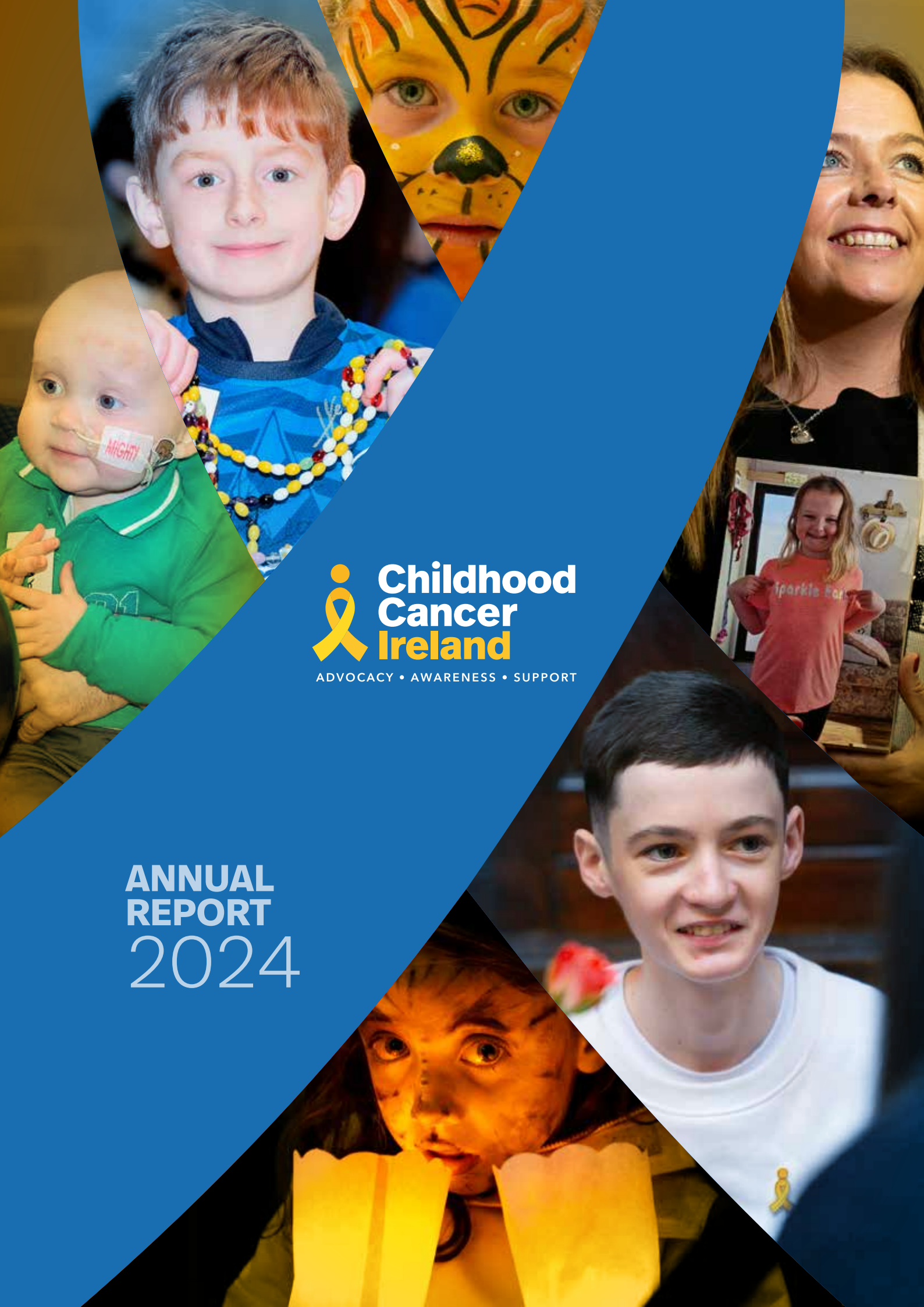




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Chairperson, Childhood Cancer Ireland



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Chairperson's Introduction

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Chairperson



Chairperson's Introduction

I am proud to present Childhood Cancer Ireland's Annual Report 2024 and to have an opportunity to reflect on what was a year of growth for the charity, as we continued to evolve, shaping our supports to the needs of children, adolescents and young adults with cancer, survivors and their families.

The charity was founded by parents in 2013 - a small organisation aiming to raise awareness of childhood cancer and to advocate for greater supports for families. Today, Childhood Cancer Ireland continues to be led by a majority of parents and survivors, as we support children and young people with cancer, survivors and their families from the moment of diagnosis, through treatment and recovery and into survivorship or bereavement.

Our mission is to understand, support, empower and give voice to children, adolescents and young adults with cancer, survivors and their families, through their cancer experience and beyond. We remain committed to advocating for improved supports, resources and outcomes for children, adolescents and young adults with cancer. My colleagues on the Board and I are proud to be in a position to oversee this evolution and to drive forward our mission.

The Board of Directors is committed to good governance, accountability, and transparency. This dedication is demonstrated through the continuous review and improvement of policies and procedures, the recruitment of board members with diverse skills and expertise, and the work of subcommittees focused on finance, audit and risk; advocacy and survivorship. This culture of oversight and leadership provides a foundation for the continuous growth and impact of the charity.

Undoubtedly, this work brings significant challenges, from securing sustainable funding, to safeguarding the well-being and compassion of our small but dedicated executive team, to fostering sustainable growth that addresses critical gaps and unmet needs within the communities we serve.

However, I believe that our achievements in the last year are a testament to what we can accomplish together, in spite of these challenges. I am especially proud of the fact that we strengthened our commitment to providing comprehensive support to children, adolescents, and young adults with cancer and their families through the appointment of a Principal Clinical Psychologist in 2024. This role oversees the development and delivery of psychosocial (emotional, practical, financial and psychological) supports tailored to the unique challenges faced by families, as the organisation provides the tools, guidance, and resources needed to navigate this difficult time. In 2025, we will focus on expanding psychosocial supports nationwide and strengthening our advocacy.

None of this would be possible without the heartfelt commitment of our staff, volunteers, my colleagues on the Board and of course, the generosity of every donor, those who fundraise in our name and our corporate partners.

As we look ahead, we remain more determined than ever to ensure that every family has access to the support they need both during and after treatment, as we strive to provide the right support, at the right time and at the right level of expertise.

Alex Petrilli

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Chairperson

CEO's Report

Laura Cullinan
CEO and parent
of a survivor



I am so pleased to present our first annual impact report – another milestone in the development of Childhood Cancer Ireland.



While Childhood Cancer Ireland has always published audited accounts, this is our first accompanying impact report, which offers a greater insight into a year of growth, strategic progress, dedicated supports, and advocacy for children and young people with cancer, survivors and their families affected by cancer.

Our small but committed team has worked tirelessly to expand and strengthen the supports we provide to families navigating the unimaginable challenges of childhood cancer. For those of us who have had first-hand experience of a diagnosis of childhood cancer, however, these challenges are not unimaginable, they are all too real and familiar.

Every year, an average of 374 children and young people are diagnosed with cancer in Ireland. As a parent and survivor-led charity, we understand how this diagnosis pulls the rug from under the entire family without warning. When that happens, Childhood Cancer Ireland is there, giving families the strength they need every step of the way.

We are guided by our mission and core values - empathy, empowerment, lifelong support, and collaboration. We are truly committed to listening to those who use and need our services, and to the ongoing evaluation and evolution of our supports and services to meet their changing needs.

Psychosocial support refers to the combination of psychological and social services aimed at addressing the emotional, mental, and social needs of children and young people with cancer and their families.

A key development this year was the appointment of our Principal Clinical Psychologist, Dr. Mairead Brennan, a crucial step forward in delivering structured, accessible, and evidence-based psychosocial supports. This role strengthens our ability to address the emotional and psychological impact of childhood cancer, not just on the child or young person but on the entire family unit. It represents our long-term commitment to holistic care, meeting families not just at the point of diagnosis, but walking alongside them through treatment, recovery, survivorship, or sadly for some families, bereavement.

Through supports like play therapy, parent peer support, opportunities for connection and emotional support, as well as expert-led workshops to help navigate through recovery, we focus on the emotional wellbeing of children and young people with cancer, their parents and siblings.

We support families bereaved through childhood cancer with information, psychological support, webinars and financial support.



Throughout 2024, we also continued our advocacy work, amplifying the voice of the childhood cancer community. As a member of national and European alliances, we have contributed to important conversations around survivorship research and care. Through our Public and Patient Involvement and Engagement strategy, we have also contributed to promoting equitable access to medicines and to shaping research.

Childhood Cancer Ireland does this work without Government funding, relying on the generosity of public and corporate donations. Every donation directly helps families all over Ireland impacted by childhood, adolescent and young adult cancer.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to our supporters, donors, fundraisers, volunteers and corporate partners – our work is only possible because of your ongoing support. I would like to extend my gratitude to our Board of Directors for lending their time and expertise to guide us as we grow and develop.

I would also like to thank our dedicated and hardworking executive team, whose professionalism, compassion and drive ensure that our mission and vision are delivered with care, integrity and empathy every day.

Finally, thank you to all of the families who trust us to support them through the most challenging times of their lives. You inspire us each and every day to do better.

We remain unwavering in our commitment to ensure that every family receives the right support, at the right time and at the right level of expertise.

Laura Cullinan

CEO and parent of a survivor



“We are deeply committed to listening to those who use and need our services, and to the ongoing evaluation and evolution of our supports to meet their changing needs.”





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2024 at
a glance

2024 at a glance...

9,000



Beads of Courage distributed
to children, teens and siblings
in treatment.

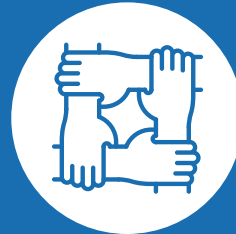
350 hours



of play therapy/psychotherapy funded
for children / teens, including siblings.

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**Parent
Workshops**



delivered
(Dublin, Cork,
Galway,
Kilkenny,
Dublin)

attended by
64 parents

€60,000+

committed to teen & young adult spaces
in University Hospital Galway



Launched our
financial advice and
information service
in March 2024

23



families accessed this service
from March – December 2024

In June 2024 we expanded our team with the expertise of **Dr Mairead Brennan**, our Principal Clinical Psychologist.

296



hours of clinical psychology



22



Episodes of **Gold Ribbon Conversations** Podcast released



Parent Peer Support Programme

launched in September.

200+

peer interactions delivered throughout the year

Co-hosted the 4th Annual **CAYAS** conference

(Childhood, Adolescent and Young Adult cancers & Survivorship)

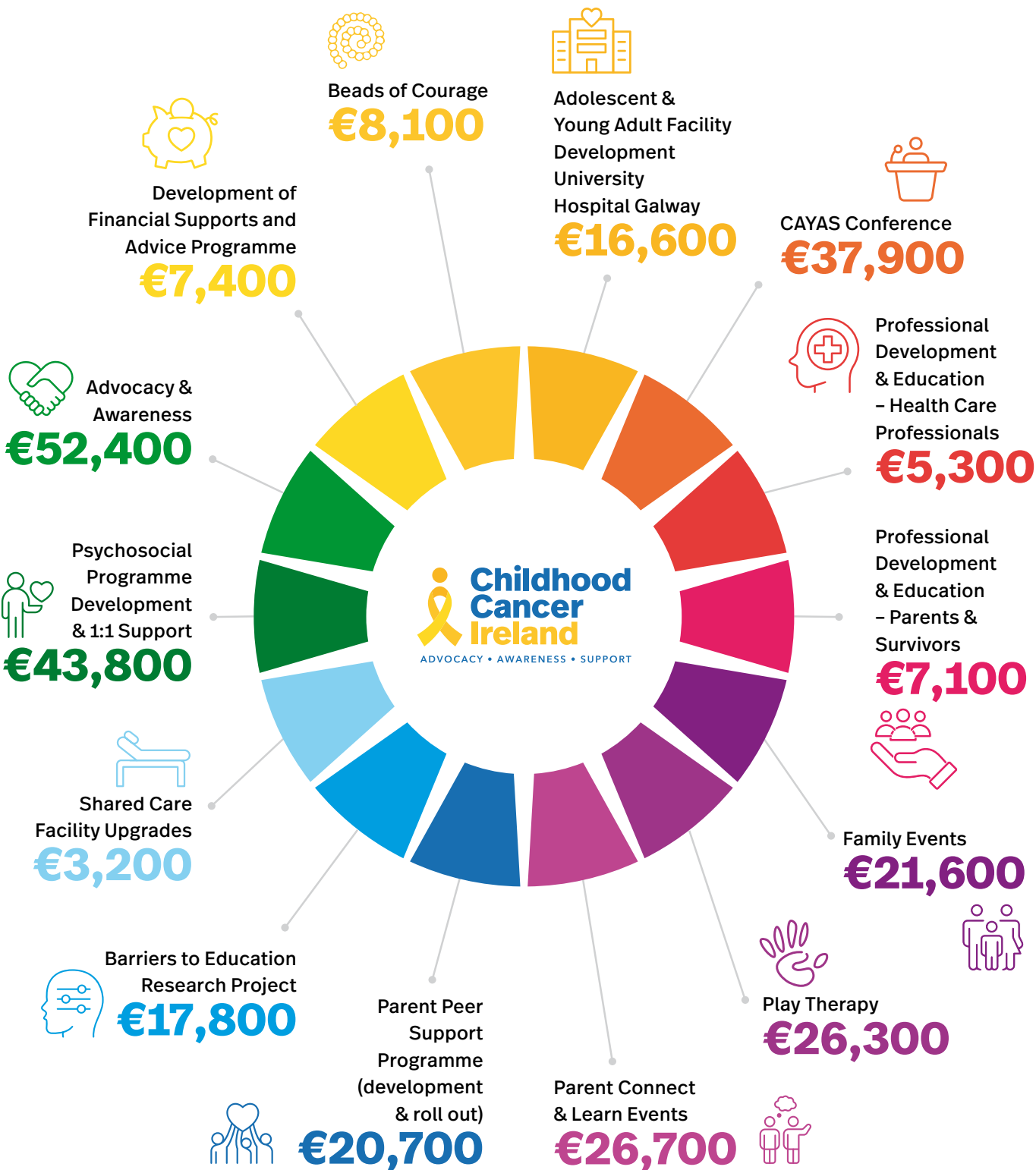


220

delegates attended

Your Support in Action

Highlights of how funding was allocated in 2024. See our financial statements for a full breakdown of expenditure.





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Vision, Mission and Values



Our Mission

Our mission is to understand, support, empower and give voice to children, adolescents and young adults with cancer, survivors and their families, through their cancer experience and beyond.

Our Vision

Our vision is a future in which children and young people with cancer, survivors and their families have ready access to Gold Standard support at all stages of their experience and that their voices are heard and represented at all levels of decision making.



Our Values

Empathy

We understand the trauma of diagnosis and treatment, the challenges of survivorship, and the devastating impact of bereavement and we listen to, and share these experiences to inform our work.



Empowerment

We believe in supporting children, adolescents and young adults with cancer, survivors and their families by acting as their voice and empowering them to move forward using their own voice to advocate for positive change.



Lifelong supports

We ensure that survivorship and the long-term impacts of a cancer diagnosis and treatment, which impact both physical health and emotional wellbeing, are recognised and supported in both policy and practice.



Collaboration

We believe in working in true partnerships with cancer care services, state agencies, NGOs, policy groups and interested parties.







Our Impact in 2024

A young child with short brown hair, wearing a bright yellow t-shirt, is shown in profile from the waist up. They are holding a small, light-colored wooden block with both hands. The background is softly blurred, showing what appears to be an indoor setting with other people and objects. The lighting is warm and natural.

Our Impact in 2024

At Childhood Cancer Ireland, we are committed to providing comprehensive psychosocial support to children, adolescents, and young adults diagnosed with cancer – and to their families.

We offer a wide range of services to meet the psychosocial (emotional, practical, and financial) needs of those we serve. Through this work, we aim to ease the burden of cancer and enhance the quality of life for everyone affected.

At the core of our work is the commitment to good governance, evidence-based practices, and standardisation, ensuring that every family, regardless of their specific circumstances, has access to the right level of care and support.

A key goal for us has been ensuring that our psychosocial programmes are developed and led by a Clinical Psychologist with expertise in psycho-oncology, something we were proud to achieve in 2024 with the appointment of Dr Mairead Brennan, our Principal Clinical Psychologist and Director of Psychosocial Services. This ensures that families' needs are assessed by a qualified professional and that support is delivered at the right time, at the right level, and with the appropriate expertise.



Beads of Courage® and Sibling Beads

We are honoured to empower children to tell their story through the Beads of Courage® Haematology / Oncology programme. Each bead represents a specific treatment, procedure, or milestone in a child or young person's cancer journey, helping to normalise the experience of illness and promote emotional healing by showing them how much they have overcome so far and encouraging them to go forward.

We also offer the Sibling Beads of Courage Programme, which can help siblings to feel included and have their own moments of bravery acknowledged.

In 2024, we launched Beads at Home, a convenient way for children and young people to join the programme and receive beads at regular intervals in the post. Receiving beads in a timely manner is an important part of the programme so Beads at Home is ideal for patients who are spending less time in CHI at Crumlin as their treatment progresses. We also offer the Beads of Courage® Haematology / Oncology programme through the Play Specialists on St John's Ward and on the Haematology / Oncology Day Unit.



Dan

"When you collect all of them you can look back at everything you've been through and it means something. They're so interesting! I started off with a string and ended up with loads of beads."

Alex

"Each bead represents an aspect of Alex's journey from blood tests to surgeries and is a symbol of the bravery, strength and courage Alex bore in facing each stage. The Beads of Courage are a meaningful keepsake that honours Alex's resilience and creates a shared story of hope and healing."

Michelle, Alex's Mum







Cillian, who helped design this paediatric inpatient room in Wexford General Hospital in 2022



Paediatric Rooms in Regional Hospitals

Childhood Cancer Ireland funds the refurbishment of inpatient and treatment rooms in the 16 paediatric wards at regional hospitals, where children living outside Dublin receive care, alongside CHI at Crumlin, as part of the Shared Care programme.

While in hospital, children are treated in isolation rooms and are unable to use the playroom or other ward facilities. We aim to create comfortable spaces by funding equipment including wall-mounted cardiac monitors and thermometers, TVs, DVD players, gaming devices, electric beds, lie-flat day beds for parents and vinyl wall art to brighten up the isolation rooms.

In 2024, we began new projects at Wexford General Hospital and Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda. While we had previously completed vital work at both sites – a much-needed treatment room in Drogheda and a paediatric inpatient room in Wexford – further needs were identified, which we were glad to support.

In Wexford, planning began for a dedicated inpatient room for pre-teens and young teens (ages 11–16 approximately), designed to offer an age-appropriate space within the paediatric ward. We are honoured to work alongside Niamh, Barry, and Stephen Howlin on this meaningful project. Their beloved daughter and sister, Naomi, spent significant time on the ward before her passing in April 2024. Their insights into what teens need to make a hospital stay more bearable have been invaluable.

In Drogheda, with support from Drogheda Rotary Club, we are delighted to start planning for an inpatient room on the paediatric ward, which will offer families a comfortable space when in isolation.

Both of these projects will be completed in 2025.



Before and after photos of Limerick Day Ward treatment room.



Adolescent and Young Adult Spaces

We also upgrade rooms for patients aged 16-24 in Adolescent and Young Adult Centres of Excellence, including inpatient rooms, treatment rooms, outpatient areas and hang out spaces. In 2024, we began working with Galway University Hospital to provide a hangout space and an inpatient room on the haematology ward.

This project will be completed in 2025, with further plans for an inpatient room on the oncology ward and a two-chaired outpatient treatment area.

Patricia Gleeson, Clinical Nurse Manager for Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer at Galway University Hospital, outlines why this work is so important.

“As healthcare professionals, we understand that healing extends far beyond medical treatment. For adolescents and young adults navigating the complexities of a cancer diagnosis and creating an environment that supports their unique developmental, social, and emotional needs is paramount.

Adolescence and young adulthood are formative years, and a cancer diagnosis at this stage can disrupt education, social development, and burgeoning independence. Traditional hospital environments often fail to cater to this specific age group, leaving them feeling isolated and out of place. Childhood Cancer Ireland has recognised this critical gap and filled it with empathy and innovation.

This truly remarkable project will see the renovation and decoration of key areas crucial to the well-being of our young patients. This initiative has so far included a dedicated inpatient room for haematology and a vibrant “hang out” space on the inpatient haematology ward. The impact of these newly designed spaces is immeasurable.

Crucially, the voices of the AYA cancer patients themselves were at the very heart of this project. From the initial draft designs, these young individuals provided invaluable feedback, sharing their insights on what would truly make a difference to their hospital experience. Their input was not just considered; it was instrumental in shaping the final design of these spaces, ensuring that they were not merely redecorated, but genuinely tailored to their specific needs and desires. This collaborative approach has created an environment that feels truly theirs, fostering a sense of ownership and comfort.”



Find out more about adolescent and young adult services in Galway in this episode of Gold Ribbon Conversations with Patricia Gleeson.





Access to Play Therapy/Psychotherapy

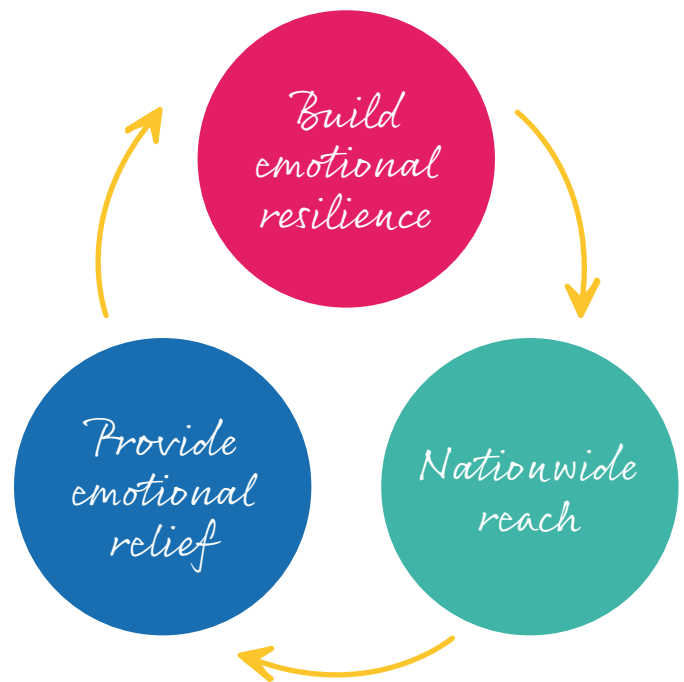
The emotional effects of childhood or adolescent cancer can last long after treatment has ended. Our Play Therapy/Psychotherapy programme provides children and young people with a safe and therapeutic environment to express their emotions and process the complex experiences associated with cancer treatment through play, creative expression, and age-appropriate therapeutic interventions.

For children, play is a powerful tool for coping with stress, fear and anxiety, allowing them to navigate their emotions in a way that feels natural to them. For adolescents and young adults, our approach adapts to their developmental needs, offering therapeutic activities that encourage self-expression, emotional processing, and peer connection in ways that are meaningful and relevant to their age group.

Through our network of qualified and experienced play therapists and child and adolescent psychotherapists, we connect families with the right support in their community.

All of our play therapists and psychotherapists are fully accredited members of either The Irish Association of Play Therapy & Psychotherapy (IAPTP) or The Irish Association of Humanistic and Integrative Psychotherapists in Ireland (IAHIP). They also undergo an interview process with Childhood Cancer Ireland to ascertain their experience in medical trauma, loss and supporting families with cancer and are required to attend quarterly online group meetups with the Director of Psychosocial Services, who is available to provide ongoing support to therapists if any further needs are identified.

Key benefits of this programme:



In 2024, we funded 350 hours of play therapy/ psychotherapy for children / teens affected by cancer, and their siblings.



“My daughter received play therapy and it has made such a difference to her confidence and her processing of everything that’s happened to her.”



Parent Advice Sessions

Recognising that not all children require direct therapeutic intervention, this service provides guidance on how parents can effectively engage with and support their children. We offer tips for facilitating healthy emotional expression and resources for managing the challenges that arise during and after treatment for all children in the family.

This programme aims to enhance the emotional wellbeing of both children and their families, fostering resilience and coping skills, while ensuring that parents feel supported and equipped to navigate this challenging time.

During the pilot phase of this programme from August 2023 to the end of 2024, we provided 15 hours of support and advice to parents.



Individual Psychological Support

We offer one-on-one therapeutic support to families at all stages of the childhood cancer journey. While not every family will require this service, it is vital for those experiencing complex psychological challenges such as trauma, anxiety, or depression relating to diagnosis, treatment or bereavement.

Our goal is to ensure that families have access to specialised, high-quality psychological care, tailored to their individual needs and available both during and after treatment and after bereavement. To achieve this, we also work in partnership with the National Cancer Control Programme's (NCCP) Alliance of Community Cancer Support Centres. This collaboration expands access to a wider network of gold-standard psychological support, ensuring families receive the right support, whether through our own team or through trusted external specialists.

From June (when our Principal Clinical Psychologist was appointed) to December 2024, we provided individual psychological support to 26 parents or young people who have or had cancer or are bereaved.



Parent Peer Support

We were proud to launch our Parent Peer Support Programme in September 2024. This programme is about connection at a time when parents need it most. Our fully trained Parent Peer Supporters provide a compassionate and friendly source of support, as well as sharing practical knowledge on the supports and services that might be useful, helping parents navigate through their child's cancer and beyond. Support is offered over the phone.

The recruitment, training and emotional wellbeing of volunteer peer supporters is looked after by the Director of Psychosocial Services, ensuring that all support is delivered to a consistently high standard.

“While no one can remove the uncertainty and fear that comes with cancer, the peer support programme definitely eased the isolation you can feel as a parent. I will forever be grateful to my peer supporter who was there for me as I slowly healed and began to navigate my way back into life.”



Financial Advice and Information

In March 2024, we were delighted to partner with LIA, the Centre of Excellence for the education and development of financial professionals, to offer free access to financial advice, information and planning to help parents or young adults manage their finances, both during and after treatment. Parents or young adults are matched with a Qualified Financial Advisor in their area to access this free, non-judgmental support.

By providing tailored guidance and resources, we empower families to navigate the complexities of medical expenses, insurance, and long-term financial planning, allowing them to focus on healing and rebuilding their lives. 23 families accessed this service from March to December 2024.





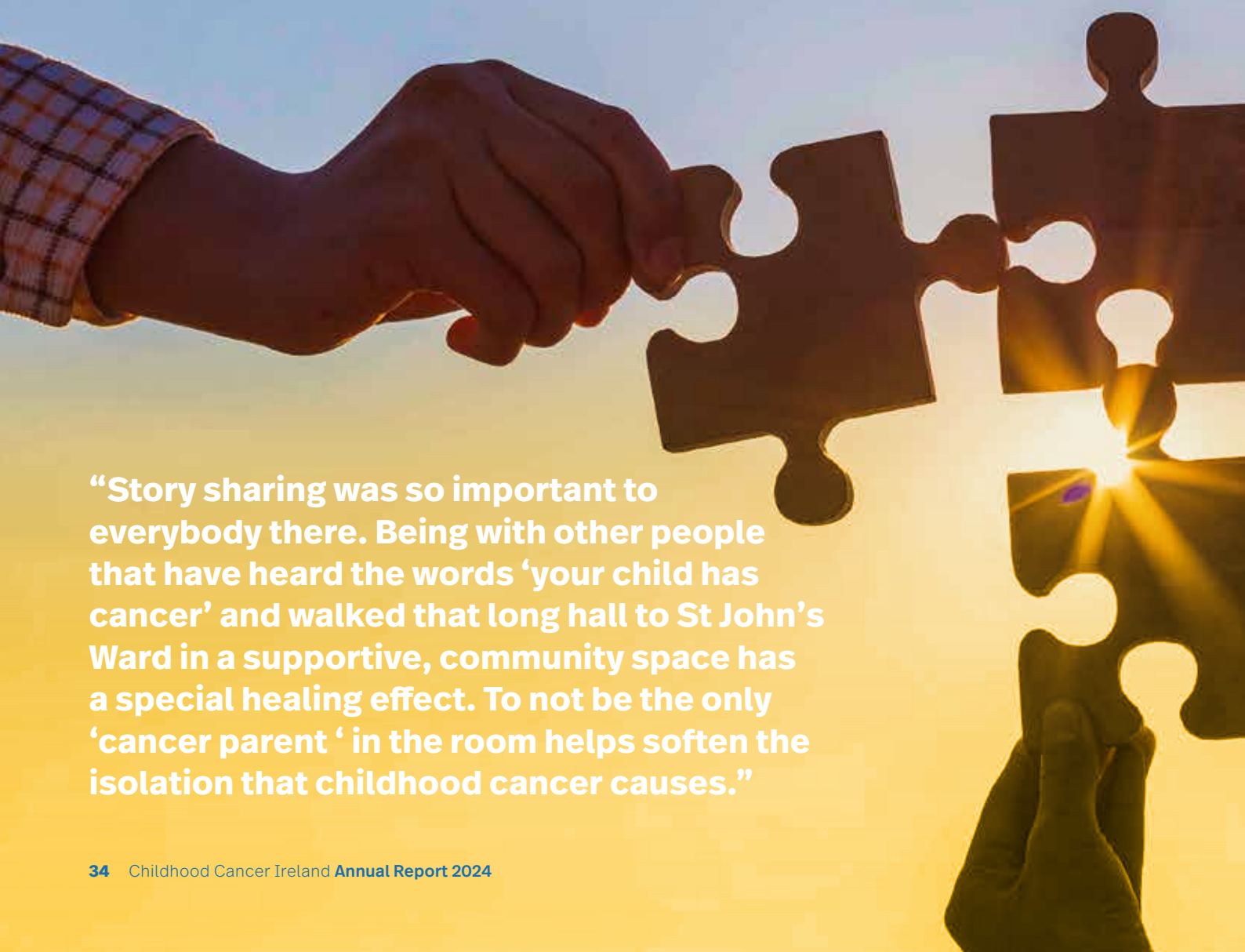
Parent Workshops

In 2023, we developed our parent workshops entitled **“Putting the Pieces Back Together: exploring the experience and taking steps forward”**, delivering the first workshop in May 2023 and continuing throughout 2024.

The workshops recognise that parents commonly report mixed feelings as treatment is coming to an end, or after treatment has ended. There is joy and relief but also fear, anxiety and uncertainty as to how to return to normal or what normal even looks like anymore. Parents report feeling ‘stuck’ in high alert mode. All of this comes at a time when, from an outside perspective, all looks well and it can be difficult to communicate these mixed emotions, leading to feelings of isolation.

Our workshops bring parents together with experts, Dr Mairead Brennan, our Principal Clinical Psychologist and Debbie Cullinane, a Child and Adolescent Psychotherapist with a special interest in therapeutic play, as well as trained parent peer supporters, to acknowledge and validate the complex emotional landscape during and after treatment. Integrating peer connection with professional support creates a supportive and empowering environment. Parents leave with a sense of community, validation, reassurance, and practical tools to support the next phase of their family’s path.

In 2024, we held five parent workshops in Dublin, Cork, Galway, Kilkenny and Dublin, supporting 64 parents.

A large background image showing two hands, one from a person in a plaid shirt, joining puzzle pieces. The scene is set against a bright sunset or sunrise, with the sun's glow visible through the puzzle pieces. The hands are silhouetted against the bright light.

“Story sharing was so important to everybody there. Being with other people that have heard the words ‘your child has cancer’ and walked that long hall to St John’s Ward in a supportive, community space has a special healing effect. To not be the only ‘cancer parent’ in the room helps soften the isolation that childhood cancer causes.”

Our Impact in 2024



Webinars

In 2024, we began our webinar programme, holding expert-led webinars on a range of topics, including education, parenting while your child is in treatment and bereavement.

Each webinar is led by professionals in fields such as education, finance, and mental health, ensuring that participants gain access to high-quality, evidence-based information.

The webinars also offer interactive Q&A sessions, allowing families to receive personalised advice on how to navigate their unique circumstances.



Bereavement support

We support families bereaved by childhood cancer through a range of services, including information and signposting, counselling, play therapy, and informative webinars. At the heart of our work is a commitment to fostering a compassionate and caring community, which recognises the profound impact a child's death has on the entire family and their extended support network.

In November 2024, we launched our bereavement grant to offer financial support to families during this incredibly difficult time. This once-off payment provides immediate assistance following the loss of a child to cancer, helping families to feel supported and allowing them to focus on their emotional wellbeing without the added burden of financial stress.

“The psychology supports with Mairead have been an absolute life saver.”





Community Events

Childhood Cancer Ireland holds monthly online coffee mornings, which provide an informal and supportive environment to meet other parents and share practical tips and information.

In 2024, we also held a number of family events, providing opportunities for families to meet, benefit from informal peer support and of course to have fun!





In January, our annual **Family Fun Day** with our charity ambassador, Ireland International and Leinster Rugby's Hugo Keenan, took place once again in UCD Rugby Club. Hugo was joined by many of his Leinster teammates, who took time out to meet families, pass on some skills and even to have their nails painted, much to the delight of some of the younger attendees.





We marked **International Childhood Cancer Awareness Day** on 15th February with ***Afternoon Tea in the Mansion House***, hosted by Daithí de Róiste, who was Lord Mayor of Dublin at the time.





In September, our annual **Light it up Gold Walk** brought families together in hope and remembrance, as we gathered to hold space for each family's unique circumstances, whether they are in treatment, have come out the other side of treatment and may deal with the challenges of survivorship, or have been bereaved.





Gold Ribbon Conversations Podcast

In 2024, we released 22 episodes of our podcast, which was launched in 2021. The podcast features a variety of personal and professional childhood cancer experiences, including parents whose child is going through treatment, survivors, siblings and bereaved parents and siblings.

We also talk to the experts who support families along the way, including experts from other charities who support families, medical and educational experts.





Advocacy and Awareness

Through our advocacy work we ensure that survivorship and the long-term impacts of a cancer diagnosis and treatment, which may impact both physical health and emotional wellbeing, are recognised and supported in both policy and practice.

As a member of national and European alliances, we have an opportunity to contribute to important conversations around survivorship research and care. In May, we attended the Childhood Cancer International Europe Conference, which runs alongside SIOPe (European Society for Paediatric Oncology) every year. We had an opportunity to present the development of our Parent Peer Support Programme.

We continued to light prominent buildings gold during Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in September to mark our all-island Light it up Gold awareness campaign.





Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement (PPIE)

Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement (PPIE) seeks to involve end users of a service or research outcome at the earliest possible stage. It offers valuable insights into the lived experiences of those affected by a disease or health condition, which can be instrumental in shaping research priorities.

In the context of childhood, adolescent, and young adult cancers, individuals with direct experience can not only impact research outcomes but can also help to identify what it is that should be researched.

In paediatric oncology, this role is often taken on by parents or caregivers who have supported a child through treatment and bring a unique, experience-based perspective to the research process. In other cases, the role of the patient is fulfilled by survivors of childhood cancer or by adolescents and young adults during or post treatment.

PPIE empowers patients and families, acknowledging them as experts in their own experiences. By actively involving them in decision-making throughout the research process, we validate their perspectives and ensure that study or service designs truly reflect their needs.

In 2024, Childhood Cancer Ireland formed our PPIE and Research Sub Committee, led by Dr Alan Pearson, an expert in the field by both profession and personal experience as a parent. This committee sits under the Board of Directors and will help to realise our vision to become the preferred point of contact for PPIE, in the context of all forms of childhood cancer, for early and late-stage research taking place in Ireland.

Key aims:

- ◆ To ensure Irish children, adolescents and young adults are represented in all relevant aspects of research.
- ◆ To ensure their needs and experiences are shared in a structured and impactful way with the collaboration of key stakeholders.
- ◆ To ensure Irish children are considered for involvement in all research opportunities and initiatives which have the potential to benefit them.



Examples of work and achievements in 2024 include:

We strengthened international research advocacy through ongoing membership of the SIOPEN Research Network and the SIOPEN Advocates Network.

Through these networks, Childhood Cancer Ireland played an active role in shaping strategy, improving trial design, and advocating for access to state-of-the-art therapies for children with neuroblastoma across Europe.

Childhood Cancer Ireland contributed to the ITCC Advocates Network, a multi-national group working to improve access to cutting-edge treatments for children with cancer.

As part of this collaboration, the organisation helped identify gaps in treatment portfolios, supported innovation in trial delivery, and championed patient- and parent-centred approaches to paediatric drug development.

We held a governance role on the BEACON 2 Trial Steering Committee, representing the voice of participants in a multi-arm, multi-stage international trial for relapsed neuroblastoma.

This role ensured robust ethical oversight, prioritising participant safety, protocol compliance, and the consideration of emerging data throughout the study.

Childhood Cancer Ireland through Dr Pearson was one of a small number of parent-led organisations selected to participate in the EU-funded ALADDIN Course on strategic and regulatory science in paediatric oncology drug development.

Others in attendance included academic, industry, and clinical stakeholders. This further enhances our capacity to advocate at a European level.



Annual CAYAS Conference

The 4th annual CAYAS (Childhood, Adolescent and Young Adult Cancers & Survivorship) Conference, which is hosted by Childhood Cancer Ireland and CanTeen Ireland, was held in Croke Park Stadium in October 2024, with 220 delegates in attendance.

The CAYAS Conference shines a spotlight on the lived experiences of parents, patients, families, and survivors by providing a platform for them to connect and collaborate with medical experts, healthcare professionals, researchers, and others. Delegates include clinicians, healthcare providers, parents, researchers, survivors, and members of the wider childhood, adolescent, and young adult cancer community – both from Ireland and internationally.

In 2024, the conference theme was “Who Am I Now?” – an exploration of how cancer impacts identity. This included not only the child or young person diagnosed with cancer, but also survivors, parents, and siblings navigating life during and after treatment.

The programme opened with an inspiring keynote from 15-year-old Séan Thornton, who was diagnosed with a brain tumour in 2021. Delegates also received updates on key developments from the previous year, including advocacy efforts, survivorship initiatives, psycho-social supports, and services for adolescents and young adults.

For the first time in 2024, we were delighted to introduce dedicated workshops for young people and siblings, in direct response to feedback from previous conferences.

We are deeply grateful to the National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP) for their continued support and sponsorship of the conference, and to CHI at Crumlin for lending their expertise to shape and deliver the programme. We also extend our sincere thanks to the programme committee for their invaluable contribution to creating a rich, thoughtful, and impactful agenda.







Fundraising

Childhood Cancer Ireland does this work without Government funding, relying on the generosity of public and corporate donations.

Riverdance

In June, we had the privilege of being chosen as charity partners for Riverdance at their 12-hour danceathon outside the Gaiety Theatre. Dance schools from all over the country travel to display their skills and help raise funds. We also had the honour of being invited onto the Gaiety Theatre stage, with six performers from the charity (children, young people, parents and one of our Board members) being led out in the iconic line-up at the end of the night's show. We are so grateful to the Riverdance team and to all of the dance schools and fundraisers who supported the event.

Croke Park Abseil

In September 2024, a group of 45 people abseiled from the roof of Croke Park Stadium, supported by families and loved ones as they took on the challenge.



Our Impact in 2024



Corporate Partnerships

In 2024, we were fortunate to continue working with a number of generous corporate partners whose support helped us deliver and grow our services for children, young people, and families. These partnerships reflect a shared commitment to making a positive and practical difference in the lives of families at a time when support matters most.

Throughout the year, our partners contributed in a variety of meaningful ways, from fundraising events and workplace giving to awareness-raising and in-kind support. This collaboration enabled us to continue offering services such as play therapy, peer support, psychological support and bereavement support.

We were especially pleased to be selected, for the second year in a row, as the charity partner for Applied Materials' Annual Golf Classic in May. We are also grateful for the support of MRS Make Up, the Carne Group, King and Moffatt, John Paul Construction, Amazon, Applegreen staff and LinkedIn. Each of these partnerships helped strengthen our ability to reach families across Ireland.

We are sincerely thankful to all of our corporate supporters for choosing to work with us. Your continued engagement helps us provide steady, compassionate support to families when they need it most.





Our Impact in 2024



Lions Clubs of Ireland

In 2023, Childhood Cancer Ireland was selected as the charity partner of Lions Clubs of Ireland, marking the launch of their new national Childhood Cancer project. In 2024, we continued with this partnership, with the primary goal to enhance awareness and visibility of childhood, adolescent and young adult cancer. Lions Clubs across the country have gone further than that, raising funds by organising golf classics, cake sales and coffee mornings, cycles, art exhibitions and much more. This significant support has empowered our charity to expand and deepen a range of vital programmes for impacted families.

Community Fundraising

Throughout 2024, we received incredible support from individuals and communities across Ireland. Supporters organised events, took on personal challenges, and ran, cycled, walked, played golf and took part in Battle Cancer – all to raise vital funds for our work.

Every donation directly helps families all over Ireland impacted by childhood, adolescent and young adult cancer.





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Cancer
Ireland**
ADVOCACY • AWARENESS • SUPPORT

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Measurement & Evaluation

Ensuring the effectiveness of our programmes is all about making sure we truly help the children, adolescents, young adults and families we support.

We do this in a number of ways:



05

*Regular
check-ins*

- ◆ Ongoing audits of our programmes.
- ◆ Consistency across services – we make sure that all our services are delivered in the same high-quality way, no matter where or how they're offered.

06

*Flexibility &
adaptability*

- ◆ Our programmes are designed to expand and evolve.
- ◆ Building flexibility into our programmes helps us stay responsive to whatever new challenges arise for families.

07

*Measuring
mental health
outcomes*

- ◆ For some of our more targeted programmes, we directly measure mental health outcomes, such as levels of anxiety or resilience, giving us solid impact data.
- ◆ We also look at the long-term impact of our services by following up with families.

08

*Crisis
management
& support*

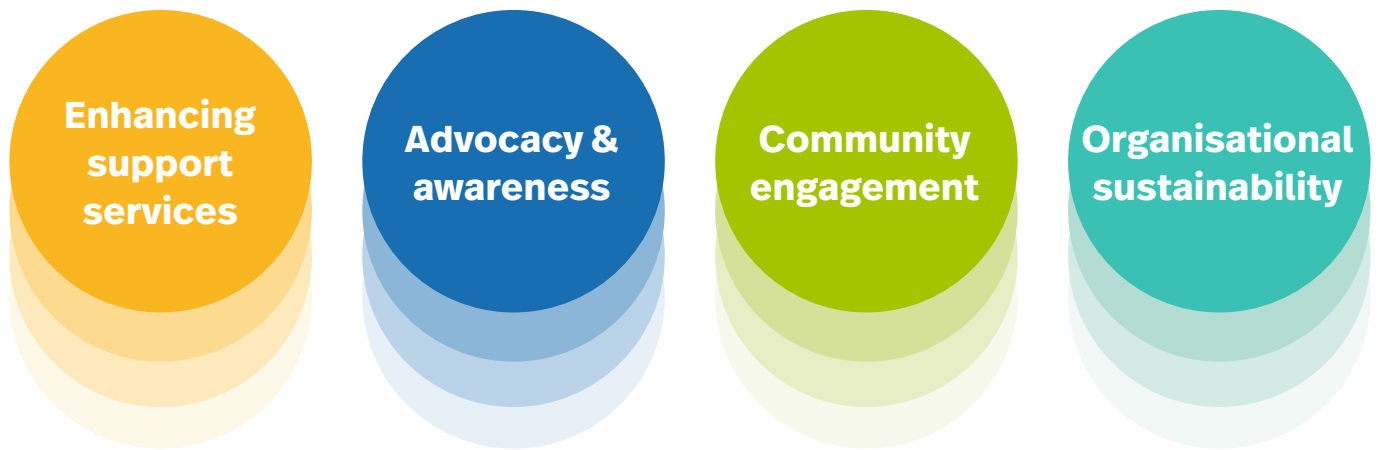
- ◆ Our staff and volunteers are trained to handle emotional crises and know when to bring in more specialised help if needed. This ensures families get the right support during their most difficult moments.
- ◆ When a family's needs exceed what we can provide, we refer them to a network of specialist professionals to ensure that they have access to the appropriate level of care.





Looking ahead

In 2025, we launched our new 3-year strategy, which will guide the development, delivery, and growth of our support services under the core pillars of:



This strategy underscores our commitment to continuous engagement with families and patients to understand and respond to the evolving needs of children, adolescents, and young adults affected by cancer. It will enable us to refine existing programmes and introduce new services, ensuring we deliver the highest standard of care and support.

Over the next three years, we are committed to expanding our impact, enhancing our services, and advocating for improved support and resources. We look forward to sharing updates on milestones, success stories, and the positive changes brought about by this strategic roadmap.



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Patricia McColgan
Conchuir MacGloinn
Alessandro Petrilli
Mark Garry (*Appointed 30 August 2024*)
Charlene O’Callaghan (*Appointed 1 September 2024*)
Ciara Ní Ghriallais (*Appointed 1 January 2025*)
Marie Madden (*Appointed 25 July 2025*)

Secretary

Mary Claire Rennick

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

For the year ended 31 December 2024

The Directors present their report together with the audited financial statements of Childhood Cancer Foundation (T/A Childhood Cancer Ireland) (the "Company") for the year ended 31 December 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, the Companies Act 2014 (as applicable in Ireland), and in line with best practices in corporate governance.

Principal activities

Childhood Cancer Ireland is a national charity solely dedicated to supporting children and young people with cancer, survivors and their families, throughout their cancer experience.

The organisation's mission is to understand, support, empower and give voice to children, adolescents and young adults with cancer, survivors and their families, through their cancer experience and beyond.

Childhood Cancer Ireland's principal activities include the provision of emotional, practical and financial supports to help all family members from the moment of diagnosis, through treatment and recovery and into survivorship or bereavement.

These activities include:

- ◆ Professional psychological support
- ◆ Evidence-based psychosocial programmes
- ◆ Parent peer support
- ◆ Financial assistance
- ◆ Educational supports and resources
- ◆ Bereavement support
- ◆ Family events and peer connection opportunities
- ◆ Advocating for improved supports, funding and healthcare services
- ◆ Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement (PPIE)
- ◆ Raising awareness of childhood, adolescent and young adult cancers and the long-term impacts

Organisational Review and Results for the Year

During 2024, Childhood Cancer Ireland continued to develop existing programmes, as well as launching new supports. Notable achievements during the year include:

- ◆ The appointment of a Principal Clinical Psychologist, enabling the organisation to ensure the delivery of high-quality psychological supports, both directly and through partnerships with other trusted and experienced agencies.
- ◆ Two pilot programmes (parent workshops and access to play therapy/psychotherapy) were successfully completed in 2024. Following evaluation and refinement, both are now fully rolled out as core supports.
- ◆ In 2024, two additional pilot programmes were launched: parent peer support (September) and a bereavement grant (November). Starting with a pilot phase allows the charity to remain flexible and adapt supports based on feedback before full roll-out.

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- ◆ The organisation launched a financial advice service in March 2024, in partnership with LIA, the centre of excellence for financial advisors in Ireland. This service enables parents and adult survivors to look at their short, medium and long-term financial situation, to access supports that may be beneficial and to start planning for the longer term.
- ◆ Childhood Cancer Ireland co-hosted the 4th annual CAYAS conference (Childhood, Adolescent and Young Adult Cancers & Survivorship) in Croke Park Stadium in October, attended by 220 delegates. The conference is kindly supported by the National Children Cancer Services at CHI at Crumlin and the National Cancer Control Programme.
- ◆ The charity continued to fund and further develop established services such as the Beads of Courage™, Shared Care facility upgrades in regional hospitals, awareness campaigns during Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and International Childhood Cancer Day, Gold Ribbon Conversations Podcast and information and signposting for families.

The charity's financial statements show a total income of €678,642 for the year, while total expenditure amounted to €519,044. A full analysis of the financial performance is included in the financial statements.

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The Board recognises the importance of risk management and continues to assess and monitor the key risks facing the charity. The Board established its Finance, Risk and Governance subcommittee in 2024 to oversee budgeting, grant management, and risk oversight.

Childhood Cancer Ireland worked towards the Charities Institute Ireland Triple Lock Standard in 2024. The Triple Lock Standard is awarded annually to charities that demonstrate the highest standards of transparency, governance, and ethical fundraising and signals to donors and supporters that a charity is professionally run, financially accountable, and committed to delivering meaningful impact. The charity was awarded Triple Lock Standard in 2025, ahead of the preparation of these financial statements.

The principal risks identified during the year include:

Funding and financial sustainability

Dependence on voluntary income and grant funding poses a risk to long-term service continuity. In order to mitigate this risk, the charity is developing a diversified income strategy and maintains a prudent 12-18 month reserves policy to ensure operational resilience.

Increased demand for services

As the charity continues to expand its support offering, there is a risk that continued growth in demand may exceed the organisation's current resource capacity. Mitigation measures include strategic recruitment and the development of collaborative relationships with trusted service providers to scale services without compromising quality.

Reputational risk

The organisation's reputation as a leading childhood cancer charity is fundamental to its success. Any failure in safeguarding, data protection, or service quality could damage the organisation's reputation. The charity regularly reviews its communications and is committed to transparency in financial reporting to help maintain public trust. There are also robust policies, training, governance and oversight in place, including annual reviews and audits.

The directors are satisfied that appropriate measures are in place to manage these risks effectively.

Results and dividends

The charity's financial statements show a total income of €678,642 for the year (2023: €584,752), while total expenditure amounted to €487,245 (2023: €366,851). The results for the year are set out on page 10.

Directors and secretary

The directors who held office during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were as follows:

Mary-Claire Rennick	
Sarah Quigley	(Resigned 30 July 2024)
Dr Sarah Curry	
Patricia McColgan	
Linda McEntee	(Resigned 30 July 2024)
Chris Judge	(Resigned 30 July 2024)
Dr Scheryll Alken	(Resigned 19 June 2025)
Conchuir MacGloinn	
Alessandro Petrilli	
Mark Garry	(Appointed 30 August 2024)
Niall Farrell	(Appointed 1 September 2024 and resigned 14 April 2025)
Charlene O'Callaghan	(Appointed 1 September 2024)
Stiofáin MacDáibhéad	(Appointed 1 January 2025 and resigned 10 March 2025)
Ciara Ní Ghriallais	(Appointed 1 January 2025)
Marie Madden	(Appointed 25 July 2025)

There are no director interests as the company is limited by guarantee. The company secretary during the year was Mary Claire Rennick.

Accounting records

The company's directors are aware of their responsibilities, under sections 281 to 285 of the Companies Act 2014 as to whether in their opinion, the accounting records of the company are sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited and are discharging their responsibility by:

- ◆ employing qualified and experienced staff, and
- ◆ ensuring that sufficient company resources are available for the task, and
- ◆ liaising with the company's auditors.
- ◆ The accounting records are held primarily in electronic format on the company's sharepoint and CRM system.

Future developments

In early 2025, Childhood Cancer Ireland launched its three-year strategic plan, focused on four core pillars: enhancing support services, advocacy and awareness, community engagement, and organisational sustainability.

The strategy will guide the development of new services, the improvement and growth of existing programmes, and the continued delivery of high-quality support. In 2025, the organisation aims to achieve the following:

Expansion of psychosocial support services

Childhood Cancer Ireland will continue to grow its psychosocial offering under the direction of the Director of Psychosocial Services. A key goal is to ensure that families have access to the right support at the right time and at the right level of expertise.

In 2025, the charity will grow the following psychosocial supports:

- ◆ Individual psychological support, offered both by the charity's Principal Clinical Psychologist and through partnerships with the National Cancer Control Programme's (NCCP) Alliance of Community Cancer Support Centres, ensuring that families have access to specialised, high-quality psychological care.
- ◆ Parent peer support, including the recruitment, training and support of new parent peer support volunteers in 2025.
- ◆ Enabling more children and young people to access play therapy or psychotherapy through the relationships developed with qualified experts around the country.
- ◆ Expert-led webinars on a range of topics, including bereavement, education and support during treatment.
- ◆ Education supports, including the development of partnerships with career guidance counsellors and mentors to support young people and recognise the impact of a cancer diagnosis on a young person's education.

Financial supports

Childhood Cancer Ireland has identified critical gaps in financial support for families facing bereavement or a relapse of their child's cancer. In 2024, the charity introduced a bereavement grant to support families after the loss of a child. In 2025, this support will be extended to families facing relapse or recurrence, which is often a time when other financial supports have been exhausted.

Beads of Courage™

In 2025, the organisation will begin the expansion of the Beads of Courage™ Programme to regional hospitals. This will ensure that children receive their beads in a timely fashion after each procedure. The organisation will also launch a Beads at Home Programme, offering families another way to access this valuable support in addition to the programme offered through Children's Health Ireland at Crumlin.

Hospital refurbishments

In 2025, the organisation will continue to improve facilities for families in regional hospitals (16 regional hospitals treat children with cancer as part of the Shared Care scheme under the National Children's Cancer Service) by funding equipment including wall-mounted cardiac monitors and thermometers, TVs, gaming devices, electric beds, lie-flat day beds for parents and vinyl wall art to brighten up the isolation rooms. 2025 projects will include Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda and Wexford General Hospital, as well as working with other hospitals to scope out their needs and plan further projects.

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The organisation has also begun to upgrade spaces for patients aged 16-24 in Adolescent and Young Adult Centres of Excellence, including in-patient rooms, treatment rooms, out-patient areas and hang out spaces. A project in Galway University Hospital that began in late 2024 will be complete in 2025, providing a hangout space and an inpatient room on the haematology ward, with further plans for an in-patient room on the oncology ward and a twochaired outpatient treatment area later in 2025-2026.

Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement

In 2025, Childhood Cancer Ireland will further develop its Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement (PPIE) through the Board's PPIE and Research Sub Committee, ensuring that Irish children, adolescents and young adults are represented in all relevant aspects of research.

Sustainable fundraising

A key focus in 2025 will be on the recruitment of a fundraising executive to drive the diversification of the organisation's fundraising streams to ensure financial sustainability. This will enable the charity to launch new fundraising campaigns and to focus on developing corporate partnerships, as well as growing community fundraising and exploring new streams and digital platforms.

Auditor

In accordance with the company's constitution, a resolution proposing that UHY Farrelly Dawe White Limited be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting.

Statement of disclosure to auditor

Each of the directors in office at the date of approval of this annual report confirms that:

- ◆ so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware, and
- ◆ the director has taken all the steps that he/she ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself/herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of section 330 of the Companies Act 2014.

Post reporting date events

There have been no significant events post year end that have affected the company.

Political Donations

The company made no political contributions during the year, and as such no disclosures are required under the Electoral Act 1997.

Going Concern

The directors have assessed the company's ability to continue as a going concern. Having reviewed the company's cash flow forecasts and budgets, the directors believe that there are sufficient resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

Acknowledgements

The directors extend their sincere thanks to all of Childhood Cancer Ireland's donors, funders, volunteers, and partner organisations for their unwavering support.

Small companies exemption

The entity has availed of the small companies exemption contained in the Companies Act 2014 with regard to the requirements for exclusion of certain information in the directors' report.

On behalf of the board



Mary-Claire Rennick
Director



Mark Garry
Director

Date: 29th September 2025.

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT *For the year ended 31 December 2024*

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable Irish law and regulations.

Irish company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law, the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with Companies Act 2014 and FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (Generally accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland) issued by the Financial Reporting Council. Under company law, the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the company as at the financial year end date and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that financial year and otherwise comply with the Companies Act 2014.

In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- ◆ select suitable accounting policies for the company financial statements and then apply them consistently;
- ◆ make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- ◆ state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- ◆ prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for ensuring that the company keeps or causes to be kept adequate accounting records which correctly explain and record the transactions of the company, enable at any time the assets, liabilities, financial position and surplus or deficit of the company to be determined with reasonable accuracy, enable them to ensure that the financial statements and Directors' Report comply with the Companies Act 2014 and enable the financial statements to be audited. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the board



Mary-Claire Rennick
Director



Mark Garry
Director

Date: 29th September 2025.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of Childhood Cancer Foundation

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Childhood Cancer Foundation ('the company') for the year ended 31 December 2024, which comprise the income and expenditure account, the balance sheet and notes to the financial statements, including the summary of significant accounting policies set out in note 1. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is Irish Law and FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in the United Kingdom by the Financial Reporting Council.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- ◆ give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the company as at 31 December 2024 and of its surplus for the year then ended;
- ◆ have been properly prepared in accordance with FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland; and
- ◆ have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs (Ireland)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are described below in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of financial statements in Ireland, including the Ethical Standard for Auditors (Ireland) issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority (IAASA), and the provisions available for small entities, in the circumstances set out in note 13 to the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the company's ability to continue as a going concern.

Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information in the annual report. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2014

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, we report that:

- ◆ the information given in the directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- ◆ the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

We have obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, are necessary for the purposes of our audit.

In our opinion the accounting records of the company were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited, and the financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Based on the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified any material misstatements in the directors' report.

The Companies Act 2014 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion, the requirements of any of sections 305 to 312 of the Act, which relate to disclosures of directors' remuneration and transactions, are not complied with by the company. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of directors for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework that give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, if applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the company's financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (Ireland) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the company's financial statements is located on the IAASA's website at: <https://iaasa.ie/publications/description-of-the-auditors-responsibilities-for-the-audit-of-the-financial-statements/>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Thomas McDonagh
For and on behalf of UHY Farrelly Dawe White Limited

Chartered Certified Accountants Statutory Auditor

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Ireland

Date: 23rd September 2025

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT *For the year ended 31 December 2024*

		2024	2023
	Notes	€	€
Income		678,642	584,752
Charitable activities and project costs		(468,812)	(333,487)
Gross surplus		209,830	251,265
Administrative expenses		(50,232)	(33,364)
Surplus before taxation		159,598	217,901
Tax on surplus		-	-
Surplus for the financial year		159,598	217,901

The income and expenditure account has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 December 2024

		2024		2023	
	Notes	€	€	€	€
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	5		5,998		86
Current assets					
Debtors	6	27,985		10,578	
Cash at bank and in hand		846,747		690,554	
		874,732		701,132	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(71,261)		(51,347)	
Net current assets			803,471		649,785
Net assets			809,469		649,871
Reserves					
Income and expenditure account	9		809,469		649,871
Members' funds			809,469		649,871

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Statement Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on and are signed on its behalf by:



Mary-Claire Rennick
Director



Mark Garry
Director

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2024

1 Accounting policies

Company information

Childhood Cancer Foundation is a limited company domiciled and incorporated in the Republic of Ireland. The registered office is FDW House, Blackthorn Business Park, Coes Road, Dundalk, Co. Louth, Ireland and its company registration number is 535330.

1.1 Accounting convention

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 “The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland” (“FRS 102”), as adapted by Section 1A of FRS 102, and the requirements of the Companies Act 2014.

The financial statements are prepared in euro, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest €.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Income and expenditure

Income from voluntary donations & fundraising events is recognised on receipt. Donations with conditions or restrictions over the use of the funds are deferred until spent in full and the project completed. In the case of donations collected via online payment platforms (Stripe, IDonate, Benevity, Facebook, etc.), it is recognised on collection by the platform.

Income from tax relief on donations received from the Revenue Commissioners is recognised on receipt.

Income from grants is recognised in accordance with the accruals model as permitted under FRS102.

Expenditure includes VAT where applicable as the company cannot reclaim it.

1.3 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures, fittings and IT equipment	33.3% Straight line basis
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Freehold land and assets in the course of construction are not depreciated.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is credited or charged to surplus or deficit.

1.4 Borrowing costs related to fixed assets

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of qualifying assets, which are assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to get ready for their intended use or sale, are added to the cost of those assets, until such time as the assets are substantially ready for their intended use or sale.

All other borrowing costs are recognised in surplus or deficit in the period in which they are incurred.

1.5 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting period end date, the company reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the company estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

If the recoverable amount of an asset (or cash-generating unit) is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset (or cash-generating unit) is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised immediately in surplus or deficit, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation decrease.

Recognised impairment losses are reversed if, and only if, the reasons for the impairment loss have ceased to apply. Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (or cash-generating unit) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset (or cash-generating unit) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in surplus or deficit, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the reversal of the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation increase.

1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.7 Financial instruments

The company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the company's balance sheet when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements,

when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Classification of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors, bank loans, loans from fellow group companies and preference shares that are classified as debt, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.8 Taxation

No change to taxation arises as the company has been granted an exemption under Sections 207 and 208 of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997.

1.9 Employee benefits

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense, unless those costs are required to be recognised as part of the cost of stock or fixed assets.

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.10 Grants

Grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable when there is reasonable assurance that the grant conditions will be met and the grants will be received.

Grants relating to income are recognised as income over the periods when the related costs are incurred.

Grants relating to an asset are recognised in income systematically over the asset's expected useful life. If part of such a grant is deferred it is recognised as deferred income rather than being deducted from the asset's carrying amount.

1.11 Foreign exchange

Transactions in currencies other than euros are recorded at the rates of exchange prevailing at the dates of the transactions. At each reporting end date, monetary assets and liabilities that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing on the reporting end date. Gains and losses arising on translation in the period are included in profit or loss.

2 Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the company's accounting policies, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

There are no critical estimates or judgements relied upon in these financial statements.

3 Operating surplus

	2024	2023
Operating surplus for the year is stated after charging:	€	€
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	3,083	85

4 Employees

The average monthly number of persons (including directors) employed by the company during the year was:

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
Total	3	1

5 Tangible fixed assets

Fixtures, fittings and IT equipment

€

Cost

At 1 January 2024	945
Additions	8,995
At 31 December 2024	9,940

Depreciation and impairment

At 1 January 2024	859
Depreciation charged in the year	3,083
At 31 December 2024	3,942

Carrying amount

At 31 December 2024	5,998
At 31 December 2023	86

6 Debtors

	2024	2023
	€	€
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	8,145	242
Prepayments	2,977	7,977
Accrued income	16,863	2,359
	27,985	10,578

7 Creditors

	2024	2023
	€	€
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Amounts owed to credit institutions	30	-
Trade creditors	2,385	11,482
Deferred income	51,489	21,793
Other creditors including tax and social insurance	11,068	11,453
Accruals	6,289	6,619
	71,261	51,347

8 **Members' liability**

The company is limited by guarantee, not having a share capital and consequently the liability of members is limited, subject to an undertaking by each member to contribute to the net assets or liabilities of the company on winding up such amounts as may be required not exceeding €1.

9 **Income and expenditure account**

	2024	2023
	€	€
At the beginning of the year	649,871	431,970
Surplus for the year	159,598	217,901
At the end of the year	809,469	649,871

10 **Contingent liabilities**

There were no contingent liabilities at the year ended 31 December 2024.

11 **Capital commitments**

There were no capital commitments at the year ended 31 December 2024.

12 **Events after the reporting date**

There have been no significant events post year end that have affected the company.

13 **Non-audit services provided by auditor**

In common with many charities of our size and nature we use our auditor to assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

14 **Approval of financial statements**

The directors approved the financial statements on 29th September 2025.

MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

For the year ended 31 December 2024

DETAILED TRADING AND INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024		2023	
	€	€	€	€
Income				
Donations and fundraising		328,829		310,416
Legacies		20,000		12,728
Corporate donations and matching		202,813		64,451
Corporate donations and matching (ringfenced)		57,000		55,000
Ringfenced donation		5,000		-
Grants		-		28,790
Grants (ringfenced)		65,000		4,072
In kind donations		-		49,000
Trusts (ringfenced)		-		60,295
		<u>678,642</u>		<u>584,752</u>
Project Costs				
Project costs	5,436		11,083	
Advocacy, awareness and education	6,597		75,365	
Fundraising costs	63,244		65,914	
Play specialist & beads of courage program	20,088		-	
Service & support expenditure, shared costs	2,201		8,413	
Project development, communications and charitable activities	123,880		104,405	
Awareness & education	32,572		-	
Project and fundraising - wages and salaries	193,057		61,510	
Project costs and fundraising - social security costs	21,737		6,797	
		<u>(468,812)</u>		<u>(333,487)</u>
Gross surplus	30.92%	209,830	42.97%	251,265
Administrative expenses		<u>(50,232)</u>		<u>(33,364)</u>
Operating surplus		<u>159,598</u>		<u>217,901</u>

SCHEDULES TO THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
	€	€
Administrative expenses		
Wages and salaries	21,451	8,183
Social security costs	2,418	904
Staff training	-	1,400
Insurance	1,430	1,247
Software costs	9,067	5,016
Travelling expenses	-	46
Professional subscriptions	416	484
Legal and professional fees	-	215
Accountancy	4,103	5,487
Audit fees	6,384	7,613
Bank charges	1,584	1,656
Telecommunications	-	185
Sundry expenses	296	843
Depreciation	3,083	85
	<u>50,232</u>	<u>33,364</u>







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