Accountability Report 2005

connecting people who care with causes that matter
I am delighted to record that The Community Foundation for Ireland has experienced another year of sustained growth and development across all key areas, including fundraising, grant making, Board and staff development and raising awareness of the Foundation and philanthropy.

Ireland is a truly wealthy nation as confirmed in countless recent reports. With wealth comes greater responsibility “to give something back.” While there are many examples of philanthropy – particularly to the university sector – it is fair to say that much of the philanthropy in Ireland to date has been done quietly. Ireland arguably needs strong foundations and role models like Warren Buffet, Philip Berber and others so that the more privileged members of our society can be helped to contribute effectively and strategically rather than responding emotionally on a case by case basis.

Many wealthy individuals naturally feel lost when it comes to the shift from making money to investing strategically in social causes. Where do you begin? The Community Foundation for Ireland (a sister organisation of Business in the Community) is a leader in all these regards. We can provide the ideal vehicle for individuals to firstly assess their philanthropic goals and priorities and then to provide the mechanism to facilitate the establishment of a personal or family fund. Why not give us a call?

Throughout 2005, The Community Foundation for Ireland continued to enjoy growing support from both new and existing donors. During the year, our Permanent Endowment Fund grew from €5.8m to €7.0m. The permanence of this fund distinguishes the Foundation from many other organisations, and it is one of our key goals to grow it into a substantially larger, sustainable fund, the income from which will develop community and voluntary initiatives throughout Ireland both now and in the future.

The Foundation has been privileged to work with donors during 2005 who have chosen to create their own special funds, or have made “flow through” donations to their chosen projects. All our donors – individuals, families, businesses and institutions – deserve enormous gratitude as they are the key drivers in pioneering the Community Foundation movement here … for good, for Ireland, for ever!

The Foundation has been offered a number of Challenge Grants by the Atlantic Philanthropies. The Foundation and the Irish people are truly grateful for the generosity of the Atlantic Philanthropies and its founder, Chuck Feeney.

A further €0.5m contribution was received from National Irish Bank. Key considerations in selecting the Foundation included the permanent nature of our Endowment Fund, the professionalism, knowledge and independence of our grant-making committees and our ability to respond to requests for support from a diverse range of community and voluntary groups throughout Ireland.

This year, for the first time, we have secured funds from a number of US headquartered multinationals, including eBay and Adobe. Projects chosen by the companies here in Ireland were assisted, and we anticipate increased interest in this type of corporate giving in the future.

During the year, through the generosity of those of our donors who have helped build our Permanent Endowment Fund, the continued support of the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation and The Atlantic Philanthropies, and through the hard work and commitment of our Board, committee members and staff, we have been able to respond to the varying needs of 134 groups in twenty three counties, distributing €21,512, (a 70% increase on 2004) helping make our communities better places to live in. A full list of grantees is set out in this report, again confirming the unique flexibility of the Foundation in being able to respond to so many diverse groups, all sharing the vision of improving quality of life and opportunity for the most marginalised individuals and groups throughout 21st century Ireland.

Our ever increasing capacity to grant aid projects has also led to significant growth in the numbers of applications received. Consistent with our policy of staff development, we have promoted staff member Rachael Money to the position of Grants Officer. The creation of this post will provide an enhanced level of service to prospective applicants.

Early in the year we were delighted when John Gallagher accepted our invitation to become the Foundation’s Chairperson, succeeding Chris Horn who remains with the Foundation in the role of Goodwill Ambassador. John has overseen a review of the Foundation’s strategy and arising from this a number of Board sub-committees have been created to further enhance the effectiveness of the Foundation.

The year also saw our first County Fund – the Co. Monaghan Fund – begin to make real impact in the community it serves, thanks to the hard work of Chairman Frank Cosgrove and his fellow committee members, Des Sheridan, the part time Business Development Officer and Francis McCarron and the staff of the Monaghan Community Network who have provided invaluable support since the Fund was established. During 2005, with the support of the Foundation, grants amounting to over €12,000 were distributed to twelve projects in Co.Monaghan and as the committee’s local fundraising activities develop, this will create additional grant-making capacity at local level.

Elsewhere, we are actively engaged in looking to establish other County Funds, and have established contact and are making progress with interested parties in Limerick, Roscommon and Wexford.

During the year, we also undertook a programme of engaging with professional advisors and introduced the Foundation to a range of wealth managers, private bankers, accountants and solicitors. We have seen overseas how forging links with such professionals can prove to be mutually beneficial in developing customised philanthropic solutions for their clients. The Foundation’s website has been...
How You Can Help

Donations to The Community Foundation for Ireland can be made through:

- One-off or multiple cash gifts
- Flow-through donations to designated community organisations or projects
- Shares
- Bequests
- Charitable remainder trusts
- Life insurance beneficiary provisions.

Donations in cash and shares to The Community Foundation for Ireland provide a tax efficient option for donors.

Individuals, families, businesses and organisations can set up funds through their donations. There are different kinds of funds, depending on the interests and objectives of the donors.

- Unrestricted funds: The donor does not require the funds be used on one particular field or organisation. The Foundation is therefore free to allocate them according to the most pressing needs of the community.
- Field of interest funds: The donor limits the use of the funds to a specific charitable field of interest such as children or elderly people.
- Donor-advised funds: In an even more specific category, the donor determines fields and sectors to benefit. This category allows the donor to be actively involved in selecting the organisations to be benefited.
- Organisational endowment funds: An organisation may wish to set up a fund, named or anonymous, on a specific field and build the size of the fund over a period of time.

Whatever charitable intentions you, your family, business, institution or clients have, let us help achieve them. Contact The Community Foundation for Ireland and discover how those charitable objectives can be achieved in a more tax efficient manner. Remember, a few minutes of your time could make a lifetime of difference for someone.
The Community Foundation for Ireland
Funding Granted 2005

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<td>Finn Valley Learning Support Group, Donegal</td>
<td>€1,000.00</td>
<td>To help fund annual global halve-interational celebrations on St Patrick’s Day.</td>
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<td>Le Cheile Family Resource Centre, Cork</td>
<td>€600.00</td>
<td>Self-advocacy workshops for children aged 8-12 in the county council estates of Woodman Drive and Powerscourt, Mallow.</td>
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<td>Feeney Boys &amp; Girls Amateur Boxing Club, Cork</td>
<td>€1,500.00</td>
<td>To provide training and equipment for underprivileged youth of the local travelling community.</td>
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<td>Kerry Adolescent Counselling Services</td>
<td>€1,400.00</td>
<td>Six week programme called ‘parents supporting each other’ which aims to diminish the sense of isolation/isolation/homesickness suffered by parents of adolescents who are in counselling due to suicide issues, bereavement etc.</td>
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<td>Community Mediation Works, Dublin</td>
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<td>Primary training courses in restorative justice/mediation skills for adults and teenagers resident to working class areas in Dublin.</td>
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<td>Monaghan Scout Group</td>
<td>€1,000.00</td>
<td>Training to facilitate classes and activities at the recently refurbished centre.</td>
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<td>ACET in Ireland Ltd, Dublin</td>
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<td>Family therapy adventure weekends for families affected by HIV/AIDS and infectious drug dependency.</td>
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<td>Tipperary Regional Youth Service</td>
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<td>Fatima Group, Limerick</td>
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<td>Monaghan Scout Group, Monaghan</td>
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<td>Clare Area Lesbian Line</td>
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<td>To facilitate pre-development training and follow-up support training for lesbian women who are isolated, discriminated against and have identified a need to raise awareness in rural East Clare.</td>
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<td>Transgender Support Ireland, Dublin</td>
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<td>To run a course on personal development for people who identify as transsexual.</td>
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<td>Nenagh Community Network, Nenagh</td>
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<td>To start up boxing club project.</td>
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<td>€2,000.00</td>
<td>A programme of respite breaks for disabled persons and their carers at the CASA Breakhouses.</td>
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<td>West of Ireland Alzheimer Foundation, Mayo</td>
<td>€300.00</td>
<td>Donation from the Dr Alison Byrne fund to purchase an electric bed with mattress/hospital bed for the people home.</td>
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<td>Metro and District Mental Health Association, Donegal</td>
<td>€1,000.00</td>
<td>To provide personal development courses for disabled people recovering from mental illness.</td>
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<td>Dochas Hope for People With Autism, Limerick</td>
<td>€2,500.00</td>
<td>To hold a workshop in applied behaviour analysis for members for which is scientifically proven method of educating children with ASD.</td>
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<td>Roscommon Support Group of People with Disabilities</td>
<td>€500.00</td>
<td>Activity for people with disabilities living in rural areas in Co Roscommon.</td>
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<td>Bray Cancer Support &amp; Information Centre, Wicklow</td>
<td>€400.00</td>
<td>Donation from the Dr Alison Byrne fund to help purchase a wheelchair for clients to use for hospital visits, shopping or social outings.</td>
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As you know, recent times have seen funding become more and more difficult to access, and so it is the consideration of organisations such as yours that makes it possible for organisations providing services within communities – particularly disadvantaged communities – to continue functioning.

Funding provided training courses on restorative justice for adults and teenagers resident to working class areas in Dublin.

- Bray Cancer Support & Information Centre, Wicklow
  - To provide regular sessions for cancer patients – to include hand and foot massage, self-care and relaxation and also discussion groups to  **€452.00**
- Castleknaph Arts & Community Development Company Ltd Monaghan
  - To help purchase a disability friendly fitness machine for their affordable gym for the local community  **€1,000.00**
- Muscular Dystrophy Ireland, Dublin
  - To help support members of long-term carers who offer care for those living with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy  **€2,052.00**
- Schizophrenia Ireland-Lucia Foundation, Dublin
  - To support women with moderate intellectual disabilities to develop their creative potential  **€1,000.00**
- Open Heart House, Dublin
  - To help provide a weekend break for families of those with special needs to take part in a range of relaxation, educational and recreational programmes  **€2,000.00**
- Drumkill Day Care Centre, Monaghan
  - To organise and operate a respite break service in August and September 2005  **€1,500.00**
- The Carers Association, Waterford
  - To help provide a weekend break for families of those with special needs to take part in a range of relaxation, educational and recreational programmes  **€1,000.00**
- Inch Island Community Association, Donegal
  - To organise and operate a respite break service in August and September 2005  **€1,000.00**

**Third Age**

- Fortuna Active Retirement Association, Galway
  - Programme of activities for elderly members with a health and learning emphasis  **€1,000.00**
- Gort Family Resource Centre, Galway
  - Get together for the elderly including the invitation of guest speakers  **€1,000.00**
- Caring For Carers Limerick
  - Care giving for the under 65 age group  **€2,000.00**
- Serenity House Active Retirement Association, Donegal
  - To provide lifelong learning courses in health, well being, safety in the home, first aid etc. to isolated older people living in the Inishowen area  **€1,000.00**
- Irish Island Community Association, Donegal
  - Activities and outings for the elderly in order to reduce their social isolation and loneliness  **€1,000.00**
- Advanced Peoples Club, Laven
  - Dance classes for 12 weeks to help older people get active and reduce their isolation and loneliness  **€720.00**
- Conhtonche Garbhach Uibh Rathuig, Donegal
  - To set up and support a support group for Carers  **€3,503.00**
- The Carers Association, Tipperary
  - To provide home meals to carers in Tipperary town.  **€1,000.00**
- The Carers Association, Kilkenny
  - To set up and run carers outreach service/support group meetings in Kilkenny and Carlow.  **€1,000.00**
- The Carers Association, Waterford
  - To bring groups of carers together with a professional psychologist at a workshop to address deterioration of carer’s health.  **€900.00**
- The Carers Association, Dublin
  - To set up two support groups with activities in The Donnies Community School, and in The Carers Resource Centre, Blanchardstown.  **€1,500.00**
- Ballsbridge Active Retired, Kerry
  - To enable carers to enjoy the full range of activities  **€1,000.00**
- Drumkil Day Care Centre, Monaghan
  - To provide entertainment for the day care centre  **€3,000.00**
- Comerica Na Naisiun, Galway
  - To fund social and recreational activities for elderly members living in isolation who find it especially difficult in the winter  **€1,045.00**
- Alzheimer Society of Ireland, Cork
  - To increase current membership information, and to develop the volunteering ethos of the AGI  **€1,000.00**
- Aware, Dublin
  - To bring an awareness of depression programme to a number of remote villages.  **€1,000.00**
- Friends Of Ennistymon Community Hospital, Clare
  - To provide regular sessions for carers of cancer patients.  **€750.00**
- Young At Heart Club Bishopstown, Killarney
  - To develop as a day centre  **€810.00**
- Clonleigh Social Services, Donegal
  - To provide gatherings for persons in rural areas.  **€1,000.00**
- Lifford/Clooneh House Resource Centre Ltd, Donegal
  - To provide entertainment for elderly visiting from other rural areas.  **€1,000.00**
- Castelfin Social Services, Donegal
  - To help provide a day centre for elderly visiting from other rural areas.  **€1,000.00**
- To help plan home visits and volunteer visiting to the elderly and isolated.  **€1,000.00**
- Movement through Music, teacher for older people to improve their mental, emotional and physical wellbeing  **€1,000.00**
- Burskisnake Area Network Development, Tipperary
  - Senior Citizens Group – to address loneliness and isolation experienced by older people.  **€1,000.00**
- Hospital Family Resource Centre Ltd, Limerick
  - Social support network for the elderly.  **€1,000.00**
- Kilantra/Ballina Family Resource Centre, Clare
  - Funding for Active Ageing Project  **€1,500.00**
- Alzheimer Society of Ireland, Dublin
  - To start a support group for the carers of people suffering from Temporal Lobe Dementia  **€1,000.00**

**New Communities & Traveller Community**

- One Family, Dublin
  - Resources for multicultural childcare programmes  **€1,800.00**
- Catherine Mc Auley Centre Dublin
  - To provide asylum seeking, refugees and immigrant women with access to IT skills programmes.  **€2,000.00**
- DPSU, Dublin
  - New language specific information materials for ethnic minority children and their families as part of the Laught Project.  **€1,500.00**
- Kerry Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre Ltd
  - To deliver support to men & women who suffered abuse and are also refugees, asylum seekers & immigrants  **€3,200.00**
- Immigrant Council of Ireland, Dublin
  - To provide an opportunity for 30 immigrant-led community organisations to explore setting up a Policy Development Forum from practice to policy  **€2,000.00**
- Clare Women’s Network
  - Information campaign to address the issues of women spouses of non-EU migrant workers in Co Clare & Shannon area.  **€1,500.00**
- Wicklow Traveller’s Group Ltd.
  - To assist asylum seekers and refugees in the greater Dun Laoghaire area.  **€750.00**
- Kerry Travellers Development Project
  - To fund a network meeting with an isolated traveller women’s group in Castle Island with a women’s group from another area in order to create links and promote social inclusion.  **€1,000.00**
- Nasc The Irish Immigrant Support Centre, Cork
  - To organise training events for minority ethnic-led groups and for the Garda Siochana.  **€1,500.00**
- Castle Island with a women’s group from another area in order to create links and promote social inclusion.  **€750.00**
- Borrisokane Area Network Development, Tipperary
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- Clare Women’s Network
  - Information campaign to address the issues of women spouses of non-EU migrant workers in Co Clare & Shannon area.  **€1,500.00**
- Nigerian Support Group, Dublin
  - Funding provided training courses on restorative justice for Community Mediation Works, Co Dublin.  **€1,000.00**
- Heath Rose Traveller Group, Clare
  - Private donation to support ongoing project work.  **€350.00**
- Dun Laoghaire Refugee Project, Dublin
  - To provide training and awareness to community groups.  **€1,000.00**
- Blue Raincoat Theatre Company, Sligo
  - Performing arts events to integrate marginalised community groups in Sligo into the mainstream society.  **€2,500.00**
- Longford Asom Project Limited
  - To support volunteers from the asylum seeking and local community who will provide a drop-in service  **€1,450.00**
- Longford County Childcare Committee
  - To promote cultural awareness in childcare facilities for children, parents and staff  **€1,000.00**
I Nasc The Irish Immigrant Support Centre Cork
- To fund their Speaker’s Panel
- €2,370.00

Hospital Family Resource Centre Ltd. Limerick
- To set up social and developmental inter-cultural networks in the area.
- €460.00

Donegal African Women’s Association
- To establish the organisation & to combat isolation and promote self esteem
- €1,800.00

Integrating Ireland, Dublin
- €1,000.00

Ballymote Family Resource Centre, Sligo
- Courses in awareness of domestic violence and health issues for marginalised, isolated, rural and disadvantaged women of the area.
- €1,250.00

Adrigole Family Resource Centre, Cork
- To facilitate a women’s group programme called ‘Feel Good about Yourself’ with disadvantaged rural women.
- €1,500.00

CASPERS, Kilkenny
- Art materials for after school programme with emphasis on social inclusion.
- €500.00

Rathmines Information & Community Services Centre, Dublin
- To help fund a women’s support and social group for isolated women.
- €1,500.00

North Offaly Development
- To help facilitate family guidance and support programmes which target disadvantaged and marginalised people within the local community.
- €1,000.00

Integrating Ireland, Dublin
- €1,000.00

CAPPERS, Kilkenny
- To produce a pack of anti-racism activities for pre-schools.
- €2,310.00

Depaul Trust, Dublin
- To run an advocacy programme to educate the sector about issues impacting on female ex-prisoners and to develop a befriending programme for men living in transitional accommodation.
- €5,000.00

Irish Penal Reform Trust, Dublin
- To support the PRT’s campaign to increase the use of non-custodial sanctions for people in conflict with the law.
- €4,000.00

Irish Penal Reform Trust, Dublin
- Private donation to carry out research and prepare a report on the use and effectiveness of community sentencing as an alternative to imprisonment.
- €7,000.00

Waterford Parents and Carers Advocacy and Research Group
- Launch of their needs assessment survey, including publication of the survey results and subsequent formation of an inclusive action group.
- €1,000.00

Fr Liam Hayes Fund, Argentina
- Private donations made to this fund were used for project work with the poor of Missiones in Argentina.
- €10,070.00

New Orleans Foundation
- Private donation made for help restoration work in New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina in 2005.
- €950.00

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Deirdre Carroll (Retired 05/09/05)
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### Financed By:

- **Retained Funds** - Discretionary Grantmaking: 88,147
- **Fr. Liam Hayes Fund**: 10,070
- **PEI Scholarship**: 1,510
- **Private Grantmaking Funds**: 14,728
- **Revenue Reserves**: 200,000
- **Endowment Reserve**: 6,430,950
- **Unrealized Gains**: 1,057,411

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### Grantmaking Expenditure

| **Grantmaking Expenditure** | 211,522 | 123,876 |

### Operational Income

- **Donations for Operational Costs**: 87,699
- **Bank Interest Received**: 10,109
- **Management Charge Endowment Funds**: 64,470

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### Operational Expenditure

- **Fundraising costs**: 87,192
- **Grant Administration Costs**: 34,044
- **Administration Overheads**: 41,042

| **Operational Expenditure** | 162,278 | 156,513 |

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Transsexuals are, unfortunately in a minority and as such seem to be overlooked for a lot of mainstream help. Your award is a refreshing change to that trend.

Transgender Support Ireland, Dublin
Funding provided personal development courses for people who identify as transgender.
10 reasons why people choose to give through the Community Foundation

1. The Community Foundation for Ireland is a local organisation with deep roots in the community. Our objective is to build sustainable funds for good, for Ireland and ... for ever.

2. Our staff understand community needs and issues – at local, regional and national level – and are able to share their knowledge and contacts throughout Ireland with donors and their advisors.

3. The Foundation provides personalised service tailored to the charitable and financial interests of individuals, families, businesses and institutions, using a wide range of giving options and solutions.

4. Even the most complex forms of giving can be arranged for donors, working in close cooperation with their Professional Advisors.

5. President Mary McAleese is our Patron and the Board is comprised of distinguished representatives from the Public, Private and Community and Voluntary sectors. Our Grant Assessment Committees include leading experts in the Community and Voluntary sector, who advise on both policy and grant approvals.

6. The Community Foundation for Ireland is an approved body under Section 848A of the Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997, thus ensuring that qualifying donations receive maximum tax effectiveness.

7. The Foundation can often multiply the effectiveness of gifts by pooling them with other gifts and grants and we have few thematic and no geographic limitations.

8. Donors can select from a full range of giving options, whether that offers a direct contribution to support a project currently underway, or a longer term interest in a theme or geographic area – or to help build our Permanent Endowment Fund. As the Foundation develops a network of county committees, donors may have the opportunity to become founding members of their county committee, whether they currently reside there or not.

9. We also offer donors the opportunity to “Leave a Legacy for Ireland” – again helping ensure that their generosity can last forever, supporting the causes most dear to them.

10. The Community Foundation for Ireland is a unique resource, providing community leadership, convening agencies and co-ordinating resources to create positive social change.

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