-of-living crisis, afterschool homework clubs for children from the Traveller Community and adventure activity programmes for young people with disabilities.

The Impact Grant Round supported 68 charities across the island to make profound and long-term impact for children and young people. This includes creative therapeutic supports for children who have faced domestic violence, wellbeing programmes for children who are undergoing cancer treatment and essential items for children seeking asylum in Ireland.

### ROI Community Round

**70 grants,**  
totalling **€869,000.00**

	Grants	Amount
Essential Needs	23	€267,500.00
Health and Wellbeing	31	€397,000.00
Play and Creativity	16	€204,500.00

### ROI Totals

	Grants	Amount
Community Round	70	€869,000.00
Impact Round	63	€2,717,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>€3,586,000.00</b>

### ROI Impact Round

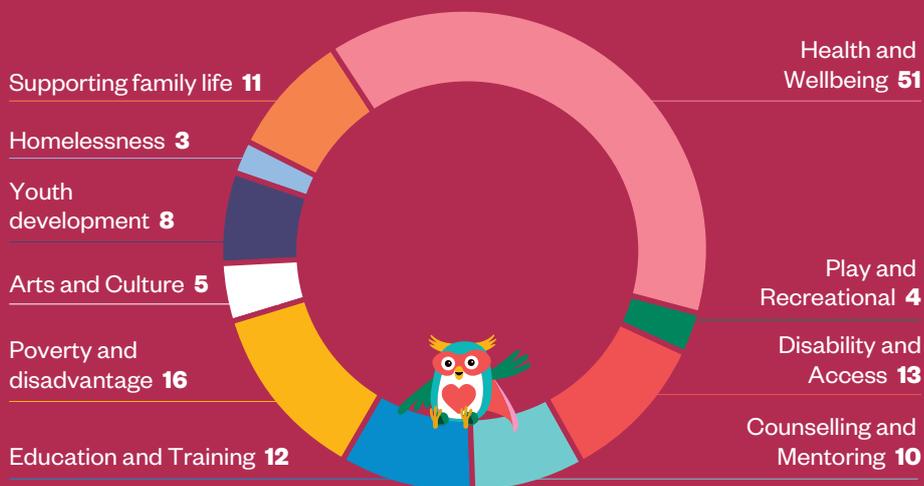
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	Grants	Amount
Essential Needs	16	€720,000.00
Health and Wellbeing	34	€1,439,000.00
Play and Creativity	13	€558,000.00

### NI Totals

	Grants	Amount
Community Round	9	£86,224.46
Impact Round	5	£226,718.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>£312,942.46</b>

### Number of grants issued to support societal issues



# The RTÉ Toy Show Appeal funded projects throughout the island of Ireland.

Donegal – Donegal Family Resource Centre CLG – Awarded **€15,000** for essential creative play and sensory equipment, and safe spaces for children and young people in rural Donegal

Antrim and Newtownabbey – Sensory Kids – Awarded **£10,000** for its Creative Specialist Play Programme which supports vulnerable children and mums



Monaghan – The Down Syndrome Centre North East – Awarded **€18,000.00** to provide a comprehensive Early Intervention programme for **50 children** with Down syndrome aged 0 – 6 years old

Belfast – Newstart Education Centre – Awarded **£47,750.00** for its early intervention programme that will improve the emotional and physical well-being of 30 young people.

Sligo – West Sligo Family Resource Centre – Awarded **€20,000** to provide creative programmes for personal growth, resilience, and wellness, for **250 children and refugees** from Ukraine

Louth – Drogheda Women's and Children's Refuge Centre Clg. – Awarded **€44,000** to employ an activity worker to provide support services for more than **100 disadvantaged children** so they have a safe space to engage in programmes and extra curricula activities.

Limerick – Dóchas Midwest Autism Support – Awarded **€11,0000** for developing Art and Lego Play Therapies for more than **60 Children** and Young People with Autism to reduce anxiety and build important personal skills.

Meath – Meath Springboard Family Support Services – Awarded **€58,000** to provide timely and affordable therapies to more than **100 children** who have additional psychological, emotional and behavioural needs



Cork – Feed Cork – Awarded **€15,000** its after school fuel programme that delivers healthy meals every weekend to **150 DEIS school children** who are at risk of food poverty.



Dublin – Citywise Education – Awarded **€55,000** to run less formal educational programme for Transition Year students in low socio-economic areas that inspires and provides the tools to support young people in accessing third level education.

Tipperary – Compass Child and Family Services – awarded **€45,000** to provide outdoor play and recreational facilities to vulnerable children and those who have faced trauma

Westmeath – New Horizon – Athlone Refugee & Asylum Seeker Support Group – Awarded **€12,000** to run the New Horizon Summer School for young asylum seekers and refugees to help them prepare for second level education and have better opportunities

Wexford – The Crann Centre CLG – Awarded **€58,000** to deliver a year-round programme of outdoor play, artistic pursuits, performances and fun for children and families living with neuro-physical disabilities





# Addressing Essential Needs

**Grants within this category of funding are intended to ensure that more children are safe, warm, fed and properly supported in addressing educational needs. Through practical support the aim is to improve the living conditions, life experiences and outcomes for children who may be at risk of some form of deprivation and increasing educational access for vulnerable children.**

# Addressing Essential Needs

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## Impact grants

### Irish Foster Care Association

Co Carlow, Nationwide

Providing a therapeutic programme to children in the care system who have experienced developmental trauma which will support in their development of sensory and motor skills.

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**Grant amount:** → € 40,000.00

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### NASC

Co Cork, Southern Region

The Irish Immigrant Support Centre Cork, continuing the New Beginnings project that ensures that the basic and essential needs are met of refugee children arriving in Ireland through family reunification and children of families transitioning out of Direct provision into new homes.

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**Grant amount:** → € 56,000.00

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### Laura Lynn Children's Hospice Foundation

Co Cork, Nationwide

Upscaling Children's Palliative Care Munster Hub to allow for families in Munster to access Laura Lynn's children's expert palliative care.

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**Grant amount:** → € 40,000.00

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### Sensational Kids

Co Cork

Running the Therapy Outreach Programme to support more than 200 children with disabilities to engage more fully in their education.

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**Grant amount:** → € 50,000.00

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### Community Law & Mediation

Dublin 17, Nationwide

Engaging children, their families and charities in research on the unmet legal need of children, particularly from marginalised groups, and to provide legal advice and education to young people on their rights.

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**Grant amount:** → € 27,000.00

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**"We are so grateful to receive funding from the Toy Show Appeal to research the unmet legal need of children and young people in Ireland"**

*Community Law & Mediation*

### Dublin Simon Community

Co Dublin, Leinster

Establishing an Emergency Children's Fund to provide items for families facing homelessness that meet children's needs and minimize the longterm effect of homelessness on their development and health.

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**Grant amount:** → € 40,000.00

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## Crosscare

Co Dublin

Reducing food poverty experienced by children and their families in Ireland by providing food, but also therapeutic supports to empower families in the long term.

Grant amount:

→ € 50,000.00

**"As well as providing help with food supplies, our caseworkers offer additional support and advice – such as help with unemployment benefits, budgeting, debt and access to social services."**

*Crosscare*

## Down Syndrome Ireland

Co Dublin, Nationwide

Ensuring that every child with Down syndrome aged 0-5 will receive high quality early intervention support and advice via a suite of online resources to enable them to thrive.

Grant amount:

→ € 50,000.00

## The Down Syndrome Centre

Co Dublin, Nationwide

Running the Early Intervention Occupational Therapy Programme for 200 children with Down syndrome to support them to develop motor and sensory skills.

Grant amount:

→ € 52,000.00

## Citywise Education Citywise Bridge To College

Dublin 24

Running a less formal educational programme for Transition Year students in low socio-economic areas that inspires and provides the tools to support young people in accessing third level education.

Grant amount:

→ € 55,000.00



# Addressing Essential Needs

Continued

## DePaul Ireland

Dublin 3, Nationwide

Upscaling the Child Support Worker project that works with children in homelessness to address their needs such as food, clothing, shelter or medical care.

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Grant amount:

→ € 40,000.00

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## Focus Ireland

Dublin 7, Co Kildare

Increasing the number of Child Support Workers to allow for 1 to 1 support for young people who are homeless. And to refurbish Focus' spaces to allow more children to access vital support services in the Family Centre.

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Grant amount:

→ € 40,000.00

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## City of Dublin YMCA

Dublin 8

Running the Alternative Suspension programme that helps young people to realise better educational outcomes by giving students the opportunity to transform their time away from school into a positive experience that fosters personal development and self-confidence.

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Grant amount:

→ € 60,000.00

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## Cope Galway

Co Galway, Nationwide

Running 'Helping Kids First' a programme that improves the lives of homeless children in emergency accommodation by supporting their health, education and social development needs.

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Grant amount:

→ € 32,000.00

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## Ballyspillane Community & Family Resource Centre

Co Kerry

Providing a dedicated space for sensory development and play & art therapies for 200 children in Kerry facing disadvantage, marginalisation and other challenges.

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Grant amount:

→ € 43,000.00

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## The Jack and Jill Children's Foundation

Co Kildare, Nationwide

Extending the number of homecare hours to 80 hours per month for children across Ireland with disabilities and life-limiting illnesses.

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Grant amount:

→ € 45,000.00

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**“Our nurses are like part of the family, and it is wonderful when they come. I feel comfortable and reassured that Ellie will be well looked after and I can get a real break.”**

*Isobel, a Jack and Jill Mum*



# Addressing Essential Needs

Continued

## Community grants

### Shannon Family Resource Centre

Co Clare

Expanding the resources of the Kool Kids Afterschool Club to satisfy growing demand and challenges due to the war in Ukraine and cost of living crisis.

Grant amount:

→ € 6,500.00

### Kinsale Youth Community Centre

Co Cork

Extending the After School Homework Club to support 60 children by providing a safe space, a hot meal and to improve education chances.

Grant amount:

→ € 8,000.00

### Humanitarian Department of Cork Church Charity

Co Cork

Running the Feed Cork After School Fuel programme that delivers healthy meals every weekend to 150 DEIS school children who are at risk of food poverty.

Grant amount:

→ € 15,000.00

### Donegal Family Resource Centre

Co Donegal

Providing essential creative play and sensory equipment, and safe spaces for children and young people in rural Donegal to improve wellbeing, learn about new cultures and to work on homework.

Grant amount:

→ € 15,000.00

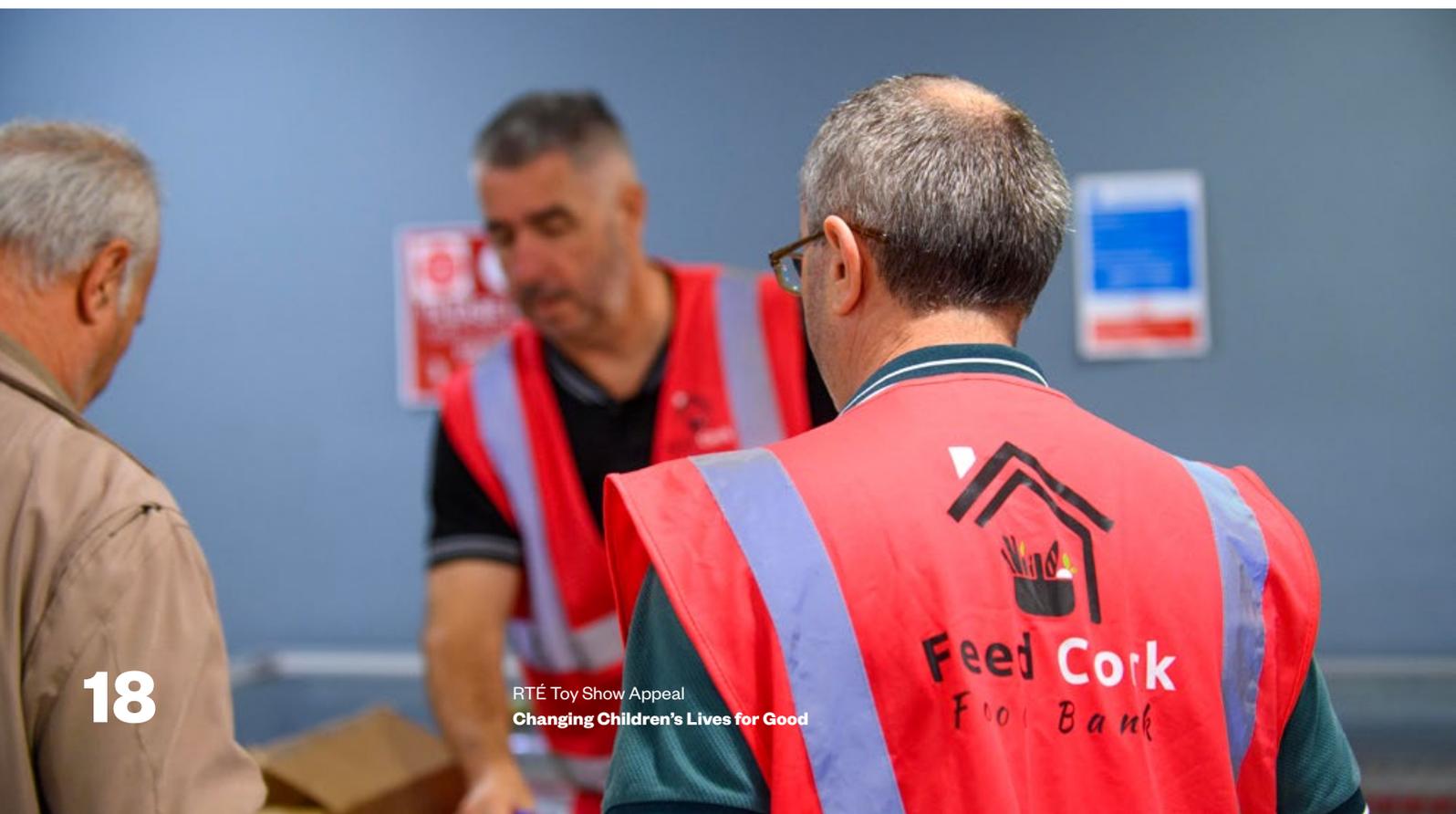
### Hygiene Hub

Dublin 1, Co Cork, Co Kildare, Co Donegal, Co Galway, Co Tipperary, and Co Wicklow

Working with charities, companies and volunteers to provide hygiene products to children and families across Ireland who are facing hygiene poverty and unable to afford the products themselves.

Grant amount:

→ € 15,000.00



## **Mercy Law Resource Centre**

**Co Dublin**

Setting up a free legal advice clinic for children and families who are homeless to ensure they can get housing as soon as possible.

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**Grant amount:**

→ € 16,000.00

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**"MLRC is delighted to be a recipient of funding from the RTE Late Late Show Toy Show Appeal 2022 to provide free legal advice and representation to children and families who are homeless, administered by the Community Foundation Ireland."**

*Mercy Law Resource Centre*

## **Tús Nua Artane Coolock Family Resource Centre**

**Dublin 5**

Delivering essential training to 200 parents of children with autism in order to give them the best chance in their education journey.

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**Grant amount:**

→ € 7,000.00

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## **School Completion Programme**

**Dublin 7**

Providing structured, stimulating and engaging activities for young people in Inner City Dublin to reduce social isolation that might be felt over the summer holidays.

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**Grant amount:**

→ € 13,000.00

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## **Community Cancer Caregivers**

**Co Kildare, Nationwide**

Ensuring children across Ireland who have a parent undergoing active chemotherapy are getting the nutrition they need to thrive by providing meals to their home while their parent is undergoing cancer treatment.

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**Grant amount:**

→ € 7,000.00

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## **Midlands Science**

**Co Laois, Co. Longford, Co. Offaly and Co Westmeath**

Creating innovative and creative STEM and Climate Action workshops for a range of communities in the Midlands from disadvantaged areas.

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**Grant amount:**

→ € 11,000.00

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**"Midlands Science was delighted to receive an award recently from the RTE Toy Show Appeal to support expansion of STEM outreach in the midlands, with a particular focus on those least likely to engage with STEM outreach and education."**

*Midlands Science*

## **Hospital Family Resource Centre**

**Co Limerick**

Providing food assistance to more than 1000 children and families in poverty in Co Limerick and to provide wider services to support the families in the long term.

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**Grant amount:**

→ € 7,500.00

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# Addressing Essential Needs

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## Learning Hub Limerick

Co Limerick, Munster

Upgrading the Science Hub facilities at the Learning Hub to develop a brilliant makerspace for STEAM education that will benefit more than 3000 young people.

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Grant amount:

→ € 7,500.00

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**"The grant will be used to upgrade Science HUB facilities for delivery of high-quality informal STEAM education to school-children from local communities in North Limerick City. Immense gratitude to everyone who donated to the RTE Toy Show Appeal."**  
*Learning Hub Limerick*

## Southill Family Resource Centre

Co Limerick

Combating food and energy poverty for families on the southside of Limerick by providing vouchers to families facing poverty.

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Grant amount:

→ € 17,000.00

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## Foodshare Kerry

Co Kerry

Establishing 10 School Breakfast Club for more than 1000 children facing poverty in Kerry.

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Grant amount:

→ € 7,000.00

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## Longford Learning Support

Co Longford, Co Westmeath, Co Roscommon and Co Leitrim

Growing intervention programmes for children at Primary and Secondary Level in Co Longford and the surrounding areas who are experiencing difficulties with their literacy and numeracy skills.

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Grant amount:

→ € 4,000.00

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## Connect Family Resource Centre

Co Louth

Addressing child food poverty in Co Louth by providing food and practical skills for meal prep for those facing food poverty.

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Grant amount:

→ € 14,000.00

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## Claremorris Family Resource Centre

Co Mayo

Building the Claremorris Community Pantry to provide essential food items for more than 250 families in Claremorris facing poverty.

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Grant amount:

→ € 6,000.00

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## Teen-Turn Community Online

Co Mayo, Co Clare, Co Cork, Co Dublin, Co Galway, Co Limerick, Co Longford, Co Roscommon, Co Sligo, and Co Tipperary

Delivering STEM and digital literacy education programmes to teen girls from disadvantaged areas across Ireland.

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Grant amount:

→ € 15,000.00

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### **Trim Family Resource Centre**

**Co Meath**

Running the Community Food Bank- helping to reduce food poverty and food waste in South Meath by supporting 250 children and young people with fresh nutritious food.

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**Grant amount:**

→ € 17,000.00

### **The Down Syndrome Centre North East**

**Co Monaghan, North East Region**

Providing a comprehensive Early Intervention programme for 50 children with Down syndrome aged 0 - 6 years old, providing them with skills to give them the best chance in life.

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**Grant amount:**

→ € 18,000.00

### **Tipperary Rural Traveller Project**

**Co Tipperary**

Running the Family Learning Support Programme, which will enhance education support and general wellbeing of more than 80 Traveller children in the South Tipperary region.

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**Grant amount:**

→ € 11,000.00

### **New Horizon – Athlone Refugee & Asylum Seeker Support Group**

**Co Westmeath**

Running the New Horizon Summer School for young asylum seekers and refugees to help them prepare for second level education and have better opportunities for later in life.

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**Grant amount:**

→ € 12,000.00





# Health And Wellbeing

**Ill health is difficult at any point in life, but it can have significant and long-term impacts in childhood in terms of educational outcomes and emotional wellbeing. We are also all aware that one of the legacy problems that the Covid pandemic has created are additional challenges in terms of mental health and social isolation.**

**Funding in this category is also for organisations who work with children and young people to improve the quality of life of children who are dealing with a disability or serious health condition, and those who help children improve mental health and resilience.**

# Health And Wellbeing

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## Impact grants

### Rainbow Club Cork Centre for Autism

Co Cork

Running 1:1 personal development respite programme for children and teens with autism who are experiencing educational disadvantage through school exclusion or school refusal.

**Grant amount:**

→ € 30,000.00

### Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind

Co Cork

Matching Community Therapy Dogs with young people who have fallen out of mainstream education as a result of mental and emotional stress related to their disability.

**Grant amount:**

→ € 35,000.00

### Wellsprings Breaking the Cycle

Co Cork

Engaging children and families with experience of the care system in therapeutic supports. These supports will provide children and teenagers with fun activities and coping strategies as they manage mental health difficulties and neurodiversity.

**Grant amount:**

→ € 37,500.00

### Autism Assistance Dogs Ireland

Co Cork, Nationwide

Providing 13 additional dogs to families with a child with autism, which will enable children to be more socially engaged in society and improve quality of life.

**Grant amount:**

→ € 39,500.00



**“The programme helped children identify feelings, accept all feelings are valid, working on their levels of calm and concentration”**

*Barnardos*

### **Barnardos**

**Co Tipperary and Co Westmeath**

Managing the Wellbeing Programme, which focuses on empowering vulnerable children and young people through wellbeing practices that build positive mental health.

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**Grant amount:**

→ € 50,000.00

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**“I think the programme is a great place to help children relax if something made you angry or sad so that when you get older you know how to handle it”**

*Barnardos programme recipient*

### **CUH Charity Flipping the Classroom on Type 1 Diabetes**

**Co Cork, Munster**

Providing online tools and information for children with Type 1 diabetes to reduce the number of hospital visits and empower children to manage their illness.

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**Grant amount:**

→ € 40,000.00

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**"This grant will fund the development of electronic educational tools that will improve care for children and families with type 1 diabetes from Munster and help to change children's lives for good."**

*CUH*

### **Cancer Fund for Children**

**Co Donegal, Co Sligo, Co Leitrim, Co Cavan, Co Monaghan, Co Louth, Co Longford and Co Meath**

Providing community based social and emotional support to children and young people diagnosed with cancer and their families through short respite breaks at the Daisy Lodge therapeutic centre.

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**Grant amount:**

→ € 55,000.00

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### **ECO-UNESCO**

**Co Dublin, Nationwide**

Engaging marginalised young people in the ECO-Choices health and wellbeing programme, so they can engage in environmental action and improve their mental health, confidence, understanding of self, social skills and healthy lifestyle.

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**Grant amount:**

→ € 50,000.00

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## ChildVision Defining Disability Differently

Co Dublin, Leinster

Enhancing the innovative Equine Assisted Therapy programme for children with sight loss, complex needs and neurodiversity to encourage motor skills and self-confidence.

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**Grant amount:**

→ € 40,000.00

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**“Sean started Equine Assisted Learning first by just lying down on the horse. It seemed so far from our time and worry in the hospital. He has Cortical Visual Impairment, speech delay, and other issues. But Brad is the one place he settles. The ChildVision equine team use this state of calm to encourage speech and learning. Now he is giving verbal instructions. He draws this unspoken connection from his horse, and keeps it with him, far beyond a single session.”**

*Spoken by Sean’s mum, Donna*

**“Leo started equine assisted learning at ChildVision when he was 4. I just can’t explain how amazing it is. After he has been with Fred [his favourite horse!] his mobility is strengthened, he is more independent, and more confident. This doesn’t happen with any other therapeutics. He does one session a week, but I would love for him to attend every day. It’s literally life changing.”**

*Spoken by Saorise, Leo’s mum*

**“I’d hate for any door to close to a child like Dillon who needs us. Please help if you can today”**

*Spoken by Sarah, Dillons’ mum.*

## Acquired Brain Injury Ireland

Co Dublin, Nationwide

Running the 'On with Life Paediatric project, which is designed to support children and their families with care and advice after the uncertainty and fear of a child acquiring a brain injury.

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**Grant amount:**

→ € 50,000.00

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## Clanwilliam Institute

Co Dublin

Providing specialist parenting programmes to support families with vulnerable children living with additional needs such as autism, OCD and child-parent aggression.

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**Grant amount:**

→ € 55,000.00

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## Health And Wellbeing

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### Youth Work Ireland

**Dublin 1, Nationwide**

Providing the Be Well anxiety education programme to students in DEIS schools to young people. The programme will allow students to positively manage stress, worry and anxiety as they face pressures of the modern day.

**Grant amount:**

→ € 17,000.00

### Pieta House

**Dublin 1, Nationwide**

Providing new play therapy resources for more than 2000 teenagers dealing with thoughts of suicide and self-harm.

**Grant amount:**

→ € 35,000.00

### FamiliBase

**Dublin 10**

Providing family trauma therapy that will help children to overcome Adverse Childhood Experiences by reducing symptoms and learning coping mechanisms, allowing them to engage well with their friends and teachers at school.

**Grant amount:**

→ € 29,500.00

### Epilepsy Ireland

**Dublin 12, Nationwide**

Improving the mental health, wellbeing and resilience of 100 children with epilepsy experiencing challenges as a result of their chronic health condition through unique, tailored supports and programmes.

**Grant amount:**

→ € 26,000.00

## Ronald McDonald House Charities Ireland

Dublin 12, Nationwide

Running the 'We've Got You' Wellness Programme for families staying in Ronald McDonald accommodation to encourage family closeness and wellbeing during a very difficult time.

Grant amount:

→ € 38,000.00

**"The three most powerful words I've heard this year were "We've Got You", the slogan of The Ronald McDonald House Wellness Programme. The Wellness Programme brings parents together to get involved in something outside illnesses and hospitals. It makes you feel seen. The Ronald McDonald House see us, our family situation, the whole unit and that's its importance and its special-ness."**

*'We've Got You' Wellness Programme recipient*

## Children's Health Foundation

Dublin 12, Nationwide

Growing the Play Department at Crumlin Hospital which will provide fun relief and respite for children who are anxious about their hospital procedures.

Grant amount:

→ € 50,000.00

## St Andrews Family Resource Centre

Dublin 2

Providing early intervention wrap around supports for children with autism, ADHD and other forms of neurodiversity.

Grant amount:

→ € 28,000.00

## Jigsaw – The National Centre for Youth Mental Health Jigsaw Connect

Dublin 2, Nationwide

Developing an online mental health system that provides personalised and effective care to young people in with poor mental health. Jigsaw aims to support all young people facing mental health issues with this innovative online programme.

Grant amount:

→ € 40,000.00

## Belong To LGBTQ+ Youth Ireland

Dublin 22

Creating a Children and Family Support Service to provide LGBTQ+ young people and their families access to supports for their health and wellbeing. Dublin 2 Nationwide € 58,000.00  
Community: Addressing Essential Needs Quarryvale Resource Centre To run 'Clondalkin Cares' Food Bank - supporting over 100 families experiencing food poverty with nutritious food in the cost-of-living crisis.

Grant amount:

→ € 17,000.00

## Aware

Dublin 4, Nationwide

Supporting the Life Skills for Schools programmes in DEIS schools that will build resilience among young people and teaching them to manage their mental health.

Grant amount:

→ € 50,000.00

# Health And Wellbeing

Continued

## Irish Cancer Society

Dublin 6, Nationwide

Providing play therapy that will increase the wellbeing and resilience of 800 children and young people facing cancer.

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**Grant amount:** → € 26,000.00

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## Arc Cancer Support

Dublin 7, Nationwide

Improving health, wellbeing and resilience of more than 200 children and adolescents with cancer, parents with cancer, and their siblings through therapeutic programmes that aim to minimise the long-term effects of such a serious health issue.

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**Grant amount:** → € 58,000.00

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## First Fortnight

Dublin 7, Greater Dublin

Offering creative therapy services free of charge to children experiencing homelessness, or are at risk of homelessness, which will empower children by building capacity and resilience.

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**Grant amount:** → € 60,000.00

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## Doras Buí - A Parents alone resource center

Dublin 17

Providing Occupational Therapy Services for single parents and their children to improve family cohesion and their general quality of life.

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**Grant amount:** → € 58,000.00

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## Kerry Diocesan Youth Service

Co Kerry, Nationwide

Providing a community access service with qualified staff to supervise access in a nurturing and safe environment

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**Grant amount:** → € 58,000.00

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## Cystic Fibrosis Ireland

Co Kilkenny, Nationwide

Running the Cystic Fibrosis Ireland Exercise Grant Programme which provides financial assistance to children with Cystic Fibrosis and their parents, to support them to access more expensive physical fitness programmes which is an essential part of cystic fibrosis treatment.

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**Grant amount:** → € 15,000.00

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## Fatima Groups United

Dublin 8, Greater Dublin

Strengthening and improve wellbeing and resilience of 200 children and their families by providing child led therapeutic supports individually and in groups.

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**Grant amount:** → € 28,000.00

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## Limerick Youth Service

Co Limerick

Enhancing the wellbeing, resilience and mental health of 600 marginalised and vulnerable young people aged 14-18 in rural Co Limerick.

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**Grant amount:** → € 50,000.00

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## St. Gabriel's Foundation

Co Limerick, Munster

Running the Post Diagnosis Training Support Programme for families who need support and advice following a child's diagnosis of a disability.

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**Grant amount:**

→ € 47,000.00

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**"The grant is absolutely great for the service, but above all for the children and families that we support."**

*St. Gabriel's Foundation*

## Tacú Ballinrobe Family Resource Centre

Co Mayo, Nationwide

Running a social and creative empowerment programme for young people with mental health and wellbeing challenges to provide non-clinical, holistic support that leads to improved resilience and increase self confidence.

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**Grant amount:**

→ € 35,000.00

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**"I'm not worrying about things as much and I have been doing everything I can to achieve my goals...I am feeling more confident I myself and can tell people how I am feeling..."**

*Childline programme recipient*



# Health And Wellbeing

Continued

## The Irish Society for The Prevention of Cruelty to Children

Co Mayo

Growing Childline's Digital Mental Health and Wellbeing Programme that will provide online therapy and mindfulness practices to more than 1000 children.

**Grant amount:**

→ € 50,000.00

**“The programme is really good, reframing is actually life changing. Every step in the right direction helps, gives me some hope. Thank you for your help and support”**

*Childline programme recipient*

## Archways

Co Meath, Co Kildare

Running an anti-bullying programme to 10 DEIS Primary Schools to reduce bullying and victimisation, and to improve wellbeing and self-esteem of those being bullied.

**Grant amount:**

→ € 42,500.00

## Meath Springboard Family Support Services CLG

Co Meath

Providing timely and affordable therapies to more than 100 children who have additional psychological, emotional and behavioural needs.

**Grant amount:**

→ € 58,000.00

## Community grants

### NYPD Navan Young People's Development Project

Co Meath

Providing therapeutic support and refreshing summer breaks to 22 children in Meath facing disadvantage.

**Grant amount:**

→ € 5,000.00

### Cuan Cancer Social Support

Cavan Surrounding Counties

Providing therapeutic support to children with a cancer diagnosis or who have a family member with a cancer diagnosis. At a fragile time in their lives, this therapy will help them to unpick and manage their thoughts and feelings in a constructive way.

**Grant amount:**

→ € 18,000.00

### Tullamore Community & family Resource Centre

Co Offaly, Co Westmeath

Providing vital play therapy supports and interventions for 50 children to build self confidence and self esteem.

**Grant amount:**

→ € 5,000.00

## **Offaly Domestic Violence Support Service**

### **Co Offaly**

Providing Equine-Assisted Therapy to children who have experienced trauma from domestic violence and abuse. The Equine-Assisted Therapy will help 40 young people to manage stress and build self-esteem to overcome their trauma.

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**Grant amount:**

→ € 10,000.00

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## **West Cork Women Against Violence Project**

### **Co Cork**

Supporting adolescent survivors of sexual abuse as they process their emotions and improve their wellbeing.

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**Grant amount:**

→ € 7,000.00

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## **Clonakilty Friends of Asylum Seekers**

### **Co Cork**

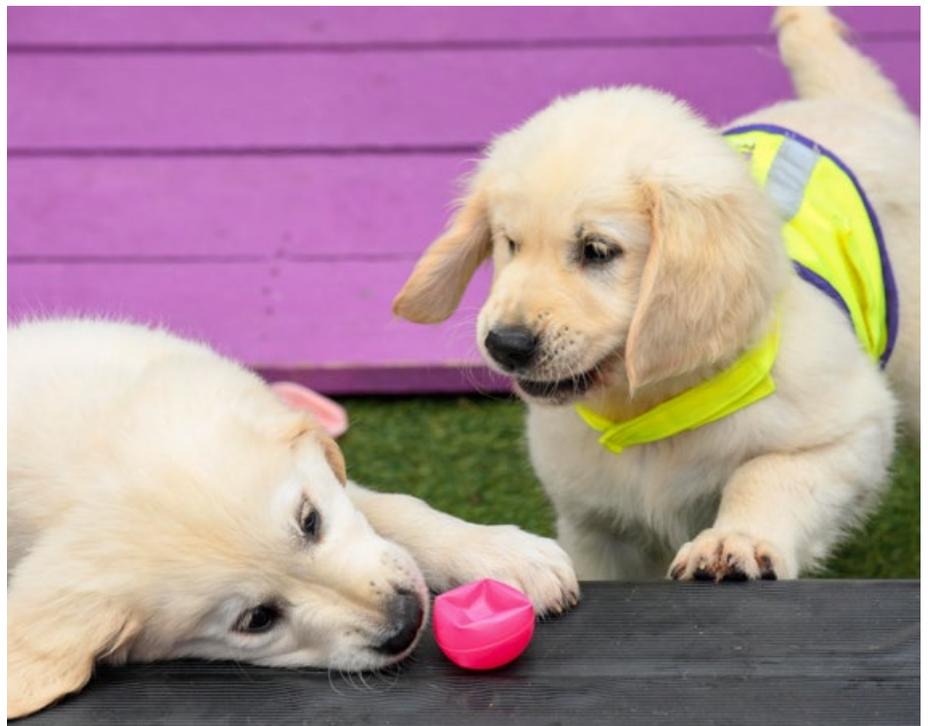
Running local sports programmes and activities for children and teen asylum seekers living in Clonakilty to build community within the Direct Provision Centre improve their wellbeing and resilience.

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**Grant amount:**

→ € 9,000.00

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## **Dogs for the Disabled**

### **Co Cork, Nationwide**

Training a Canine Assistance Facility Dog to work alongside children with disabilities receiving speech and language therapy, physio, counselling, or education.

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**Grant amount:**

→ € 16,500.00

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# Health And Wellbeing

Continued

## YANA North Cork Domestic Violence Project CLG

Co Cork

Hiring a caseworker to work specifically with children who have experienced domestic violence and ensure they have the best chance at thriving in their new environment.

**Grant amount:**

→ € 17,000.00

## First Cut! Youth Film Festival

Co Cork

Running the Intinn programme that allows young people to explore their mental health through the medium of film, with the aim of increasing confidence amongst young people in Co Cork.

**Grant amount:**

→ € 15,000.00

## Downstrands Family Resource Centre

Co Donegal

Running a 'Club at The Hub' in Co Donegal for 40 children with additional needs to help build a sense of belonging and to build essential social skills.

**Grant amount:**

→ € 5,000.00

## Donegal Sexual Abuse and Rape Crisis Centre

Co Donegal, Co Sligo, Co Leitrim, Co Derry and Co.Tyrone

Running the 'Creative ReCOVERY Continued' programme that provides creative arts for teenagers affected by the trauma of sexual violence.

**Grant amount:**

→ € 18,000.00

## AdVIC Advocates for Victims of Homicide

Co Dublin, Nationwide

Providing psychological counselling to children who have suffered trauma or grief following the homicide of a loved one.

**Grant amount:**

→ € 17,000.00

**"AdVIC are delighted to announce that we have been awarded a grant from the RTE Toy Show Appeal. This grant will support our counselling services for children and young adolescents affected by homicide."**

*Advocates for Victims of Homicide*

## CanTeen Ireland

Co Dublin, Nationwide

Funding residential weekends away and online workshops for more than 50 children and young people across Ireland fighting cancer.

**Grant amount:**

→ € 10,000.00

## Rainbows Ireland

Co Dublin, Nationwide

Developing early intervention programmes to be inclusive of children and young people with a disability or diverse needs, to help them manage when they are impacted by death in the family or parental separation/divorce.

**Grant amount:**

→ € 15,000.00



### **Oscar's Kids Ireland**

**Co Dublin, Nationwide**

Providing Magic Moments (bespoke gifts and experiences) for children across Ireland living with cancer such as visits to the Zoo, a PlayStation, or a visit from Bluey.

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**Grant amount:**

→ € 20,000.00

### **Cappagh Hospital Foundation**

**Dublin 11, Nationwide**

Creating an interactive app that will educate, resource and empower teen patients of Cappagh Kids paediatric orthopaedic department living with musculoskeletal conditions.

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**Grant amount:**

→ € 18,000.00

### **BEST (Ballymun Educational Support Team)**

**Dublin 11**

Providing therapeutic support to children who have experienced trauma in their lives, empowering them to manage their emotions and to make positive life choices.

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**Grant amount:**

→ € 18,000.00

### **Walkinstown Greenhills Resource Centre**

**Dublin 12**

To provide therapy and other families supports to more than 70 young people facing mental health difficulties such as anxiety and stress and those managing bereavement, anger or phobias.

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**Grant amount:**

→ € 11,000.00

# Health And Wellbeing

Continued

## Children in Hospital Ireland

Dublin 12, Nationwide

Creating a new digital Child and Youth Health Hub to help children across Ireland and their parents to properly prepare for hospital operations. This will reduce anxiety and stress as children prepare for their clinical procedures.

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**Grant amount:** → € 17,000.00

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## The Heart of Variety Ireland Cycling Without Borders

Dublin 2, Nationwide

Providing special mobility bikes for children with disabilities in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland which brings freedom through movement for those who may not be able to do so independently.

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**Grant amount:** → € 13,000.00

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## FirstLight

Dublin 7, Nationwide

Running a Therapeutic Bereavement Sensory Workshop with 30 children across Ireland to support them through grief.

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**Grant amount:** → € 4,000.00

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## Shannon's Hopeline

Dublin 8, Greater Dublin

Providing low-cost counselling sessions to 100 young people over a 12-month period and providing additional care and attention to the children pre and post counselling.

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**Grant amount:** → € 18,000.00

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## Venture Out Wilderness Project CLG

Co Galway

Provides 1 to 1 support services that help young people manage and overcome the challenges of growing up by engaging in a range of fun, outdoor-based adventure activities.

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**Grant amount:** → € 17,000.00

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## South West Kerry Family Resource Centre

Co Kerry

Providing therapeutic services including trauma-based services to children and their families in rural parts of Kerry who have mental health difficulties or autism.

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**Grant amount:** → € 15,000.00

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## North West S.T.O.P.

Co Leitrim, North West Region

Creating an art / play therapy room for children and young people which will allow for additional therapy sessions for more than 150 young people.

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**Grant amount:** → € 13,000.00

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## Dyspraxia DCD Ireland

Co Limerick

Developing a free online video library and clinic for children with dyspraxia or other neurodiverse needs to empower young people to manage their own needs.

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**Grant amount:** → € 14,000.00

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## **Mohill Family Support Centre**

**Co Leitrim, West Co Cavan, Co Sligo, Co Longford, and Co Roscommon**

Promoting the holistic wellbeing of children and young people aged 4- 18 years in Leitrim with specific emphasis on children and young people living in Direct provision and Ukraine

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**Grant amount:**

→ € 12,000.00

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**"When we got the news that we got his funding from the Toy Show Appeal, we were just over the moon because it means that we can extend our services now to support children through the medium of play-therapy and adolescent counselling which is highly needed since Covid."**

*Mohill Family Support Centre*

## **Children's Grief Organisation**

**Co Limerick, Nationwide**

Providing additional grief support to more than 100 children dealing with grief from bereavement, parents separation or divorce.

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**Grant amount:**

→ € 18,000.00

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## **Outcomers LGBT Support Service**

**Co Louth, Across the North East**

Designing and develop a sensory space, with and for 400 LGBTQ+ young people in Louth and across the North East.

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**Grant amount:**

→ € 7,500.00

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## **The National Federation of Arch Clubs**

**Co Roscommon, Co Louth, Co Meath, Co Cork, Co Mayo**

Running a programme of nature and wellbeing for the Junior Autism Arch to support the personal development for 600 young people with autism.

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**Grant amount:**

→ € 5,000.00

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## **Accessible Community Transport Southside**

**Co Wicklow, Co Dublin and surrounding areas**

Running vital transport services in rural areas for children with physical disabilities so they can access essential medical services, schools, universities, shops, friends, and community events.

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**Grant amount:**

→ € 9,000.00

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# Creativity And Play

**Arts and creativity can be powerful, energetic tools that can help children solve problems, think strategically, relate to others, and manage life's ups and downs. Creativity and play are essential to supporting children's development of cognitive and social behaviours. This funding aims to enhance personal and emotional development, resilience and wellness for disadvantaged children through creative programmes and activities which help personal development and enhance inclusion.**

# Creativity And Play

Continued

## Impact grants

### Cherry Orchard Equine Centre CLG

Dublin 10

Integrated Youth Service, developing a vibrant new arts programme that will address the range of challenges faced by vulnerable young people in disadvantaged Cherry Orchard.

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**Grant amount:** → € 50,000.00

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### Ballymun Regional Youth Resource

Dublin 11

Creating a safe space in Ballymun, where over 500 children and young people will come together, join in activities, explore their interests and freely express themselves.

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**Grant amount:** → € 44,000.00

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### Coolmine Therapeutic Community

Dublin 15, Nationwide

Developing the Sensory Forest Garden and to incorporate a new art therapy program for children with parents struggling with addiction. This will enable some of Ireland's most vulnerable children to access high quality play spaces to help with wellbeing and personal development.

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**Grant amount:** → € 32,000.00

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**"In partnership with RTE Toy Show Appeal, Community Foundation of Ireland and Plan Eden we have developed meaningful family spaces that support many concepts of young children's learning and development. Our hope is that this inspirational place will allow little people and relationships to grow!"**

*Coolmine Therapeutic Community*

### Early Childhood Ireland

Dublin 24, Nationwide

"This is me: Exploring our World of Languages" (OWL 2): Transforming the early years of children across Ireland through the use of play and arts-based multilingual programmes that aim to reduce discrimination.

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**Grant amount:** → € 50,000.00

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### Spraio agus Spórt

Co Donegal

Encouraging disadvantaged young people from rural areas in Inishowen in creative activities to enhance their personal development in a safe, fun environment.

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**Grant amount:** → € 38,000.00

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### Helium Arts

Co Westmeath, Nationwide

'Reducing Inequality for Teens Through Creativity' is to increase the creativity and wellbeing of teenagers with physical health conditions so that brings joy, builds social connections and improves wellbeing.

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**Grant amount:** → € 58,000.00

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## Creativity And Play

Continued

### **The Crann Centre CLG**

**Co Wexford, Nationwide**

Delivering a year-round programme of outdoor play, artistic pursuits, performances and fun for children and families living with neuro-physical disabilities in Ireland's first fully accessible playground and leisure space.

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**Grant amount:**

→ € 58,000.00

### **Compass Child and Family Services**

**Co Tipperary, Munster**

Providing outdoor play and recreational facilities to vulnerable children and those who have faced trauma that allows them to have fun, express themselves and improves their wellbeing.

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**Grant amount:**

→ € 45,000.00

### **Solas Cancer Support Centre**

**Co Waterford, Co Kilkenny, Co Wexford, Co Carlow, South Co Tipperary and East Co Cork**

Supporting up to 60 children impacted by a cancer diagnosis or bereaved due to a cancer diagnosis.

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**Grant amount:**

→ € 55,000.00

### **Meath Women's Refuge & Support Services**

**Co Meath, Co Cavan and Co Monaghan**

Running the 'Where I'm At' programme that creates a welcoming and safe space for children affected by domestic violence coming into refuge so that they have the opportunity to engage with creative activities that enhance their wellbeing.

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**Grant amount:**

→ € 30,000.00

## **Drogheda Women's and Children's Refuge Centre**

**Co Louth**

Employing an activity worker to provide wrap around support services for more than 100 disadvantaged children so they have a safe space to engage in programmes and extra curricula activities.

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**Grant amount:** → € 44,000.00

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## **Tubbercurry Family and Childcare Resource Centre**

**Co Sligo, Co Mayo**

Providing an arts programme & opportunities for more than 150 children who are socially & economically disadvantaged which will enhance their personal & emotional development and enable them to overcome the challenges they face.

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**Grant amount:** → € 24,000.00

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## **Irish Chamber Orchestra**

**Co Limerick, Co. Clare, Co. Tipperary**

Sustaining the Youth Orchestra that enables young people from disadvantaged areas to access music tuition and rehearsals in a safe social space.

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**Grant amount:** → € 30,000.00

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## **Carrickmacross Toy Library**

**Co Monaghan, Co Louth, Co Cavan and Co Meath**

Expanding the toy collection at the Toy Library and purchasing additional items that will support children in Co Monaghan for their personal development.

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**Grant amount:** → € 4,500.00

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## **Love and Care for People**

**Co Cork**

Providing musical instruments for asylum seekers and Ukrainian refugees living in Mallow to help build skills and reduce isolation felt in Direct Provision.

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**Grant amount:** → € 10,000.00

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## **Millennium Family Resource Centre**

**Co Tipperary**

Expanding the play therapy service and run additional creative mindfulness programmes for 80 children in disadvantaged parts of Tipperary.

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**Grant amount:** → € 15,000.00

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## **Athy Community Family Resource Centre**

**Co Kildare**

Providing an affordable play therapy service to children and young people at risk of poverty to help them feel resilient and empowered.

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**Grant amount:** → € 15,000.00

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## **Graffiti Theatre Company Raising Our Voices**

**Co Cork**

Empowering children in DEIS primary schools and young people with disabilities in Cork through creativity and drama workshops.

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**Grant amount:** → € 18,000.00

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# Creativity And Play

Continued

## Mahon Family Resource Centre

Co Cork

Turning a disused outdoor area into a space for creativity, play and biodiversity for young children, to build wellbeing, friendships and a deep connection with their environment.

**Grant amount:**

→ € 18,000.00

## Diversity Sligo

Co Sligo

Providing Play Therapy for Children at the Globe House Direct Provision Centre to improve their wellbeing and support them to thrive in Sligo.

**Grant amount:**

→ € 13,000.00

## West Sligo Family Resource Centre

Co Sligo

Providing creative programmes for personal growth, resilience, and wellness, for 250 children and refugees from Ukraine to foster problem-solving, teamwork and creative skills.

**Grant amount:**

→ € 20,000.00

**" We are absolutely delighted to announce that we have been selected as one of the charities chosen by the RTE Toy Show Appeal. This will allow us to appoint a part-time child and youth development worker for one year to deliver programmes and activities to children and young people throughout West Sligo."**

*West Sligo Family Resource Centre*



## **Cancer Support Sanctuary LARCC**

Furnishing and equip the Play Therapy Room at Cancer Support Sanctuary LARCC to supporting children facing cancer in Co Roscommon and the surrounding areas.  
Co Roscommon Longford Meath Cavan Offaly

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**Grant amount:** → € 4,000.00

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## **Foróige Connect**

**Co Mayo**

Providing summer programmes in Mayo for 20 disadvantaged and marginalised young people that foster creativity, inclusion, and cognitive and social behaviours.

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**Grant amount:** → € 4,000.00

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## **Dóchas Midwest Autism Support**

**Co Limerick, Mid West Region**

Developing Art and Lego Play Therapies for more than 60 Children and Young People with Autism to reduce anxiety and build important personal skills.

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**Grant amount:** → € 11,000.00

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## **Clifden Community Playschool**

**Co Galway**

Relocating the community playschool, which will allow the services to expand and to develop a new Forest Garden, which will be a first for children in Connemara.

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**Grant amount:** → € 18,000.00

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## **Anne Sullivan Foundation**

**Co Dublin, Nationwide**

Providing an Active Learning Space and Equipment Library to provide children who are deafblind with opportunities to develop communication and fine motor skills.

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**Grant amount:** → € 17,000.00

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## **Kids' Own Publishing Partnership**

**Co Dublin, Nationwide**

Providing space for 20 children with a family member in prison to come together to work alongside a Kids' Own artist & writer to create a collaborative book about their lives and their experiences.

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**Grant amount:** → € 18,000.00

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## **Cara House Family Resource Centre Ltd**

**Co Donegal**

Providing the Children's Afterschool Active Play Time for 80 children full of physical activities to help manage anxiety and depression.

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**Grant amount:** → € 6,000.00

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## **Liquid Therapy**

**Co Donegal, Nationwide**

Growing the work of Liquid Therapy to provide additional surf camps and lessons for more than 500 children facing disadvantage and other challenges.

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**Grant amount:** → € 18,000.00

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# Grant Funding in Northern Ireland

**Over £300,000 was issued to Community Foundation Northern Ireland, who conducted an equivalent grant application and assessment programme, for projects based in Northern Ireland.**

# Grant Funding in Northern Ireland

Continued

## Impact grants

### Extern Northern Ireland

#### Antrim and Newtownabbey

Supporting young refugee people living in Greater Belfast, by breaking down the barriers to accessing or sustaining education, whilst supporting them gain skills to prepare for employment or further training.

**Grant amount:**

→ **£ 44,913.00**

### Newstart Education Centre

#### Belfast

Strengthening emotional wellbeing & educational attainment, through an early intervention programme that will improve the emotional and physical well-being of 30 young people aged 11-13yrs who are vulnerable and face complex challenges.

**Grant amount:**

→ **£ 47,750.00**

### Young Enterprise Northern Ireland

#### Belfast

Ensuring inclusion in enterprise education by adapting proven mainstream enterprise and education activities to ensure impact for young people with additional needs.

**Grant amount:**

→ **£ 50,000.00**



## **Belfast & Lisburn Women's Aid Power Project**

### **Belfast**

Supporting teens who have lived with domestic abuse, violence and trauma in the home to explore their experiences therapeutically and build resilience in order to thrive in their adolescence and adult years as well as future relationships.

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**Grant amount:**

→ **£ 34,186.00**

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## **Royal Mencap Society: FIVE (Friendship, Independence, Vitality, Engagement)**

### **Lisburn and Castlereagh**

To provide young people with learning disability aged 10-18 with opportunities to improve their physical and mental health and to develop skills to support their wellbeing in the longer term.

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**Grant amount:**

→ **£ 49,869.00**

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**“Everything we saw indicated that this was an exceptional programme in its design and delivery”**  
*Parent of a FIVE programme attendee*

## **Community grants**

### **Sensory Kids**

#### **Antrim and Newtownabbey**

Providing the Creative Specialist Play Programme which supports vulnerable children and mums in their journey to transition through early years foundation stage.

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**Grant amount:**

→ **£ 10,000.00**

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### **Fresh Minds Education Ltd**

#### **Antrim and Newtownabbey**

Fresh Little Minds: Sunrise - an evidenced innovative classroom based, resilience building and wellbeing programme delivered to 300 children across 6 schools in the Antrim area, improving their mental and emotional health.

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**Grant amount:**

→ **£ 10,000.00**

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### **Circusful**

#### **Belfast**

Come to life at the circus! improving the physical, emotional and social wellbeing of disabled and care experienced children and young people through the wonder and colour of circus.

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**Grant amount:**

→ **£ 9,755.82**

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## **Fighting Words Northern Ireland Writing The Next Chapter: transforming a creative space for young NI writers**

### **Belfast**

Creating a new creative writing hub in East Belfast that provides children and young people facing disadvantage with free access to inspiring after-school creative writing activities, mentoring and tutoring.

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**Grant amount:**

→ **£ 9,756.38**

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# Grant Funding in Northern Ireland

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## Foyle Down Syndrome Trust

### Derry and Strabane

To run the Early Years Education Programme for children with Down syndrome that provides one-to-one bespoke, high quality, learning programme of fun activities, enabling them to reach their full potential, ensuring they take and enjoy their rightful place in their chosen educational setting.

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**Grant amount:**

→ **£ 10,000.00**

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## Northern Ireland Newpin

### Derry and Strabane

I Am Me Project: To offer children and young people the opportunity to have fun with their friends by taking part in creative, therapeutic activities to build their resilience and self esteem; address their adversity and trauma through music, movement, drama, art therapy and mindfulness.

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**Grant amount:**

→ **£ 9,965.00**

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## Downpatrick ASD Family Support Group

### Newry, Mourne and Down

Healthy Minds: To provide a range of therapeutic interventions aimed at children and young people on the Autism Spectrum to help boost mental and emotional health, resilience, confidence and self esteem in order to allow them to live fulfilled lives.

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**Grant amount:**

→ **£ 9,900.00**

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## Friends of Parkview

### Lisburn and Castlereagh

Lending Library & Uniform Upcycling: Creating, maintaining and facilitating a pop up resource library and uniform upcycling shop.

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**Grant amount:**

→ **£ 9,758.00**

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## Cuan Kids Community Preschool

### North Down and Ards

To bring the indoors out, where children can establish their creative abilities, delve into their imagination and create a sense of community and belonging through play with their peers within their local community.

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**Grant amount:**

→ **£ 7,089.26**

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# Financial Statements

	Sep-23	Sep-22
Opening Balance from 2020 RTE Toy Show	<b>€37,767.82</b>	€22,287.49
<b>Donations Received</b>		
Donations received	<b>€4,055,280.84</b>	€6,826,477.80
Tax received	<b>€30,232.09</b>	-
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>€4,085,512.93</b>	€6,826,477.80
<b>Grant Payments</b>		
<b>ROI Community Round</b>		
Addressing Essential Needs	<b>(€267,500.00)</b>	(€227,797.00)
Improving Wellbeing	<b>(€397,000.00)</b>	(€313,173.50)
Creativity and Play	<b>(€204,500.00)</b>	(€361,613.92)
<b>Total - ROI Community Round</b>	<b>(€869,000.00)</b>	(€902,584.42)
<b>ROI Impact Round</b>		
Addressing Essential Needs	<b>(€720,000.00)</b>	(€1,220,565.20)
Improving Wellbeing	<b>(€1,439,000.00)</b>	(€1,615,380.00)
Creativity and Play	<b>(€558,000.00)</b>	(€1,102,969.00)
<b>Total - ROI Impact Round</b>	<b>(€2,717,000.00)</b>	(€3,938,914.20)
<b>ROI Transformative Round</b>		
Addressing Essential Needs	-	(€300,000.00)
Improving Wellbeing	-	(€300,000.00)
Creativity and Play	-	(€550,000.00)
<b>Total - ROI Transformative Round</b>	-	(€1,150,000.00)
<b>NI Grants Awarded</b>		
Community Round	<b>(€97,856.14)</b>	(€179,555.47)
Impact Round	<b>(€257,302.25)</b>	(€458,061.92)
Others	-	-
<b>Total - NI Grants Awarded</b>	<b>(€355,158.39)</b>	(€637,617.39)
<b>Total Grant Payments</b>	<b>(€3,941,158.39)</b>	(€6,629,116.01)
<b>Processing Fees</b>		
Grant-making programme and administration costs (ROI & NI)	<b>(€118,938.70)</b>	(€151,438.92)
Fees for online transactions	<b>(€11,403.83)</b>	(€30,442.54)
Refunded Donations (Revolut recurring payments)	<b>(€4,636.19)</b>	-
<b>Total Processing Fees</b>	<b>(€134,978.72)</b>	(€181,881.46)
<b>Closing Fund Balance</b>	<b>€47,143.64</b>	€37,767.82

*Additional funds raised after grants were awarded have been ringfenced/reserved for an additional grantee who will be awarded based on the strength of their proposal against the original criteria.*

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## RTÉ Toy Show Appeal – Community Round

Strand	Grant Applicant	Amount Awarded
Addressing Essential Needs	Longford Learning Support	€4,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	Claremorris FRC	€6,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	Shannon Family Resource Centre -( Shannon FRC)	€6,500.00
Addressing Essential Needs	Foodshare Kerry	€7,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	Community Cancer Caregivers	€7,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	Tús Nua Artane Coolock Family Resource Centre clg	€7,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	Learning Hub Limerick	€7,500.00
Addressing Essential Needs	Kinsale Youth Community Centre	€8,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	Hospital Family Resource Centre CLG	€8,500.00
Addressing Essential Needs	Atlantic Corridor Links Ltd T/a Midlands Science	€11,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	Tipperary Rural Traveller Project	€11,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	New Horizon - Athlone Refugee & Asylum Seeker Support Group (RCN 20204649)	€12,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	School Completion Programme	€13,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	Connect Family Resource Centre	€14,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	Teen-Turn	€15,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	Donegal Family Resource Centre CLG	€15,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	The Hygiene Bank Ireland	€15,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	Feed Cork/Cork Church	€15,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	Mercy Law Resource Centre	€16,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	Quarryvale Community Resource Centre clg	€17,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	Southill Family Resource Centre CLG	€17,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	Trim Family Resource Centre	€17,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	The Down Syndrome Centre North East	€18,000.00
Creativity and Play	Cancer Support Sanctuary LARCC	€4,000.00
Creativity and Play	Foróige Connect	€4,000.00
Creativity and Play	Carrickmacross Toy Library	€4,500.00
Creativity and Play	Cara House Family Resource Centre CLG	€6,000.00
Creativity and Play	Love and Care for People	€10,000.00
Creativity and Play	Dóchas Midwest Autism Support	€11,000.00
Creativity and Play	Diversity Sligo Asylum Seekers and Refugees Support CLG T/A Diversity Sligo	€13,000.00
Creativity and Play	West Sligo Family Resource Centre	€15,000.00
Creativity and Play	Millennium Family Resource Centre	€15,000.00
Creativity and Play	Athy Community Family Resource Centre	€15,000.00
Creativity and Play	Anne Sullivan Foundation	€17,000.00
Creativity and Play	Kids' Own Publishing Partnership	€18,000.00
Creativity and Play	Mahon Family Resource Centre	€18,000.00
Creativity and Play	Liquid Therapy CLG	€18,000.00
Creativity and Play	GRAFFITI THEATRE COMPANY	€18,000.00
Creativity and Play	Clifden Community Playschool	€18,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	Irish Sudden Infant Death Association t/a FirstLight	€4,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	Tullamore Community & Family Resource Centre	€5,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	Downstrands Family Resource Centre	€5,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	The National Federation of Arch Clubs	€5,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	NYPD Navan Young People's Development Project	€5,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	West Cork Women Against Violence	€7,000.00

Strand	Grant Applicant	Amount Awarded
Improving Health and Wellbeing	Outcomers	€7,500.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	Clonakilty Friends of Asylum Seekers (CFOAS)	€9,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	Accessible Community Transport Southside	€9,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	Offaly Domestic Violence Support Service	€10,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	Can Teen Ireland	€10,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	Walkinstown Greenhills Resource Centre	€11,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	Mohill Family Support Centre	€12,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	North West STOP Ltd.	€13,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	The Heart of Variety (Ireland)	€13,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	Dyspraxia DCD Ireland	€14,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	Rainbows Ireland	€15,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	South West Kerry Family Resource Centre	€15,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	First Cut! Youth Film Festival	€15,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	Oscar's Kids Ireland	€20,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	Dogs for the Disabled	€16,500.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	Venture Out Wilderness Project CLG	€17,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	YANA North Cork Domestic Violence Project Clg	€17,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	Children in Hospital Ireland	€17,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	AdVIC Advocates for Victims of Homicide	€17,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	Shannon's Hopeline	€18,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	Cuan Cancer Social Support Company Limited by Guarantee	€18,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	Childrens Grief Centre CLG	€18,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	Donegal Rape Crisis Centre	€18,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	Karablu Ltd, T/A BEST (Ballymun Educational Support Team)	€18,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	Cappagh Hospital Foundation	€18,000.00

## RTÉ Toy Show Appeal – Impact Round

Strand	Grant Applicant	Amount Awarded
Addressing Essential Needs	Community Law & Mediation	€27,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	COPE Galway	€32,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	Depaul Ireland	€40,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	Dublin Simon Community	€40,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	Focus Ireland CLG	€40,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	Irish Foster Care Association	€40,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	LauraLynn, Ireland's Children's Hospice	€40,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	Ballyspillane Community & Family Resource Centre	€43,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	The Jack and Jill Childrens Foundation	€45,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	Crosscare	€50,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	Down Syndrome Ireland	€50,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	Sensational Kids CLG	€50,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	The Down Syndrome Centre	€52,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	Citywise Education	€55,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	Nasc, the Migrant and Refugee Rights Centre	€56,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	City of Dublin YMCA	€60,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	Cystic Fibrosis Ireland	€15,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	Youth Work Ireland	€17,000.00

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Strand	Grant Applicant	Amount Awarded
Improving Health and Wellbeing	Brainwave The Irish Epilepsy Association, Trading as Epilepsy Ireland	€26,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	Irish Cancer Society	€26,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	Fatima Groups United	€28,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	St Andrews Family Resource Centre	€28,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	FamiliBase	€29,500.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	Rainbow Club	€30,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind	€35,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	Pieta	€35,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	Tacú Ballinrobe Family Resource Centre CLG	€35,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	Huruma CLG t/a Wellsprings	€37,500.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	Ronald McDonald House Charities Ireland	€38,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	Autism Assistance Dogs Ireland	€39,500.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	ChildVision	€40,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	Jigsaw, the National Centre for Youth Mental Health	€40,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	CUH Charity	€40,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	Clondalkin Behavioural Initiative T/A Archways	€42,500.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	St. Gabriels's Foundation	€47,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	Acquired Brain Injury Ireland. Formerly known as the Peter Bradley Foundation.	€50,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	Aware	€50,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	Barnardos	€50,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	Limerick Youth Service (LYS)	€50,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	ECO-UNESCO	€50,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	Children's Health Foundation	€50,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	The Irish Society for The Prevention of Cruelty to Children	€50,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	Clanwilliam Institute	€55,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	Cancer Fund for Children	€55,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	ARC Cancer Support Centres	€58,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	Kerry Diocesan Youth Service (KDYS)	€58,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	MEATH SPRINGBOARD FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES	€58,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	Belong To LGBTQ+ Youth Ireland	€58,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	Doras Bui - A Parents alone resource centre	€58,000.00
Improving Health and Wellbeing	First Fortnight	€60,000.00
Creativity and Play	Tubbercurry Family and Childcare Resource House Project CLG	€24,000.00
Creativity and Play	Meath Women's Refuge and Support Services	€30,000.00
Creativity and Play	Irish Chamber Orchestra (ICO)	€30,000.00
Creativity and Play	Coolmine Therapeutic Community	€32,000.00
Creativity and Play	Spraoi agus Spórt Family Centre CLG	€38,000.00
Creativity and Play	Ballymun Regional Youth Resource ( BRYR )	€44,000.00
Creativity and Play	Drogheda Women's and Children's Refuge Centre Clg.	€44,000.00
Creativity and Play	Compass Child and Family Services, CLG	€45,000.00
Creativity and Play	Early Childhood Ireland	€50,000.00
Creativity and Play	Cherry Orchard Equine Centre CLG - Integrated Youth Service	€50,000.00
Creativity and Play	South Eastern Cancer Foundation T/a Solas Cancer Support Centre	€55,000.00
Creativity and Play	The Crann Centre CLG	€58,000.00
Creativity and Play	Helium arts	€58,000.00

## RTÉ Toy Show Appeal – Northern Ireland Round

Round	Grant Applicant	Amount Awarded Sterling
Community Round	Downpatrick ASD Family Support Group	£9,900.00
Community Round	Northern Ireland Newpin	£9,965.00
Community Round	Foyle Down Syndrome Trust	£10,000.00
Community Round	Sensory Kids	£10,000.00
Community Round	Fresh Minds Education Ltd	£10,000.00
Community Round	Cuan Kids Community Preschool	£7,089.26
Community Round	Circusful (formerly Belfast Community Circus School)	£9,755.82
Community Round	Friends of Parkview	£9,758.00
Community Round	Fighting Words Northern Ireland	£9,756.38
Impact Round	Royal Mencap Society	£49,869.00
Impact Round	Newstart Education Centre	£47,750.00
Impact Round	Young Enterprise Northern Ireland	£50,000.00
Impact Round	Belfast & Lisburn Women's Aid	£34,186.00
Impact Round	Extern Northern Ireland	£44,913.00

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