



"GIVING FROM THE HEART TO
THE HAND THAT NEEDS"

Heart To Hand Charity Newsletter 2021

30 Years Volunteering



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In April this year Heart To Hand were 30 years running. A remarkable achievement considering all the economic changes here and abroad in this time. Heart To Hand have remained committed to the poorest of the poor and we continue to distribute food in Ireland, send Humanitarian Aid overseas and continue with our charity building projects.

Margaret, Myles and I continue to work every day in the warehouse loading the vans, delivering food, loading the lorries, sorting clothes, shoes and various items dropped into the yard. Its hard work and its done with so much love and care that every load is checked to ensure that what we send out is of the best quality.

We would like to thank all our volunteers, supporters, fundraisers and friends who have helped us to continue our work. We are very grateful for your support and we hope you will continue to support us in the coming years. The need for Aid never ends and we continue to support our friends in Albania with Aid and now that all restrictions are lifting, we may be able to return to our building projects there.



Kieran Byrne receiving a cheque from Marie Cushe following a very successful charity event held in Ballyfad Gorey.

Thanks to the people over the years that have supported us in every way. It is only through the generosity of people that we can continue our work.

Heart To Hand has no paid staff, no administration and every euro raised goes to looking after the poor. This is how the charity was set up and this is how it will continue. Thank you all so much.



A huge thank you to all in Kerry Group who have made Heart To Hand their 1st choice when donating Food Aid. We are extremely grateful for their ongoing support and especially for the volume of food received.

Kerry Group and Heart To Hand have come together to ensure that no food is wasted and that all Food Aid is delivered straight to the people who need it most. Out thanks to the staff for their recent **7million steps** ! fundraiser. This was way organised to get the staff involved and make a donation to Heart To Hand. They exceeded their quota of steps by 6million! Well done to all involved.

Kieran Byrne,
Director and Founder.

Humanitarian Aid Deliveries.

Truck & Tractor Run

Tribute to Ned Bourke R.I.P

30 Years running!

Heart To Hand supporting Down Syndrome Tipperary

BEFORE



AFTER



In October 2020 Heart To Hand were approached by Michael Lowry to seek our help with an ambitious plan to transform a dwelling house built in the 1960s and 2 industrial units to the rear of the building into a state of the art facility for Down Syndrome Tipperary based in Thurles. We were delighted to get involved and several of our volunteers took part over the next 6 months to deliver this amazing project. The DSI team of Siobhan Ryan, Catherine Cleary, Sandra O Halloran and Noel Buckley were a joy to work with and we really enjoyed being involved in a local project. Several of our long time suppliers also came on board to donate materials, plant and equipment. It was a huge community effort and a project we will never forget. Thanks to all involved. Few more random pics below of the work our volunteers carried out and some of our volunteers that we caught on camera. There were so many we could not begin to name you all but you know who you are and the wonderful volunteers of Down Syndrome Tipperary have thanked you all individually.



Finished garden and the fabulous glass covered walkway installed by Heart To Hand. Seat sculpture by Philip Quinn.



Heart To Hand supporting Down Syndrome Tipperary



Noel Buckley DST, Jim Kenny Gannon Homes, Michael Lowry TD, Catherine Cleary DST Pat Stakelum Stakelums Hardware. Dinny O Dwyer Martin Campion & Pat Whelan Heart To Hand.



Noel, Siobhan, Catherine and Eddie in the background.



Joe Bourke Heart To Hand



Phil Purcell Heart To Hand



Michael Purcell Campion Electrical



Stephen Dwan Heart To Hand



One of our great volunteers over the years Paddy Ryan. Working hard at 82 years young. Well done paddy.



Heart To Hand volunteers from Gortnahoe here working with Gleeson Steel.

Thanks to all the Heart To Hand volunteers who took part in the build, helped with materials and plant, supplied food and helped with the lunches on site. Big thanks to all those who gave their time to come and help every week. Thanks to Down syndrome Tipperary for their kindness and support all through the project.



Schools supporting Heart To Hand

Heart To Hand would like to say a massive thank you to all the schools that participate in our Christmas shoe box collection and our food collections. We are extremely grateful to all involved . To the students, their parents, the teachers and all those who organise these collections we want to thank you.



Scoil Naomh Maodhóg



Borris National School .



Rathcoyle national School



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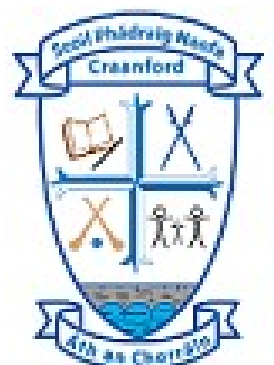
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Christmas Shoes Boxes and Food collections



Christmas shoe box collections.

Christmas shoe boxes collected in Cork by our CORK volunteers. Massive thanks to all our volunteers who work hard collecting, food, clothes and Christmas shoe boxes during the year.

We would like to thank the children, parents and teachers for their massive collection of shoe boxes and food for our Christmas Aid delivery. We really appreciate the effort and work that goes into collecting all the food items and of course the love and attention that goes into the preparing of the Christmas Shoe Boxes. We would like to wish you all a merry Christmas and we look forward to calling to your school again!

Our thanks to **Margaret Nolan** and her family in Holycross, Co Tipperary for their collection of Christmas shoe boxes every year. Margaret and her family, neighbours and friends prepare several boxes each year. Thanks and well done.

Heart To Hand celebrates 30 years.

On this day 6th April 1991 , 6 lorries left Ireland with Humanitarian Aid . 2 of those lorries were Heart To Hand Charity. One was driven by our founder Kieran Byrne and the other was shared by Myles Roche and Pat Doyle.

That was the start of 30 years delivering humanitarian aid.

It's been an incredible 30 years with no government funding, no grants, no payments of any kind to any members . The charity is run solely by volunteers and the generosity of the people of Ireland. We are so grateful for your support because without funding and volunteers we could not continue.

As fundraising events have been impossible over the last 12 months , we are appealing for donations to support our next humanitarian aid delivery and our daily food aid deliveries in Ireland. To donate please visit www.hearttohand.net and click on donate. Thanks so much for the past 30 years. We look forward to the next 30! God bless from all in Heart to Hand.

Kieran Byrne , Founder .



R.I.P Ned Bourke - Volunteer and Gentleman

Heart To Hand would like to express our deepest sympathies to the family of one of our outstanding volunteers Ned Bourke. To his wife Nora, his sons David, Declan, Eamon, Adrian, his daughter Caroline, grandchildren, son in law, daughters in law and his many relatives and friends.

Ned was a true gentleman and one of our greatest volunteers. He did everything with such love and attention. Ned volunteered with Heart To Hand for the past 20 years, travelling to Romania & Albania on charity building projects, always present for the loading of the lorries. Ned thought of everything and we were never short of equipment, tools, fixings etc when we travelled such was the planning put in by Ned.

Ned also took care of the Lenten food collections in Tipperary, collecting and storing the food in his house for the 6 weeks of lent. He would separate all the different foods and store them in individual containers to ease collection and distribution.

We would like to thank his son David also a volunteer with Heart To Hand over the years for taking time out of his career to care for Ned along with his mother ,brothers and sister. Thank you for the love and care you gave him in his last days.

Ned will be sadly missed by all in Heart To Hand and the Missionaries Of Charity.



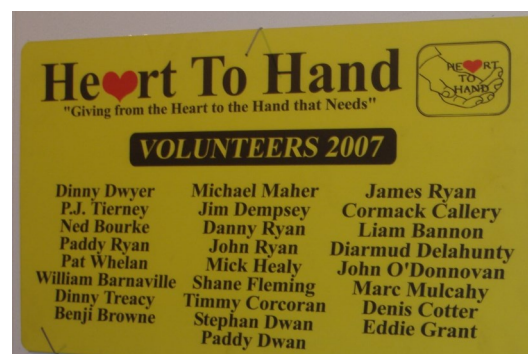
Ned was always willing to travel out to Albania to do the ground work for the main group that would travel out later in the year. Ned was always part of the planning and surveying in Albania. Once home, he would spend weeks preparing the equipment and materials required for the job . Everything would be labelled and boxed for each site. In this photo Ned is meeting with Sr Mary Magdalene planning the next project with Martin Campion and the Missionaries Of Charity.



Ned was a well travelled man and could hold a conversation with any of the crew on the building projects. Ned always had a story from when he travelled with Mitsubishi for work around Europe . He loved company and was always interested in people and where they were from and what brand of television they had! Not sure is it Ned, or Paddy Dwan singing in this shot!



R.I.P Ned Bourke -Volunteer and Gentleman



Ned's sons David & Declan on the LHS pictured here in Puke Albania 2005



Ned played a massive roll in our annual food collections over the 6 weeks of lent. He organised the collections, organised barrels and made sure all items were segregated for ease of use by the recipients. Ned did everything with love and care and always took great pride in the work he did for St Mother Teresa and Heart To Hand.



Lenten food collections organised by Ned.



Sunday Drive Fundraiser Ballyfad, Gory, Co Wexford. Tractor, Truck, Car and Bike run.



A huge thank you to Marie Cushe and her large team of family members and volunteers who ran a very successful fundraiser for our charity. Trucks, Tractors, Vintage cars and bikes . It was a really well run event and we want to thank Marie and all in Ballyfad who made it a great and safe charity run. Well done to all involved and thanks to all who turned up to support the event.

Designer Clothes Sale



CHARITY CLOTHES SALE

LAKESIDE HOTEL KILLALOE
FRIDAY 8th October 2021
FOR 1 DAY ONLY! 10am to 8pm

New and nearly new, Ladies, gents, and children's designer wear.
All proceeds going to the "HEART TO HAND" charity.

Heart To Hand Charity No. CHY 11391 Web: www.hearttohand.net

Following 2 years of Covid, we finally got back to running our annual clothes sale . This sale is now 10 years running and it gets better every year. The sale is run by Joanne Skelly and her large team of volunteers .

The clothes are donated and then priced and sold in the lakeside Hotel & Leisure Centre . Prices start at 1 euro and we have a range of ladies, mens & childrens wear. Jewellery and shoes can also be found!. If you haven't attended your missing out!. Thanks to Joanne and all her volunteers for their work every year.

Humanitarian Aid



Lorry being loaded earlier this year with Humanitarian Aid which was sent out to the brothers of Charity in Bushat, Shkoder, Albania . Our thanks to Myles Doran pictured left who volunteers daily for our charity. Each day he collects the van and heads to Dublin to collect food Aid and distribute it to deserving causes in Dublin and beyond. Myles often makes a journey to Limerick and Thurles with Food Aid. When he arrives back in the yard his day is not done ! And he joins Kieran & Margaret for the loading of the lorries.

We are blessed to have him and his work is so important to all those who he delivers too on a daily basis. Thank you Myles for your dedication to charity.

Direct Debits, donations and anonymous donations .

A huge thanks to all who have set up direct debits and to all who make anonymous donations to our charity, we really appreciate what you do for our charity. Thank you all so much.

Easter Egg Donations by Heart To Hand



The Heart To Hand Easter Bunny was out over Easter weekend and we delivered Easter Eggs to the following, University Hospital Limerick Emergency Department, thanks to Catherine Skelly for her assistance, Nenagh General Hospital thanks to Bernie Nolan and Mairead King, Sue Ryder Nursing home Nenagh thanks to Teresa and Mary McDonald, Down Syndrome Tipperary in Thurles thanks to Siobhan Ryan, St Vincent's Hospital Dublin thanks to David Hanratty, Beaumont Hospital emergency department thanks to our own Marion Lynders, Central Mental Hospital Dundrum, and a few other worthy causes. Thanks to Mars Ireland for donating so many eggs and Easter treats, we really appreciate your support. Thanks to Noel Fehily, Colin Shanahan, Tomas Comerford and all in OMC for their help with deliveries. Thanks to Sean Kearney, Aoife Hanlon and all in Mars Ireland. Thanks to Cornelia Brouder for all her help.



**Ordnance
Survey
Ireland**

Ordnance Survey Ireland.

Employee donations through work

Our thanks to the staff of Ordnance Survey Ireland, who have been supporting Heart To Hand for many years through monthly donations. We are very grateful to all those who donate and to the administration staff who organise and arrange the donations every month.



Pat Whelan receiving a cheque from

Padraig Comerford , Director OMC. Technologies.

As we celebrate 30 years of volunteering we would like to congratulate OMC who are this year celebrating 40 years in business!. OMC have been a massive sponsor and support of our charity for almost 20 years. We would like to congratulate Tom Comerford, PJ O Mahony, Des O Leary , Neil Lynch and Padraic Comerford Directors of OMC on this milestone.

Padraic Comerford Director, OMC Technologies is pictured here presenting a cheque to Pat Whelan Heart To Hand . This very generous donation is in lieu of the traditional Christmas bottle.

We are very blessed to have the backing of OMC for our charity and we wish them the very best for the next 40 years!. Thank you OMC.



Heart To Hand would like to thank Paul Touhy Managing Director of Alltrans for their donation to our Christmas appeal. Thank you for the continued support



Once again we would to express our gratitude to Tommy Carr Managing Director of Pallet Express for their kind donation to our charity.

Heart to Hand



Kieran Byrne has recently set up a Go Fund Me page to help raise much needed funds to help us to continue with our work.

If you have time to log onto and make a donation we would be extremely grateful.

Fundraising has become very difficult and with so many charities out there we are finding it difficult.

What keeps us going is the tremendous support we have received over these past 30 years and we look forward to many more with your kind help and support.

Volunteer Committee members

Heart To Hand would like to thank the following members of our charity who give their time free to keep the charity running.

Our Treasurer Gerry Bracken, for keeping the charity accounts , registration & certification up to date .

Our Secretary Marion Lynders for organising and recording minutes of our annual board meetings , her fundraising efforts, and her continued commitment to the shoe box collections,

Our Chairman Pat Whelan for his contribution to the charity.

Our Director and Founder Kieran Byrne for his 30 years of dedication to the poor.



Wexford potatoes

Heart To Hand would like to thank **Brian & Liam Barry** Wexford for their collections and deliveries of potatoes from farmers all over Wexford . We are very grateful for your continued support of our charity . Potatoes are a very important part of our diet and to have them donated for distribution to those in need is really very decent of the Wexford potato growers and farmers.

Heart To Hand have been receiving Wexford Potatoes for many years and we really appreciate this generosity.



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The Tuesday Knitting Club in Holycross Co Tipperary and the **Sisters Of Mercy in Tipperary Town** produce beautiful knitted items for adults and children . We received a large amount of knitted items this year and all 3 clubs are long time supporters of Heart To Hand, thanks so much to all involved.

Deceased members and supporters of Heart To Hand

Heart To Hand would like to remember in their prayers all our deceased members and supporters. As we celebrate 30 years of volunteering its important to remember all those down through the years who volunteered, fundraised and supported us in any way. You are always remembered in our prayers.

STANDING ORDER FORM Date: _____

To The Manager Of: _____

Branch Address _____

I/We hereby authorise and request you to debit my/our account
(Details of the account from which the payment will be made)

Name: _____

IBAN: _____ BIC: _____

And to credit the beneficiary/Receiver account.

Account Name: Heart To Hand AIB Arklow Co Wicklow.

Account No: 03679094

BIC: AIBKIE2D

IBAN: IE12AIBK93302303679094

Amount€ _____ Start date _____

Frequency: Monthly _____ Annually _____ Other _____

Signature _____ Date _____

To make your gift to Heart To Hand , please cut out this form and post it to Kieran Byrne Heart To Hand, Scarnagh, Gorey, Co Wexford or Pat Whelan 68 Ard Coillte, Ballina Co Tipperary V94VNRO



Heart To Hand would like to acknowledge the work of the **“Golden Oldies Knitting Club”** in Wexford who spend their spare time knitting scarfs , hats and blankets for cots. They produce beautiful items every year which are sent on the lorry to Albania and distributed to the orphanages and homes for the

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HOW YOU CAN DONATE

Make a donation: contact any member of Heart To Hand or contact us on 087 2745570 or 086 8240978 or simply log onto our website www.hearttohand.net and donate on line.

Direct debit/Standing Order of your choice. To set up a direct debit or standing order please complete the form over and return to Heart To Hand , Scarnagh, Gorey, Co Wexford

Remember us in your will.

Let your legacy become part of our story by leaving us a gift in your will. Your memory can live on by helping us to help the poorest of the poor.

Hold a food collection in your local parish, church, school, workplace or supermarket. Tinned food, pasta, porridge, rice, beans and peas, soup, etc. are especially welcome.