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The Hospital Saturday Fund Charity Update

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57 Irish charities
awarded over
€274,000 in grants
during 2016

and

23 Irish individual
applicants
awarded grants in
2016

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New assessment equipment for ChildVision centre

In June, The Hospital Saturday Fund awarded ChildVision a grant for €9,362 towards assessment tools and weighing scales for their centre. Over 150 years old, ChildVision is the only place in Ireland dedicated entirely to the education and therapy needs of blind and multi-disabled children. The charity provides care and learning for children with sight loss and other profound disabilities.

ChildVision looks after children from all over Ireland ranging in age from birth to 23 years of age. The assessment tools and weighing scales will allow the charity to become more involved in the nutritional and medication needs of the children. The type of therapies a child receives also depends on a child's weight.

Margaret Rogers, HSF Trustee (and also CEO of Heart Chil-

dren Ireland), went along to present the cheque, and explained:

"The entire team were so grateful to receive their large grant from HSF. It was wonderful for me to see this amazing centre in action. Kim very kindly took time out of her very busy day to show me around each area of the facilities.

It's a warm and loving atmosphere and I felt very privileged to be there. I could see first-hand how the large grant will be used. The therapeutic assessment and intervention for these amazing children with visual impairments and multiple disabilities is essential to enable them to live the best possible lives. It was my absolute privilege to present the cheque on behalf of HSF".



Improving services for people with disabilities

Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Ireland received a grant from the Hospital Saturday Fund of €13,000 towards a research project.

The Charity aims to foster an environment in which every person affected by Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus can lead a fulfilled life. Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Ireland provides essential information, support

and advice to everyone living with Spina Bifida and/or Hydrocephalus.

The Charity enables its members to get the very best from health, education, and social services and it lobbies the Government to significantly improve services and all necessary access for people living with disabilities.



New sensory room funded at Greenville House Care Centre



Paul Jackson, HSF CEO, Kay Madden, HSF health plan Account Executive, presenting a grant to Marion Courtney, Fundraising Manager and Maureen Cronin, Trustee

The Hospital Saturday fund was delighted to award a grant of 7,000 euros to The Cork Association for Autism in August 2016, towards a multi-sensory room at Greenville House Care Centre.

The Cork Association for Autism provides person-centred support and skill development programs to adults on the Autism spectrum throughout Cork. The Charity employs 140 staff who range from care assistants to social care workers

and outreach support workers.

The charity was founded in 1978 by a group of parents in Cork with autistic children who were frustrated by the lack of support for their children and sought to rectify the situation.

In the late 1980s they purchased Greenville House and its extensive gardens in Carrigtwohill. In 2005, The Cork Association for Autism purchased a second property named Crobally

House in Mogeely which has allowed the Charity to offer essential respite and day support to the next generation of families and individuals affected by Autism.

Currently, the residents of Greenville House must be transferred by bus to Crobally House to use the sensory equipment. This process is difficult as the residents are often in a state of distress.

The Hospital Saturday fund grant will help change this!

€10,000 research grant awarded for new Meningitis vaccine

New Vaccine to protect new born babies from Meningitis

The Meningitis Research Foundation was awarded a €10,000 grant from the Hospital Saturday Fund for research into a vaccine that protects new born babies from Meningitis.

Ireland has the highest prevalence of meningococcal meningitis and septicaemia in Europe. Meningitis and septicaemia can kill within hours. Survivors can be left with severe after effects

including multiple amputations, brain damage and deafness. Although the diseases can affect anyone of any age, babies, young children and young adults are most at risk.

The Foundation's Dublin office opened in July 1996, in response to the high incidence of meningitis and septicaemia in Ireland. Meningitis Research Foundation is combating

meningitis and septicaemia in Ireland by funding research into prevention, detection and treatment; raising awareness of the diseases and their symptoms and supporting people who have already been affected by the disease.



Volunteer driver service supports chemotherapy patients

HSF was delighted to award a grant to the Irish Cancer Society towards their Volunteer Driver Service. Founded in 1963, it has grown into the national charity for cancer care, the leading provider of all information relating to cancer prevention, detection, treatment and support. The Irish Cancer Society also advocates for improvements in cancer services and are the largest voluntary funded cut-

ting edge cancer research charity in Ireland.

The Service opened in 2008 partnering with one hospital. They are currently open in 18 hospitals with another three hospitals opening the service in the next 3 months. So far in 2016 volunteers have provided a lift to 1,063 patients to their chemotherapy appointments. This is an increase of 18% on the same time last year.



Dave Thomas, HSF Vice Chairman presenting a grant to John McCormack, CEO and Susie Cunningham, Fundraiser

80% of Diabetes amputations could be avoided with good podiatry care

In August 2016 Diabetes Ireland was presented with a cheque for €10,000 towards purchasing a podiatry chair and medical tools for their new treatment centre in Cork. Approximately 27,000 diabetic sufferers in Munster could benefit from for equipment for the charity's new treatment centre in Munster.

Diabetes Ireland was founded in 1967, as a national charity dedicated to helping people with diabetes. The Charity provides education and motiva-

tion to everyone affected by diabetes. They also raises public awareness of diabetes and its symptoms and funds research into finding a cure for the disease.

Good foot care is essential for everyone but people with Diabetes, Arthritis and Rheumatoid Arthritis need to be extra careful. Half the amputations carried out each year are caused by diabetes, but with good podiatry care 80% of these amputations could be prevented.



Kieran O'Leary, Chief Executive Diabetes Ireland and Paul Jackson, CEO, Hospital Saturday Fund

Greater independence for wheelchair users

The Irish Wheelchair Association (IWA) was formed in 1960 by a group of volunteers who were wheelchair users. Today they offer a range of services throughout the republic of Ireland to those with physical disabilities/limited mobility. These services are offered with the assistance of over 2000 staff and as always, a loyal and important group of volunteers who assist in many ways from fundraising, to art, swimming and various activities.

The Hospital Saturday fund was delighted to visit the Irish Wheelchair Association at their new facility in Letterkenny, Donegal, to present a grant cheque of €4,500.

A grant was awarded for the cost of purchasing a new V-AMAT automatic toilet unit which will help provide the service users with greater independence together with privacy and dignity.



Roy Smith, Head of Sales & Business Ireland, HSF health plan, presenting the grant to the service users at the centre

New life-saving medical equipment

The Hospital Saturday Fund was pleased to be able to support the Dublin and Wicklow Mountain Rescue Team. Dave Thomas, Vice Chairman of the charity presented a cheque for €13,500 to replace crucial medical equipment.

office workers. They cover an area of 320sq kilometres and respond to an average of 70 calls per year.

Dave learned that it takes 24 people working in relays to carry one person down a mountain.

The Team was founded in 1984 and provides a 24/7 service 365 days a year. It is manned by 78 volunteers and they include tradespeople, paramedics, doctors, mechanics and

Right: Dave Thomas with the Mountain Rescue team





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About The Hospital Saturday Fund

The Hospital Saturday Fund (HSF) is a UK charity that was founded in 1873 by pioneers in social and philanthropic work to help people to afford medical care. In recent times, the Fund has 'tailored' its benefits and these are now offered through HSF health plan, one of the leading health cash plans in the UK and Ireland. Profits from the trading company, HSF health plan, are channeled into the 'parent' charity, The Hospital Saturday Fund, to enable charity donations to be made. In 2016 the Hospital Saturday Fund will give £900,000 in donations and grants to medical charities, hospices and hospitals across the UK and Ireland. Assistance will also be given to individuals whose illness or disability has caused financial difficulties.

Grant Information

Who can apply:

The Hospital Saturday Fund is a registered charity whose aims are to provide assistance through its charitable funds for:

- Registered medical health charities which are in need of grants for medical projects, care, research or in support of medical training within the United Kingdom, Isle of Man, Channel Islands and Republic of Ireland;
- Individuals with a medical condition or disability who would benefit from assistance with the purchase of specialised equipment or from particular forms of treatment.

For how to apply see the HSF website for full details of the criteria:
www.hospitalsaturdayfund.org

Applications from Organisations

The Grant Making Committee (GMC) meets quarterly. Applications should be submitted online by close of business on the following dates:

GMC 30 January 2017

Standard Grants of £2,000 or €2,700 – deadline 1 January 2017

Large Grants of up to max £10,000 or €13,500 – deadline 1 December 2016

GMC 5 June 2017

Standard Grants of £2,000 or €2,700 – deadline 8 May 2017

Large Grants of up to max £10,000 or €13,500 – deadline 10 April 2017

GMC 14 August 2017

Standard Grants of £2,000 or €2,700 – deadline 17 July 2017

Large Grants of up to max £10,000 or €13,500 – deadline 19 June 2017

GMC 6 November 2017

Standard Grants of £2,000 or €2,700 – deadline 9 October 2017

Large Grants of up to max £10,000 or €13,500 – deadline 11 September 2017

Applications from Individuals

Individual applications are accepted throughout the year on a rolling basis. See the guidelines on our website for further information.

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