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Kerry Parents & Friends Association

50TH ANNIVERSARY ANNUAL REPORT

2023

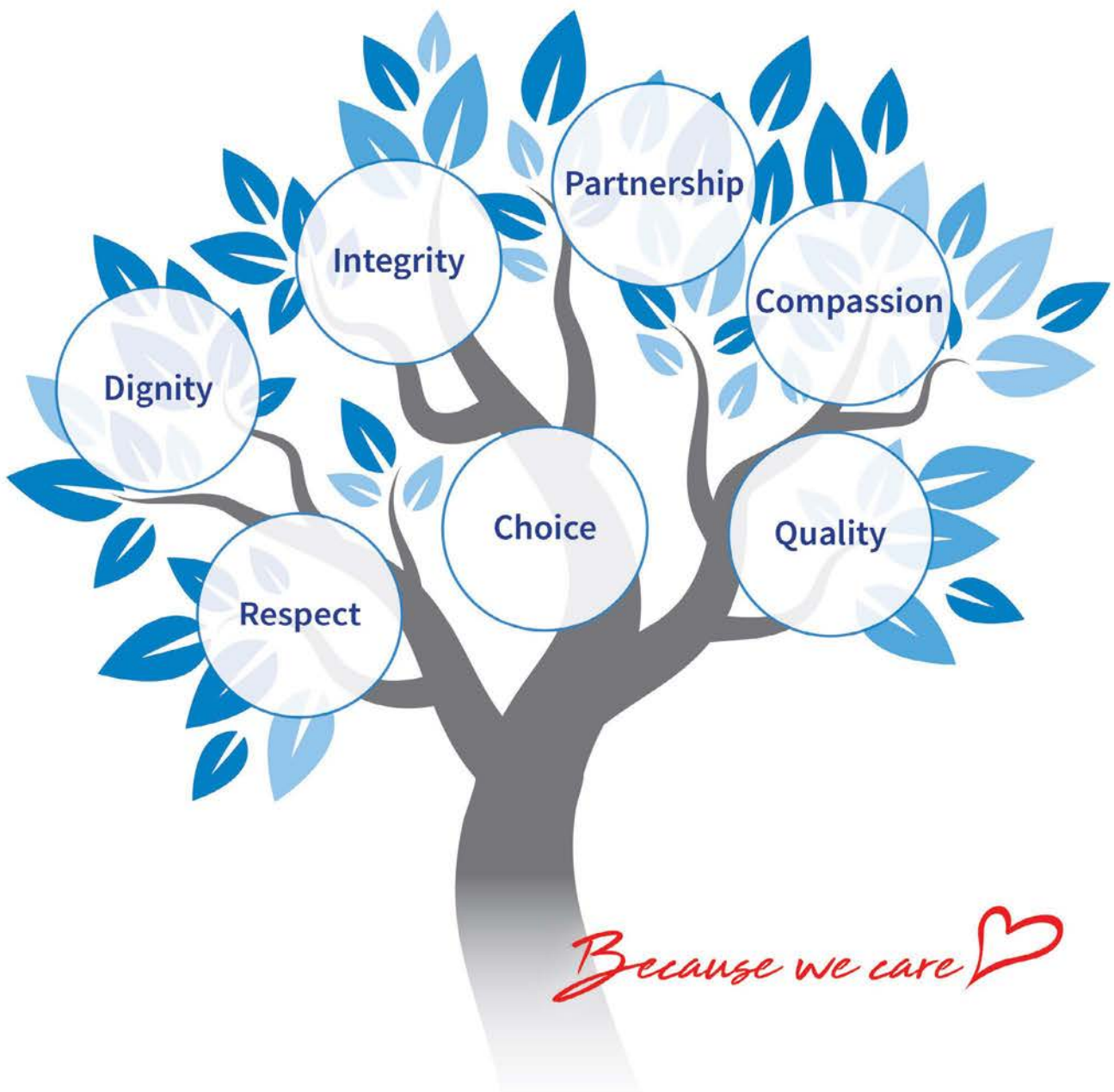


Supporting adults with intellectual disability/autism and their families throughout Co. Kerry

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“*To deliver life enhancing services and supports, responding to the needs, wishes and choices of people with intellectual disability, connected to support networks in their community*”

Our Values



Because we care 

I would like to welcome you to the 2023 Annual Report which is Kerry Parents & Friends Association's 50th Anniversary year.

In 1973 Kerry Parents & Friends Association was established. Over the following 12 months more than 30 branches and committees were set up throughout Co. Kerry. The first branch committee was formed in Rathmore on 24th September 1973. Its purpose was to raise funds to support adults with intellectual disabilities (ID) in the locality. Our first house, Mount Eagle Lodge, was purchased in Tralee in 1978 to provide a residential service for 10 adults. In 1984, Fr. Corridan Centre was opened and throughout the 80's KPFA restored the Old Monastery in Killarney to become its Headquarters (HQ).

The highlight of 2023 was KPFA's celebrations to mark its golden jubilee. Official events took place in, Tralee, Killarney and Rathmore to mark this special occasion, with local events in Listowel and Castleisland.

To commence our 50th celebrations a new centre was officially opened in March in the Fabric Building in Tralee. A special gathering for all involved in KPFA was held in the Old Monastery in Killarney in June. At this fun and entertainment event, the new Sensory Garden was officially opened. In September there was an open invitation to the community in Rathmore to attend an anniversary celebration mass with an after celebration in Tearmann Lodge, one of our residential Centres. The celebrations marked a very special milestone for the Association, the Rathmore Branch and the community.

Over half a century, the Association has gone countywide. On page 46 of this report there is an overview of the present KPFA. On the foundation laid down by our founding members we will continue to improve, expand and extend our services to meet the needs of the people we support and their families into the future.

2023 proved to be another challenging year for the Association. There were ongoing difficulties with the Pandemic, Inflation, Pay and Pensions, Staffing and Retention. Funding is a major issue of concern. We receive 95% of our income from the HSE. Various fundraising activities helped to replace the outstanding 5%. Unfortunately, there has been very limited activity in this area in recent years. KPFA have a deficit of €659,777 this year.

The Board of Directors (BOD) of KPFA is responsible for overseeing the proper management of the organization and to ensure that we operate in compliance with our service arrangement with the HSE and with all regulatory accountability. To the best of my knowledge and belief the Board fulfilled its role in 2023. Traditional board, sub-committee, HSE and HIQA meetings took place on a regular basis. Online meetings were held on Zoom or Teams. The Charities Regulator (CR) has recommended a nine year membership limit as best practice for all Boards. Directors will serve for three years for a maximum of three terms. The

Directors of KPFA, past and present, have made a huge voluntary commitment to the organisation. They receive no pay and do not claim expenses. The majority have family and work pressures but are generous with their precious time and skill set. KPFA would welcome nominations for Directorships to increase board numbers.



HIQA continue to acknowledge the quality of care and commitment of the staff in our residential homes. All our residential houses have been inspected and registered by HIQA. KPFA complies with all new directives from HIQA. Every effort was made to retain existing services and supports, in particular respite and residential. The staff in KPFA were more than willing to take on various roles and different duties when the need arose. Their response was exceptional and on behalf of the Board of Directors (BOD) I wish to compliment and congratulate everybody on their tremendous efforts in such difficult circumstances.

The Approved Housing Body Regulatory Authority (AHBRA) has granted recognition to KPFA as an Approved Housing Body. Funding and grants will be available to develop our social housing needs, especially residential, in the future.

In 2023 the BOD, CEO and the Senior Management Team (SMT) have done extensive work reviewing and updating KPFA's company documents, in particular our Constitution and Board Governance Handbook. These have been vetted by our solicitor and legal advisors to ensure compliance with the Charities Regulatory Authority (CRA). Our draft Memorandum & Articles of Association / Constitution is currently being reviewed by the CRA.

Míle buíochas to my fellow Directors, our CEO and Management Team, Centre Managers, our staff and volunteers, your support this year was much appreciated! Thanks to Denis Murphy, Moriarty and Murphy Accountants, for all his financial advice and assistance to the association during the year. A special thanks to a number of staff who retired this year after a life time of service to KPFA.

Finally, on behalf of the Board, I would like to extend sympathy to the families, friends and relatives of all those connected to KPFA who passed away in 2023.

Best wishes to you all and stay safe.



Hugh Ryan, Chairperson.

Welcome to our 50th Anniversary Annual Report.

2023 was challenging for everyone in many different ways, but as always, we did our level best to weather each storm as it emerged. There were very happy occasions too as evidenced in this report and Kerry Parents & Friends Association (KPFA) concentrated on the positives while dealing with the negatives in the background. Our focus has always been one of doing our best for the people we support and as long as we maintain that purpose, going forward, we cannot go far wrong.

As we reflect upon the challenges encountered in 2023, KPFA acknowledges the **impact of an ongoing deficit**, compounded by the unpredictability of sporadic **Covid-19** outbreaks and a severe **staffing crisis**. These unprecedented times have tested our organisational resilience, revealing the depth of our commitment to the people we serve.

The persistent **threat of Covid-19**, marked by sporadic outbreaks, added an additional layer of complexity to our operations. The need for adaptability and vigilance remained a cornerstone of our approach as we navigated through the uncertainties presented by the ongoing pandemic.

Equally challenging has been the **severe staffing crisis** we faced throughout 2023. The recruitment landscape has proven to be a formidable terrain to traverse. Despite this hurdle, our commitment to delivering essential services remained resolute and our staff did everything possible to ensure that, often at a cost to their own family time. We recognize the importance of a dedicated and motivated team, and all efforts were underway to address staffing challenges through innovative recruitment strategies. KPFA deeply appreciates the goodwill of our dedicated staff, without them, our services would have been severely curtailed during 2023. Sincere thanks to all!

2023 also brought celebration as **KPFA turned 50!** The **Fabrik Centre in Tralee** opened its doors for an engaging Open Day on 25th March, offering visitors a first-hand experience of creativity and innovation. This Tralee Hub was officially opened by Tralee Lions Club's Finbarr O'Connell, who's club has supported KPFA's Tralee Services for over 30 years. He was ably assisted by JJ O'Shea, who has availed of services also for over 30 years. The Centre was blessed by Fr. Gregory Carroll of the nearby Dominican Church. Following the speeches by Hugh Ryan, Chair Board of Directors, Fr. Carroll and Marie Linehan CEO, the crowd settled in to lovely food, music and dancing provided by Mike O'Shea and Mikey and Ann McAuliffe. Thanks to everyone who made this day such a success, especially to our volunteers, our KPFA Operations and Maintenance and Tralee Services Teams.

In Killarney, **The Old Monastery** hosted a lively one-day festival to celebrate KPFA's 50 years on Saturday 24th June, attracting locals and visitors alike. Thanks to a large donation by Lara O'Brien, who won €23,554.92 on Today FM and donated half of it to KPFA, the KPFA team set about organising their biggest community event as a "Thank You" to everyone who supported it over the 50 years of its existence. The event showcased a diverse range of performances by the Kelleher Family, Truly Diverse, The Singing Jarvey and our very own Biddies and was hosted by Niall Botty O'Callaghan. The day featured craft stalls, fun activities, and culinary delights, creating a festive atmosphere within the historical setting of The Old Monastery. The newest addition to the Old Monastery, the sensory garden, was officially opened by Jacinta O'Callaghan, who served as Centre Manager of the Killarney Day Services for 33 years. KPFA is very grateful to everyone who contributed to the success of the event from start to finish. Our Operations Team, staff and volunteers (too numerous to mention) played a pivotal role in organising this momentous event. Thank you all!



St. Joseph's Church in Rathmore provided the sacred backdrop for a special Mass commemorating a significant occasion on 24th September, 50 years to the day that the **Rathmore Branch** was formed. The Mass was concelebrated by our Patron, Most Rev. Ray Browne, Bishop of Kerry and Fr. Pat O'Donnell, Parish Priest of Rathmore. Our very own Gerard Horgan provided stellar singing, assisted by the local choir and musical director, Maura O'Leary. The Mass was hailed as one of the most beautiful in recent years. Following the Mass, the community gathered at Tearmann Lodge for refreshments and music, fostering a sense of togetherness and celebration. Michael John Dinneen (retired Branch & County Chair KPFA) and Tony Darmody (retired CEO) cut the cake. Michael John made a heartfelt speech to the gathering, as did Bishop Ray Browne and Marie Linehan CEO, thanking the community, the local branch who would welcome new recruits and the Panto Group, Marian Players, who has supported the Rathmore Services for more than 34 years. Gerard Horgan gave further renditions from his repertoire in Tearmann Lodge and Sheila O'Donoghue provided music and singing for the afternoon. It was a fitting tribute to end our 50th Anniversary Celebrations and we offer our sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to its success. Thank you to the team in Tearmann Lodge who worked hard to facilitate this special occasion. Thank you also to teams countywide for organising local celebrations for

the enjoyment of everyone!

In June 2023, I advised the Board of Directors officially, that I intend to retire a little early, in March 2024. As I am due to complete 40 years' service to KPFA on 23rd January 2024, I decided that the time was right to make way for **new leadership**. I worked in every area of the services over the years and enjoyed every day of it, offering dedication, compassion and commitment to KPFA. My 12 year tenure as CEO of KPFA gave me opportunities to develop our teams and departments as the organisation grew, to improve our facilities for comfort and sustainability and to support the innovative goodwill of staff to foster new ideas, programmes and initiatives for the benefit of those we support. I presided over proud moments of achievement by everyone, which will always surpass the low points, and my experiences with this fantastic organisation will undoubtedly leave an indelible mark on my life and my memories. I am so grateful for that and I will miss you all very much!

The transition to new leadership signifies an exciting chapter for the organization, serving as an opportunity for fresh perspectives and approaches, ensuring that KPFA remains at the forefront of providing vital services for individuals and their families in the community. The Board of Directors will engage in a meticulous search process to identify a successor who will build upon the previous and current CEO's legacies and lead KPFA into the future. I look forward to witnessing the continued growth and success of KPFA under new leadership, from March 2024.

Sadly, KPFA has lost many friends during 2023 and we dedicate a special page to them in this report. We extend our sincere sympathies to all families, supporters, volunteers and staff who have lost loved ones during 2023. Saying goodbye is never easy, but we take solace in the fond memories we have been left with and smile as we remember.

Finally, as we confront a daunting deficit going into 2024, a stark reminder of the fiscal hurdles we must overcome and, in the wake of this financial strain, strategic financial management and resource allocation will be pivotal to ensure the sustainability of our organisation. We stand resilient in the face of financial adversity, the unpredictable nature of the ongoing pandemic, and the staffing crisis. We extend our gratitude to our supporters, stakeholders including HSE Cork Kerry, and the community for their continued trust and understanding during these trying times. We will prevail with resilience, strength, and the bonds of friendship and support that endure even in the face of adversity.

Thank you and best wishes

Marie Linehan, Chief Executive



Best wishes to Maura Crowley & Jacinta O'Callaghan on their early retirements.



Kathleen Daly celebrates with Jacinta O'Callaghan at Jacinta's retirement party.



Old friends and colleagues Pat Moriarty & Jacinta O'Callaghan discuss retirement benefits.

50th Anniversary Events From Across The County

■ Association opens new centre in Tralee ■ Series of events set to mark anniversary

AS ITS 50th year in the community, 2023 marks another milestone for the Kerry Parents and Friends Association and last weekend the organisation celebrated yet another landmark moment with the opening of its new centre in Tralee.

BY AUDREY REIDY

As part of their 50th anniversary celebrations, KPFA kicked off a number of events by hosting a get-

together to officially open their new centre in the Fabrik Building in Tralee.

Chief Executive of Kerry Parents and Friends Association Marie Linehan

explained that KPFA was first established in 1973 by a committee who wanted to do what they could to help families of people with intellectual disabilities. They started out by fundraising for St Mary of the Angels in Beaufort, Killarney and over the following 12 months, they set up more than 30 branches and committees throughout Kerry.

By 1978, it was clear that a service for young adults with disabilities was urgently required in Kerry and it was agreed that Kerry Parents and Friends Association would provide

that service by developing a residential service for 10 young adults in Tralee.

“And so, KPFA became a service provider in its own right, continuing to fundraise through its branches to set up this new service and it bought Mount Eagle Lodge in Oakpark, Tralee that same year,” Marie explained.

The rest, as they say, is history and today, through community support in Kerry and abroad, and the support from its network of branches, from local businesses, sporting fields, and

statutory agencies, KPFA now operates 30 Day, Residential and Respite Centres, along with Home Support and Outreach services across the county.

Marking the milestone of the organisation’s 50th year in local communities, last Saturday was a day of huge celebrations – the first of a series of events lined up to mark this landmark year.

Tralee Lions Club’s Finbarr O’Connell, who has supported KPFA’s Tralee Service for more than 30 years, cut the ribbon at the official opening and the

new centre was blessed by Fr Gregory Carroll of the Dominican Church.

As the celebrations of KPFA’s 50 years in the community continues, Maire said: “The next event is a gathering of invited guests, people we support, families and friends, staff and former staff, directors past and present to celebrate our 50th year and incorporating the official opening of the Sensory Garden, at The Old Monastery, Port Road, Killarney. It will be a day of fun and entertainment for all from 12-5pm – and everyone is invited.”



50th Anniversary Events From Across The County



KPFA's One Day Festival 24th June 2023

NEWS

A wonderful day firmly locked in memory

It was a day that went beyond all expectations at the Old Monastery on Port Road on Saturday last.

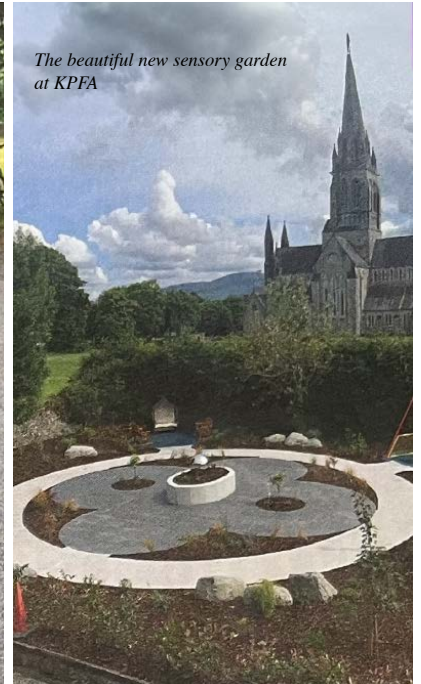
Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Kerry Parents & Friends Association, the facility was a hive of activity for the day with stalls, food courts and garden games entertaining the large crowd that travelled from far and wide. One of the highlights of the day was the entertainment with music by Truly Diverse and the arrival of The Bidy Group, both of whom entertained the crowds at the event which was MC'd by Niall 'Botty' O'Callaghan.

One man who made a very special trip to Killarney was John James Casey from Valentia Island who made a speech at the opening of the sensor garden. The garden was officially opened by former employee at the centre, Jacinta O'Callaghan.

"All in all it was a wonderful day firmly locked in memory", Marie Lenihan, CEO told Killarney Outlook.



Marie Lenihan CEO with friends at the event



The beautiful new sensory garden at KPFA



The KPFA Bidy Group entertained everyone on the day

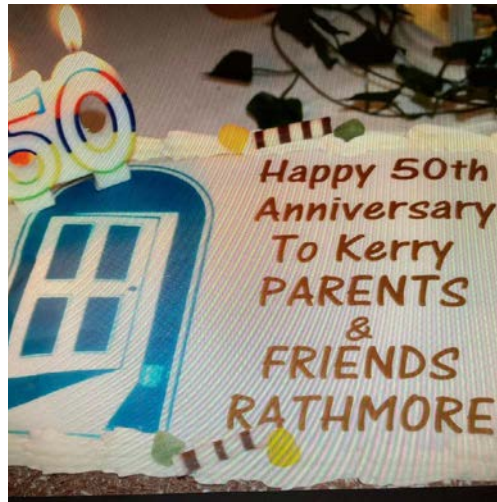


Thumbs up for the stalls at the mini festival



Deputy Danny Healy Rae was on hand to enjoy the festivities with services users and their families

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Killarney Day Service

Work Experience 2023

Car and mechanics enthusiasts Robert and Brendan did not miss a work experience opportunity to get behind the wheel and under the bonnet of cars and vans at a local garage.



Halloween 2023

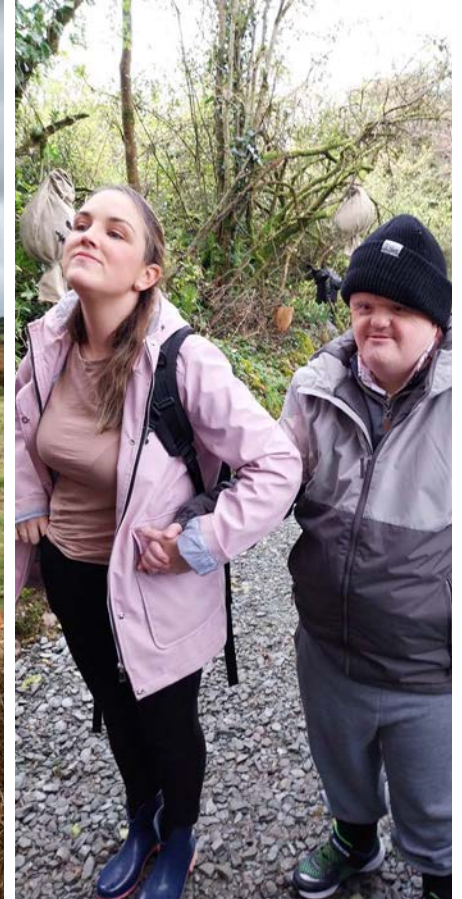
On the 24th of October 2023, Killarney Day services celebrated Halloween with a bang. People we support from all the different centres got together and all got in the spirit of Halloween as did the staff. The best costume competition was won by the "Incredible Hulk" from the Reeks". The judges had their work cut out to dish out Best window display competition prizes which went to The Garden Room, Slí Nua and The Penthouse.





Corn Maze and Pumpkin Farm 2023

A group from the Old Mon and Gate Lodge braved the elements to do some pumpkin farming and find their way out of the corn maze.



Community Programme - Áras Phádraig



Cardiac first responders demonstration.



Receiving cardiac first responders certificate.



Receiving QQI Certs from Kerry ETB.



Drumming session at the summer party!



Enjoying a day bowling.



Daffodil day.



Muckross farm outing.



Killarney dog show.



Tracey receiving social farming certificate.



Jacinta Retirement Party.



Fun at music therapy.



Medals received from sports day.



Sports day 2023.



Halloween Party.



Photography course Kerry ETB.



International Hotel at Christmas.



Christmas Lunch at The Shire.



Listowel Day Services

In 2023, our Listowel community emerged full of hope and anticipation of what the year would bring. A new story to tell every day.....a dream realised, a challenge overcome, an exciting development, an occasion celebrated, passing friends remembered. Each story documented in our weekly Newsletter to share with family and friends, to create a history of just how far we have come and what we hope to achieve next. Below offers a snapshot of 2023 in Listowel Day Services.

Email: listowelnewsletter@kpfa.ie if you have a story to tell.

KPFA 50th Celebrations

With KPFA celebrating its 50th year, local events in Listowel included a number of occasions whereby the focus was 'time well spent, together'. The first ever St Patrick's Day Parade in the Centre was a resounding success and a very special day for all involved. The Island crew hosted Electric Island Picnic and built on the success of the previous year. There were tents, live music and refreshments a plenty and even free hugs! Next up was the Mad Hatters Tea Party and there was no shortage of creativity or competitiveness when it came to hat making! The Women's World Cup had to be celebrated too. Halloween sent everyone rooting for costumes and makeup for the all important party . A lovely coffee morning in Hub 21 made an enjoyable get together in the run up to Christmas. The traditional Christmas dinner made a revival with each of the nine groups planning exactly how they wished to celebrate the festive season.

In future, may there be many more times well spent, together.



The Cairdeas group turn hippy for St. Patrick.



Eoin, John and Seán enjoying the St. Patrick's festivities.



Paddy and Seán Larkin enjoying the parade.



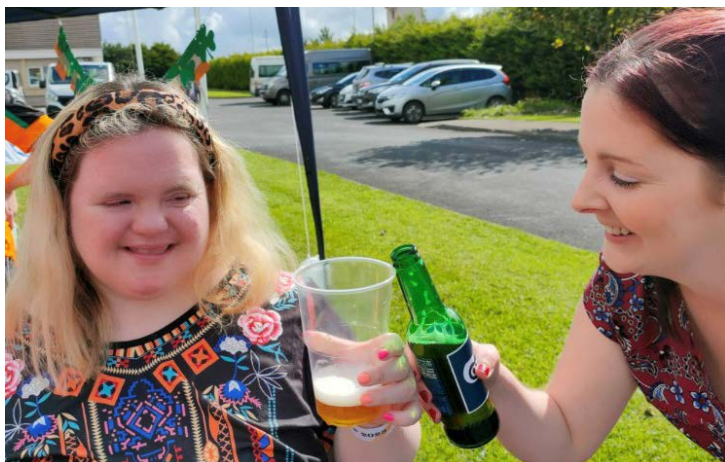
Liz and Paul Beirne delighted to get their hands on Sam!



The Presentation Primary Marching Band lead the parade for KPFA.



Brenda and Seán taking shade during Electric Island Picnic.



Time for Refreshments.



Tom's Free Hugs!



The Mad Hatters.

Listowel's loss is Kerry's gain

In March, Listowel reluctantly said goodbye to Deputy Manager, Bernice Costello. However, the story ends well as everyone was overjoyed to realise that she became the newly appointed Director of Services!

New Activities and Projects

The Day Centre Canteen was repurposed for use as a training kitchen. The arrival of a Home Economics student for three months also gave rise to a series of cooking classes. Baile 'O Dubhda went on to produce a cookbook of their favourite recipes.

The influence of the Brain Buddies initiative also placed further emphasis on brain health. In particular, this encouraged the need to keep physically active. Visits to the gym and outdoor exercise have really increased and are being maintained. Well done to Niamh Dowling who was involved in the Brain Buddies pilot project. Following this experience, she was spotted for her talents and has

successfully gained paid employment as an Expert by Experience.

Her first assignment was with a focus group on the The National Disability Strategy.

Sessions in the Hydrotherapy pool in MTU were funded through the Age and Opportunity Active National Grant Scheme. The Creative Training group attended these classes for a term and they were a firm favourite.

St. John's Theatre is funding Drama classes with Eibhlís Beirne, Drama Teacher. The group are currently writing a play with her entitled "Love in Listowel". A second Drama group also meet in Hub 21 with a focus on mindfulness, storytelling, music and dance.

Two classes from the Day Services attend College in Kerry ETB. The course is called Community Mapping and on completion, students will receive Fetac accreditation for same. We look forward to the Graduation Party!

Wellness Choir

Singer, Caroline O Callaghan who runs the Wellness Choir invited the choir to help with her album launch night. A group from the Day Services formed the Sunshine Choir and after many weeks of practice, they performed on stage for the first time in front of a packed house in St. John's Theatre. Caroline kindly donated the proceeds from the night to KPFA. Choir classes were kindly funded from the proceeds of Josephine and Patrick O Riordan's Vintage Tea fundraiser.

Again at Christmas, the Wellness Choir came up trumps when they performed a Carol Service at the Hub 21 Christmas Coffee Morning.



Hardworking Listowel KPFA Local Branch receive the proceeds of Caroline O' Callaghan's album launch night in St. John's.



Laura and Catherine perform in St. John's.



Therese, Margaret and William in the Sunshine Choir performance.



Kathleen, Elizabeth and Alice share news over a cuppa.



William, Tom and Mike – old friends united.



Pitch 'n Putt Club receiving medals of achievement and participation.



The Island group visit Castleisland Horse Fair.



Mike and Seán choose Christy's for Christmas dinner.



Ann just loves Christmas and everything about it.

Visitors



Tánaiste, Micheál Martin and Minister for Education, Norma Foley visited the Day Centre in July. It was a nice occasion to showcase what the Day Services have to offer and more importantly what is needed going forward!

Green Thumbs Up Social Enterprise

Green Thumbs Up Social Enterprise is funded by Rethink Ireland. This initiative hails from the wonderful crew in the garden located in the Day Centre. It aims to give people with an intellectual disability a chance to have meaningful employment by offering gardening workshops to interested people for a fee.

For more information, please follow on [Green Thumbs Up Facebook Page](#)



Green Thumbs Up take a stand at the local Christmas Market.



Owen sets the stakes high for best dressed man.



Michelle enjoying work experience at a local hairdressers.

The Fabrik Centre and Mount Eagle Lodge

2023 was a busy year for the Tralee Hub, one of the many highlights included attending Munster School of driving for driving lessons in July. We continued to enjoy all our local amenities such as Tralee Boxing Club, Clippity Clop Therapeutic Horse-Riding School, KETB, Tralee Community Allotment, Munster Technical University, Kerry Sports Academy, 321 Down Syndrome Kerry, to name a few and we embrace our location in Tralee being at the heart of the town.

We bid a fond farewell to our Day Service Manager Dorothy Pryce and welcomed Mary O’ Brien to our services. We continue to amalgamate with Mount Eagle Lodge and offer baking, art, exercise & music classes to all attending Tralee Day Services. In November - A donation was made by Joan Costello, Lady President and Emma Morrissey Assistant Treasurer of Tralee Golf Club, this donation was used to purchase a defibrillator for our new Tralee Hub in the Fabrik Centre. Castleisland Honda Cub also donated a defibrillator to Mount Eagle Lodge Services.



Defibrillator Donation to Mount Eagle Lodge from Castleisland Honda Club.



Official Opening of The Tralee Hub, Fabrik.



Music from Mike O’Shea and friends for the opening of the Tralee Hub, Fabrik.



Nora O’Brien & Patrick Browne playing a few tunes.



Pat Doody admiring a 1973 Austin Martin.



Fun at Birds Amusements.



Maura Carmody & Patrick Browne having some Ceoil agus Craic.



Donation from Tralee Golf Club for a Defibrillator for our Hub.



Adam baking the goods.



Jodie Ann and Mike O'Shea Friday Sessions.



Sophie Mai and Mike enjoying the sun & frolics.



Adam teaching local Gardaí how to dance.

Community Programme

These are some things we like to do whilst at Community Programme Cahersiveen.



Go on day trips to explore our community.



Organise fun parties- this is a Christmas party we had where we made lots of food, invited our friends and listened to live music together whilst singing and dancing along.



Build our cooking and baking skills.

Do arts and crafts- we decorated the window in Kerry Jerseys for the last All Ireland against Dublin.

Woodlawn and Cherry Lodge

Hannah Counihan achieved her dream to see Kerry play in Croke Park she enjoyed her trip and will continue to support Kerry all the way again in 2024 to Croke Park.



To Croke Park.



Come on Kerry!



Anyone for a game?

Residents in Woodlawn and Cherry Lodge got dressed up and went to the Killarney Races. They were treated to VIP passes and had a few drinks and watched the races. No one won big but they all enjoyed the day out.

Cherry Lodge Residents walked the length and breadth of Fota Island and enjoyed a picnic in the park. A very rewarding day and the weather held up too!

All enjoyed a trip to Muckcross farm to reminisce about the olden days. A firm favourite also is the regular trip to Kennedy's pet farm.



Exploring Fota!



Fun at The Races.



Muckcross Farm.



Queuing for the Wishing Chair!

Who said visiting Santa was for kids? Woodlawn Residents enjoyed a trip to see Santa in the Wetlands Tralee. Fionnuala couldn't believe her eyes and enjoyed her meet and greet with Santa. All had great fun.



Christmas surprises.



List submitted!



Time for tea.

The Haven

Action packed as usual, residents of The Haven are enjoying their busy lives.



Elizabeth, Tom and Deborah at the Tralee Bay Wetlands.



Tom Scanlan enjoying a visit to Brosna GAA Club.



Deborah meeting Micheal Martin at the day centre.



Deborah and Elizabeth all set to perform in a concert!



Elizabeth and Tom having fun in Adare!



Happy Birthday to Patricia!

Hillview

Events and trips in 2023.



"Boys day out" at the Races accompanied by Katie and Martina.



We wish Catherine Murphy all the best on her retirement from Hillview.



Joe Mannix meeting Micheal Martin at his workplace, "The Flying Saucer".



Eamonn Edgeworth dressed as Santa and welcomed all the Hillview residents to the Haven.

Tigh An Oileáin



The residents at their wood work course before Christmas, with their finished projects.



The residents at the Panto in Dublin, they had an overnight stay in December, and went to Rapunzel the Panto, Dublin Zoo, and the Christmas Markets in Dublin castle.



Earl Leahy on the plane to Dublin in December 2023; this is a stepping stone to help him achieve his goal of going to America to visit family.



The residents visit to Listowel Day services in September 2023.

Tamhnach Lodge

No Stopping Them!



Birthday celebrations in Tamhnach Lodge.



Micheal Finn (left) enjoying the Celtic Steps concert at the Brandon Hotel Tralee.



Gemma McCannon, Eugene O Sullivan and Lawrence Kelly out and about Muckross House Killarney and Gardens.



Christmas 2023.

Ardfert Cathedral.

Mount Eagle Lodge

Living life to the full!



John, Patrick, JJ and Fergus; with "Peggy" the Angel, at the Killorglin K fest.



The Big 70 for JJ at the Meadowlands Hotel.



50 and fabulous.



Josephine & John ready to party.



Festive fun with Patrick.



Fergus Christmas Day dinner ready.

Leeside

2023 cannot be discussed in Leeside without mentioning the renovations that were carried out there. In Autumn, works began to create two new ensuite bathrooms for the upstairs bedrooms in Leeside. While this was being done both Martin and Dennis enjoyed staying in Listowel in Brook Lodge and Cois Na Feile. Martin and Dennis thoroughly enjoyed their stay in Listowel and Dennis even celebrated his 65th Birthday in Cois Na Feile. After a speedy 6 weeks Dennis and Martin were back in Leeside enjoying all the comforts of their newly renovated bedrooms and bathrooms.

In Tralee Dennis and Martin had the luxury of numerous shows, events and sights on their doorstep throughout 2023. Martin took advantage of the nightlife in Tralee on several occasions going to shows, matches and the local bar for a drink. Martin's favourite from the year was Declan Nerney who was playing in Siamsa Tire. Of course when given the opportunity Martin couldn't resist getting a picture with the celebrity himself, who gladly obliged.

Living in Tralee means there are so many options for dining out and taking in the local scenery while on picnics. Dennis and Martin love to go out for lunches during the colder months and for picnics in the summer. One of their favourite spots being Blennerville overlooking the windmill and the canal. Even though sometimes the weather in 2023 did not cooperate very well, Martin and Dennis did not miss a chance to be out in the sun when the opportunity arose.



Martin and Dennis having a picnic and enjoying the sunshine in Blennerville.



Martin pictured with singer Declan Nerney in Siamsa Tire.



Dennis celebrating his birthday.

Residents from Tralee Residential Services enjoying Electric Picnic in Listowel Day Centre; with their friends and music revellers.



Lohan Lodge



James O'Brien returned to Social Farming after a long break throughout the Covid 19 Pandemic.



John Mangan received his CPR certificate of participation from Hands For Life awarding him some vital lifesaving skills.

Hawthorn



Lisa visited Kennedy's Pet Farm.



Denise went on Holidays to Gougane Barra.



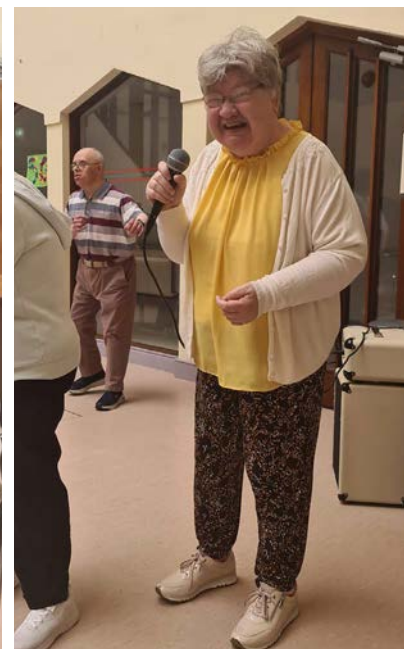
Lisa went to a Dulux event in MD O'Shea's where she met the Dulux Dog.



Denise raised money for her home in Hawthorn by hosting a bake sale in June.



Denise being presented with flowers by Marie Linehan CEO to mark her 25 year anniversary of being with KPFA.



Music sessions on Tuesdays in the Old Monastery are a highlight of Denise's week.

Glebe Lodge

People we support and their families enjoyed a BBQ and celebrated 50 years of KPFA.

Father Brick (Castleisland Parish Priest) said mass in Glebe Lodge and brought the Padre Pio Glove.

On Thursdays musician Patrick visits Glebe Lodge for music therapy. These are very enjoyable sessions.

Santa visited the residents in Glebe Lodge in December 2023. Below are some pictures of everyone enjoying the visit and displaying presents they received on the day.



Summer BBQ/50 Year Celebrations in Glebe Lodge.



Summer BBQ/50 Year Celebrations in Glebe Lodge.



Mass in Glebe Lodge with Padre Pio Glove.



Beach day.



Music lessons with Patrick.



Santa visit to Glebe.

Rathmore Services

Rathmore services had a fun packed 2023 with the highlight being the 50th year celebrations in Sept 2023 together with individual achievements being celebrated.

Fr. Corridan Centre

Kay O Connor had a great time visiting Blarney Castle with her keyworker. She planned this trip herself, deciding when and where she wanted to go. She loved looking at the poisonous garden and the big turrets.

Kay went on a boat trip of Killarney lakes where she saw an old settlement and Ross Castle. The lakes were full of wildlife which Kay enjoyed pointing out.

Eileen Wren went to see Daniel O Donnell in the INEC. Eileen is a big fan and always loves his concerts.

We paid a visit to Santa in Teach Iosagain. We attended Tearmann Lodge Resident Josephine Ryan's art night in the Great Southern Hotel.

All the residents enjoyed Rathmore Services 50th celebrations with a mass in the Church and a party in Tearmann Lodge afterwards. Gerard had a big input in the musical aspect and sang songs in the Church.

Margaret Sweeney took a trip to see the Donkeys. Margaret's jokes were flying with staff. Margaret loves going out for lunch at the weekends, she would search the county for a good steak sandwich and of course dessert afterwards.



Kay had a great time visiting Blarney Castle.



Eileen in the INEC.



Visit to Santa in Teach Iosagain.



Margaret loves animals.



Visit to Santa in Teach Iosagain.

Marian House

Richard directs his life and has great fun organising his next trip.



Richard out and about traveling the county wide.

Tearman Lodge

Marian and Christopher loved a trip to the aquarium in Dingle and a Wolfetone concert in the INEC. They both share a love of music and wildlife. Mary Beasley's 70th birthday celebration was a great day for all topped off with a surprise visit from her family. Christopher was part of the welcoming committee for the 50th celebrations in Killarney and also for our own in Rathmore, he did a fantastic job. Josephine Ryan enjoyed exhibiting her artwork at the Wine and Art festival and was supported by her friends from Day services and Rathmore. All residents enjoyed trips out at the weekends for lunch and visits to the national park. Visits from voluntary groups, and therapies for those who chose not to go out were arranged. We also welcomed two new chefs Folkert and Ursula.

We saw out the old year with a New Years Eve Party, remembering our old friends and looking forward to making new ones and more adventures planned for 2024.



Trip to Dingle Aquarium.



Mary Beasley celebrates her 70th birthday with family.



Christopher at the 50th celebration in Killarney.

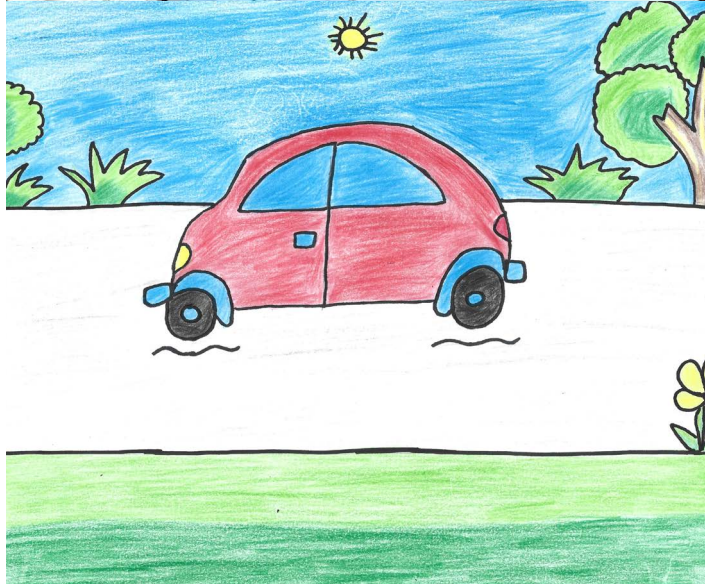


Supporting Josephine Ryan at the Wine and Art Festival.

Outreach Services

In conjunction with Trinity College Dublin our Outreach service users participated in a Christmas Card Competition in Dec 2023. This is always a great activity to develop self-confidence and increase awareness of individual abilities. The enjoyment the service users had in preparing their cards was immense and each service user received a Certificate of Participation from Trinity which they were able to share with their families. This truly was the icing on the cake!

Here is our service user Areeba receiving her Certificate from Trinity!



Areeba receiving her certificate from Trinity (above) and her Christmas Card Competition entry.



Outreach Group at their Christmas Lunch.



A special guest arrived and was helped by our own elf-tastic Rebecca O'Brien.



Martin O'Donoghue with his brother Chris and 2 support staff at a Man United game.

25 year's service to KPFA

Congratulations Karen Neville Daly, Breda Foran & Shirley Nagle



Catherine Fleming, Karen Neville Daly & Marie Linehan



Marie Linehan, Breda Foran & Taylor Drummond



Marie Linehan, John Mangan, Shirley Nagle & Patrick Gallivan

Art Gallery

Thank you to our Branch Network

In the heart of KPFA beats the spirit of unity,
A chorus of dedication from branches within our community.
For 50 years, they stood tall, committees convening with care,
Raising funds for the organisation, showing KPFA they were there.

Through the trials of Covid-19, their strength did not wane,
Their unwavering support, a beacon in times of strain.
Though some did not reconvene after the storm had passed,
Their legacy lives on, forever imprinted and steadfast.

To each branch that lent a hand, we owe a debt profound,
For your labour of love, for the organisation, it knows no bound.
Through the years, your support has fuelled KPFA's flame,
A testament to unity, a tribute to your name.

In times of need, in times of plenty, you stood by our side,
Your dedication unwavering, your passion a guide.
We honour you all, for the threads you've woven into our story,
The branches of KPFA, your legacy shines with glory.

So here's to each branch, past and present, we raise a toast,
For without your support, our mission would be lost.
In unity we stand, in gratitude we say,
Thank you for 50 years of dedication, in every single way.

Cheers to the branches of KPFA, forever in our hearts,
Your spirit lives on, a bright light that never departs.

Sincere thanks!

Marie Linehan CEO and Tony Darmody CEO (retired)



'I'm a Sunflower' by James O'Brien.



Painting by Josephine Ryan.



Rathmore Services From 1984



1984



1984



1986

The Kerryman 1987

Picture Parade



1987

Fr. James McElligott, chairman of the Rathmore Branch of the Kerry Parents and Friends of the Mentally Handicapped, presenting a cheque for £6,000 to Mr. Tony Darmody, chief executive, KPFA. The money will go towards building an extension at

the Fr. Corridan Centre, Rathmore. Also in the picture are the branch members engaged in fund-raising for the project, including Mr. Michael Dineen, chairman of KPFA.

Thank You To Our Rathmore Branch 1973 - 2023

Rathmore Centre success

NEW things happen every day in Fr. Corridan House, Rathmore's day centre for the handicapped.

something could still be done and that "something" was done the Fro Corridan Day Centre.

Joseph O'Leary, Kathleen Duggan, Noreen O'Leary, Antoinette Cronin, Norma Moyrihan and John Murphy.



Happy at the piano, Joseph O'Leary plays a few notes for our learners.



Marie Murphy, Supervisor, with Gerard Dempsey.

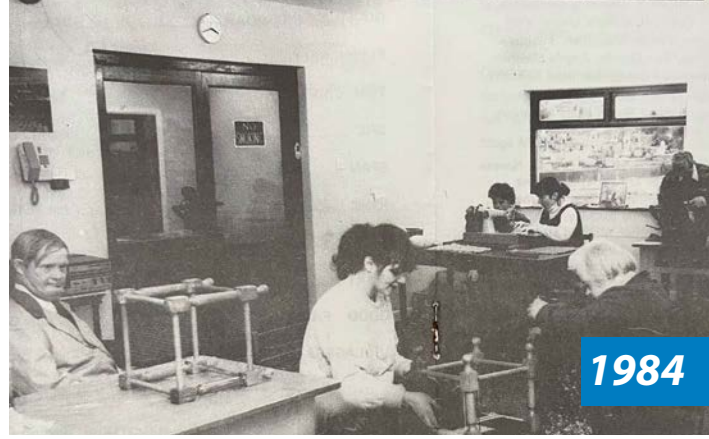
Bill Dempsey at work on an Adane printing machine at the workshop.

There are eight people coming to the centre now - Bill and Gerard Dempsey (brothers),

in the next four or five years there will be big changes in this area and I see tremendous reason for optimism.

1984

New Workshop at Fr. Corridan Centre, Rathmore.



1984



1992

Proud day for Rathmore. NEW 'SANCTUARY' TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR KERRY PARENTS AND FRIENDS. Building for the future.

KERRY PARENTS AND FRIENDS PROVIDE SANCTUARY IN RATHMORE. Building for the future.

2012

Tearmann Lodge Official Opening by Michael John Dinneen & Tony Darmody. Blessed by Most Rev. Bill Murphy, Bishop of Kerry. Kerry's Eye May 2013. 2013

DESPITE BUDGET CUTS, Kerry Parents and Friends continue to do their best to provide vital services for those with intellectual disabilities in Kerry - and 2012 was not all bad news for the organisation. BY SINÉAD KELLEHER

Origin and Development of The Marian Players, Rathmore.

The Marian Players Group was formed as a result of discussions on how best to provide financial support to KPFA in addition to the very successful Sale of Work which was already bringing in a five figure sum each December exclusively for KPFA. In September 1987 Val Moynihan was invited by their chairman, Hugh Ryan to attend the branch’s monthly meeting on September 3rd where this topic was on the agenda. It was agreed at that meeting that the branch members, with the help of others would support an effort to stage a pantomime for fund raising purposes and the branch would also see to providing seed money to cover the initial expenses and also cover the activities in the event of a disastrous outcome. On the suggestion of Fr Jim McElligot it was agreed to title the group ‘The Marian Players’. The group was to be a voluntary group whose principle activity was to stage annual pantomimes in the area to benefit community life as a local activity, and support Kerry Parents and Friends as a fundraiser. The Rathmore branch members of Kerry Parents and Friends would form the support structure for the project, and that Michael John Dinneen, the County Chairman of Kerry Parents and Friends, would also be chairman of the Marian Players. Val Moynihan was to take on the role of organising a cast and the group.

The Marian Players’ shows and any other ancillary activities e.g. back stage and front of house etc., including preparation works are indemnified by The Kerry Parents and Friends Association insurance to help increase the donation returned to KPFA. Members of the Marian Players would therefore be de facto temporary members of Kerry Parents and Friends on a year to year basis. With Michael John Dinneen as chairman, Margaret Hickey as secretary, Mary O’Connell as treasurer and Eilish Coakley Asst. Treasurer, Val Moynihan’s role was to organise the shows.

Both committees (KPFA Branch and The Marian Players) maintained very close relationship so as to maximise efficiencies and avoid incurring unnecessary debts. In line with the mood and practice in running the Sale of Work the group developed a voluntary ethos in its approach and attitude in carrying out day to day functions, which not only build camaraderie among members, but also added very significantly to the bottom line at year end. Voluntary, in a similar fashion, was the key word in terms of approach and activity, with all sectors, not just the performing roles, which were supported willingly from the very beginning thus developing a team with skill and unity of purpose. Community was also to be the key in establishing success i.e. a community within the group and beyond, and a community in the midst of local communities.



The Marian Players on Stage.

Proceeds from the group raised annually for the provision of facilities and services of Kerry Parents and Friends services, three of which are Rathmore based.

1998	£2,000	1989	£2,500	1990	£2,100
1991	£2,200	1992	£2,200	1993	£2,000
1994	£2,000	1995	£3,000	1996	£3,000
1997	£4,400	1998	£4,600	1999	£4,400
2000	€5,100	2001	€5,000	2002	€7,000
2003	€6,000	2003/4	€6,000	2005	€6,000
2006	€7,500	2007	€12,000	2008	€13,000
2009	€15,000	2010	€16,000	2011	€14,000
2012	€15,000	2013	€16,500	2014	€16,500
2015	€17,000	2016	€21,000	2017	€24,000
2018	€22,500	2019	€23,000	2020	€20,500
2021	----	2022	----	2023	€22,000



We are extremely grateful to the Rathmore Branch and Marian Players who have supported our services so well over the years. This dedication will never be forgotten!

We thank our dedicated Listowel Branch of Volunteers who support our services annually. Without them, people would not have the range of opportunities available to them in their local area.



Listowel Branch 1975 - 2023

The Listowel Branch of Kerry Parents & Friends Association was formed in 1975 to establish a day care centre for adults leaving Nano Nagle School.

Today we have a purpose built Day Care, Training and Activation Centre for adults with an intellectual disability. It was completed in 1998 and is currently occupied by 60 adults. We also have two residential and two respite houses in the area, along with the satellite Day Services in Listowel.

Without the generous support of the people of Listowel and the surrounding area of North Kerry we could not provide the high quality of service that we have at the moment. We are also grateful to HSE Cork Kerry for supporting and funding elements of the Listowel Services.

Contacts:

Margaret McAuliffe Tel: 087 2706692
Bernie Daly Tel: 087 2976297

What we do:

Fundraise

- To provide equipment for the Centre and the houses
- To reduce the annual deficit
- Organise an annual Christmas party for our service users and the pupils of Nano Nagle School

Achievements to date:

- 16 Seater Wheelchair Accessible Bus
- Furniture and Equipment for Residential Houses
- Specialized Furniture and Equipment for the Day Centre, John B. Keane Road
- Multi-Sensory Room Equipment
- Tunnel and Equipment for Garden Centre
- Therapeutic Bath
- Repairs to Roof of Day Centre

How can you help?:

- Join Our Committee
- Help with the fundraising
- Continue with your generosity to our fundraisers

Art Gallery



Collage by Niamh Neligan.



Collage by Richard Ahern Lynch.



Ready and Looking Forward to Pre Cheltenham Night.



Choir rehearsals with Caroline.



Frances Kennedy Concert in St. John's Listowel.



Getting Ready For Lady Captain Georgina Charity Day.



Proceeds from concert with Caroline and Sunshine Choir.



Margaret McAuliffe Lady Captain Charity Day.



BBQ 2023.



Christy's BBQ - Christy is very devoted to KPFA.



St John's Drama Group Making A Presentation to KPFA.

In Memoriam

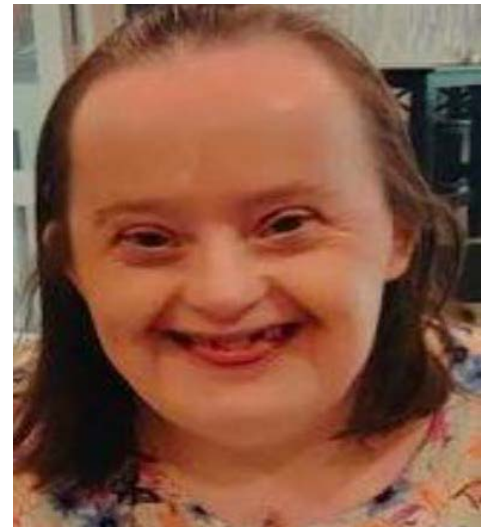
The year 2023 was marked by deep sorrow as we mourned the loss of several cherished friends. Their untimely departures left a void in our lives, reminding us of the fleeting nature of time. Their memories continue to live on in our hearts, serving as a testament to the profound impact they had on our lives. As we reflect on their lives and the moments we shared, we are reminded of the preciousness of every friendship and the importance of cherishing each moment together. May their souls rest in peace, knowing they are dearly missed.



JOHN O'KEEFE



CHRISTINE O'BRIEN



KATIE O'SHEA



GERALDINE CASEY



TINA GRIMES



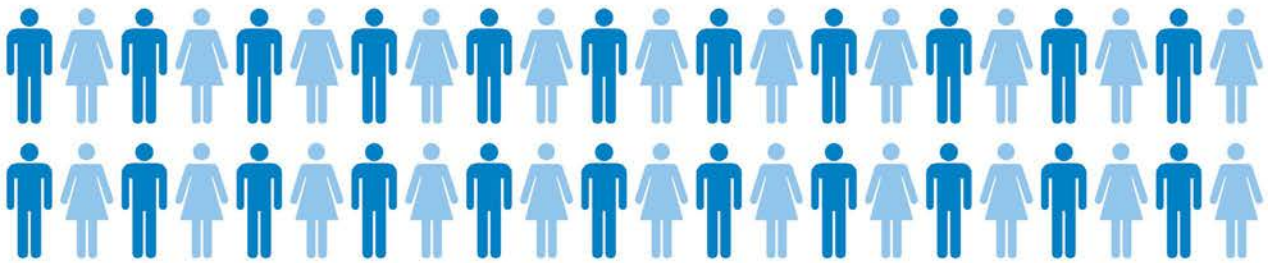
ERIC LLYOD DAVIES



JIM O'BRIEN



OLD MONASTERY, KILLARNEY



29 Centres 224 People Supported (KPFA only)



COVERING: Day, Residential, Respite, Home Support, Outreach Services Countywide up to 7 Days per week/ 24 hours per day.



Because we care

Kerry Parents & Friends Association DIRECTORS' REPORT

for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2023.

Principal Activity and Review of the Business

The principal activity of the company are providing services and support to persons with an intellectual disability and their families throughout Kerry. Revenue funding is primarily sourced from the Health Service Executive - Southern Region (previously Southern Health Board). Other revenue includes the collection of statutory charges. Capital funding is primarily sourced from fundraising, government capital grants and donations.

In the financial year under review, income increased from €15,803,214 in 2022 to €16,943,644 due mainly to funding from the HSE for existing commitments, as well as emergency care needs and respite care services and once off building/maintenance works. Grant income was also received from Kerry County Council and Rethink Ireland for various once-off projects.

We would like to avail of this opportunity to thank the granting authorities and the following organisations without whose support we would not be able to function and we look forward to working with them in the future.

- Health Service Executive
- Kerry County Council
- Fundraising carried out by supporters of KPFA
- Rethink Ireland

Objectives

Kerry Parents & Friends Association provides services to adults with an intellectual disability. This is facilitated through the provision of day services, residential and respite services.

The principal objectives of the Association is to deliver services and supports relating to needs, wishes and choices of people with intellectual disability, based on their communities and connected to natural support networks.

Structure

Kerry Parents & Friends Association is a company limited by guarantee not having a share capital incorporated in Ireland in 1986 under the Companies Act and is registered with the CRO registration number 112184.

Governance

Kerry Parents & Friends Association is a registered charity CHY 6871, governed by a Board of Directors who come from various professional and other backgrounds, drawn from the community. The Board maintains the legal, financial, professional and ethical standards of Kerry Parents & Friends Association. The Board has implemented "The Charities Governance Code". The Associations Charity Regulator's number is 20013752.

The Board gives of their time to Kerry Parents & Friends Association on a voluntary basis and receives no remuneration. The Board ensures the activities of the Association are consistent with its charitable objectives. There are clear distinctions between the roles of the Board of Directors and Key Management Personnel, to which day to day management is delegated. Pay and remuneration of the charities key management personnel is set in accordance with HSE pay scales.

Mission Statement

The mission statement of Kerry Parents & Friends Association is :

"To deliver life enhancing services and supports responding to the needs, wishes and choices of people with intellectual disability, connect to support networks in their community".

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

Kerry Parents & Friends Association operates as a distinct legal entity and is obliged to run its business in conformity with best practice within its regulatory environment. On an operational basis, it needs to attract and retain the right level, mix and calibre of staff in order to render a quality service to its clients up to the expected standards in its service provision sector.

The Association provides services under contract to the HSE and is dependent on State Agencies and voluntary contributions for funds and any curtailment in either source of funding could have a significant impact on its services.

As an employer and owner/occupier of properties, Kerry Parents & Friends Association needs to comply with the onerous standards set down in the Safety, Health and Welfare Act 2005, with the national Standards for Residential Services (monitored by HIQA) and with all associated employer liability and public liability requirements.

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The Association mitigates these risks as follows :

Financial risks

- The company continually monitors the level of activity, prepares and monitors its projections and cashflow forecasts.
- Financial information is subject to detailed review at board level allowing for continuous monitoring of the company's operations and financial position.

Operational & Internal control risk

- The risk is minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of transactions and the requirements for budgets covering all activities.
- Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with Covid-19 restrictions and with health and safety legislation to protect staff, people supported and service providers.

Reputational and Compliance risk

- In common with many charities, the company's principal risk is reputational damage. Reputation damage could be caused by an event either within or outside the company's control. In order to mitigate the risk, the company continues to adapt best practices.
- The company closely monitors emerging changes in regulations and legislations on an on-going basis by ensuring all accreditations are up to date.

Financial Results

The (deficit)/surplus for the financial year after providing for depreciation amounted to €(659,777) (2022 - €237,860).

At the end of the financial year, the company has assets of €10,161,209 (2022 - €10,585,433) and liabilities of €4,657,038 (2022 - €4,421,485). The net assets of the company have decreased by €(659,777).

Directors and Secretary

The directors who served throughout the financial year, except as noted, were as follows:

Hugh Ryan
 Maria Tobin (Resigned 4 September 2023)
 Yvonne Brosnan (Resigned 14 May 2024)
 Josephine Spring
 Nora O'Mahony (Resigned 4 September 2023)
 Diarmuid McCarthy
 Helen Power
 Mary O'Connor
 Liam Ryan (Appointed 13 November 2023)

The secretary who served throughout the financial year was Josephine Spring.

In accordance with the Constitution, the directors retire by rotation and, being eligible, the following directors offer themselves for re-election:

Josephine Spring
 Helen Power
 William Ryan

Future Developments

The company plans to continue its present activities and current trading levels. Employees are kept as fully informed as practicable about developments within the business.

Post Statement of Financial Position Events

There have been no significant events affecting the company since the financial year-end.

Auditors

The auditors, Moriarty & Murphy Limited, (Chartered Certified Accountants) have indicated their willingness to continue in office in accordance with the provisions of section 383(2) of the Companies Act 2014.

Statement on Relevant Audit Information

In accordance with section 330 of the Companies Act 2014, so far as each of the persons who are directors at the time this report is approved are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the statutory auditors are unaware. The directors have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and they have established that the statutory auditors are aware of that information.

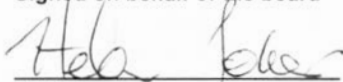
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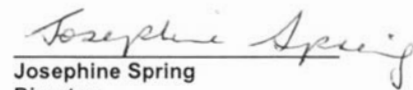
Accounting Records

To ensure that adequate accounting records are kept in accordance with sections 281 to 285 of the Companies Act 2014, the directors have employed appropriately qualified accounting personnel and have maintained appropriate computerised accounting systems. The accounting records are located at the company's office at Old Monastery, Port Road, Killarney, Co. Kerry.

Signed on behalf of the board



Helen Power
Director



Josephine Spring
Director

13 June 2024

Kerry Parents & Friends Association DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

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 the law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the Companies Act 2014 and FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of 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 the financial year and otherwise comply with the Companies Act 2014.

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

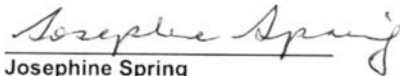
- select suitable accounting policies for the company financial statements and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, identify 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 readily and properly 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.

Signed on behalf of the board



Helen Power
Director



Josephine Spring
Director

13 June 2024

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT to the Members of Kerry Parents & Friends Association

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Kerry Parents & Friends Association ('the company') for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the Income Statement, the Statement of Financial Position, the Reconciliation of Members' Funds, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes to the financial statements, including the summary of significant accounting policies set out in note 2. 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 2023 and of its deficit for the financial 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 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.

Emphasis of Matter

In forming our opinion, which is not qualified in this respect, we have considered the adequacy of the disclosures made in notes to the financial statements concerning the company's ability to continue as a going concern. As set out in note 5 there are material uncertainties which include ongoing funding shortfalls. While the ultimate outcome of these matters cannot be assessed with certainty at this time, the directors are of the opinion that it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis. The financial statements do not include the adjustments that would result if a company was unable to continue as a going concern.

Other Information

The directors are responsible for the other information. 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT to the Members of Kerry Parents & Friends Association

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 have 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.

Respective responsibilities

Responsibilities of directors for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 7, 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 they 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 intends to liquidate the company or to cease operation, or has 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 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 financial statements is contained in the appendix to this report, located at page 10, which is to be read as an integral part of our report.

The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

Our 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 any 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.



John O'Donoghue
for and on behalf of

MORIARTY & MURPHY LIMITED

Chartered Certified Accountants and Statutory Auditors
Flemings Lane
Killarney
Co. Kerry
Ireland

13 June 2024

Kerry Parents & Friends Association APPENDIX TO THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Further information regarding the scope of our responsibilities as auditor

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (Ireland), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our Auditor's Report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our Auditor's Report. However, future events or conditions may cause the company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

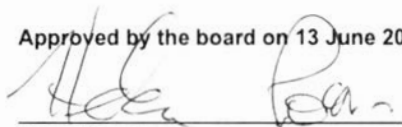
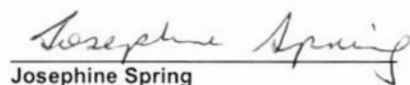
We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Kerry Parents & Friends Association
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as at 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023 €	2022 €
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	10	<u>8,442,950</u>	<u>8,589,493</u>
Current Assets			
Receivables	11	271,108	595,846
Cash and cash equivalents		<u>1,447,151</u>	<u>1,400,094</u>
		<u>1,718,259</u>	<u>1,995,940</u>
Payables: amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>(3,559,742)</u>	<u>(3,075,807)</u>
Net Current Liabilities		<u>(1,841,483)</u>	<u>(1,079,867)</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		<u>6,601,467</u>	<u>7,509,626</u>
Payables:			
amounts falling due after more than one year	14	(322,143)	(429,535)
Government grants	16	<u>(775,153)</u>	<u>(916,143)</u>
Net Assets		<u><u>5,504,171</u></u>	<u><u>6,163,948</u></u>
Reserves			
Retained surplus		<u>5,504,171</u>	<u>6,163,948</u>
Equity attributable to owners of the company		<u><u>5,504,171</u></u>	<u><u>6,163,948</u></u>

Approved by the board on 13 June 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

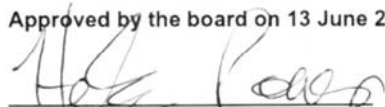

Helen Power
Director

Josephine Spring
Director

Kerry Parents & Friends Association INCOME STATEMENT


for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023 €	2022 €
Income	6	16,943,644	15,803,214
Expenditure		(17,565,438)	(15,540,767)
(Deficit)/surplus before interest		(621,794)	262,447
Finance costs	8	(37,983)	(24,587)
(Deficit)/surplus for the financial year		(659,777)	237,860
Total comprehensive income		(659,777)	237,860

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Kerry Parents & Friends Association RECONCILIATION OF MEMBERS' FUNDS

as at 31 December 2023

	Retained surplus	Total
	€	€
At 1 January 2022	5,926,088	5,926,088
Surplus for the financial year	<u>237,860</u>	<u>237,860</u>
At 31 December 2022	6,163,948	6,163,948
Deficit for the financial year	<u>(659,777)</u>	<u>(659,777)</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u><u>5,504,171</u></u>	<u><u>5,504,171</u></u>

Kerry Parents & Friends Association STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

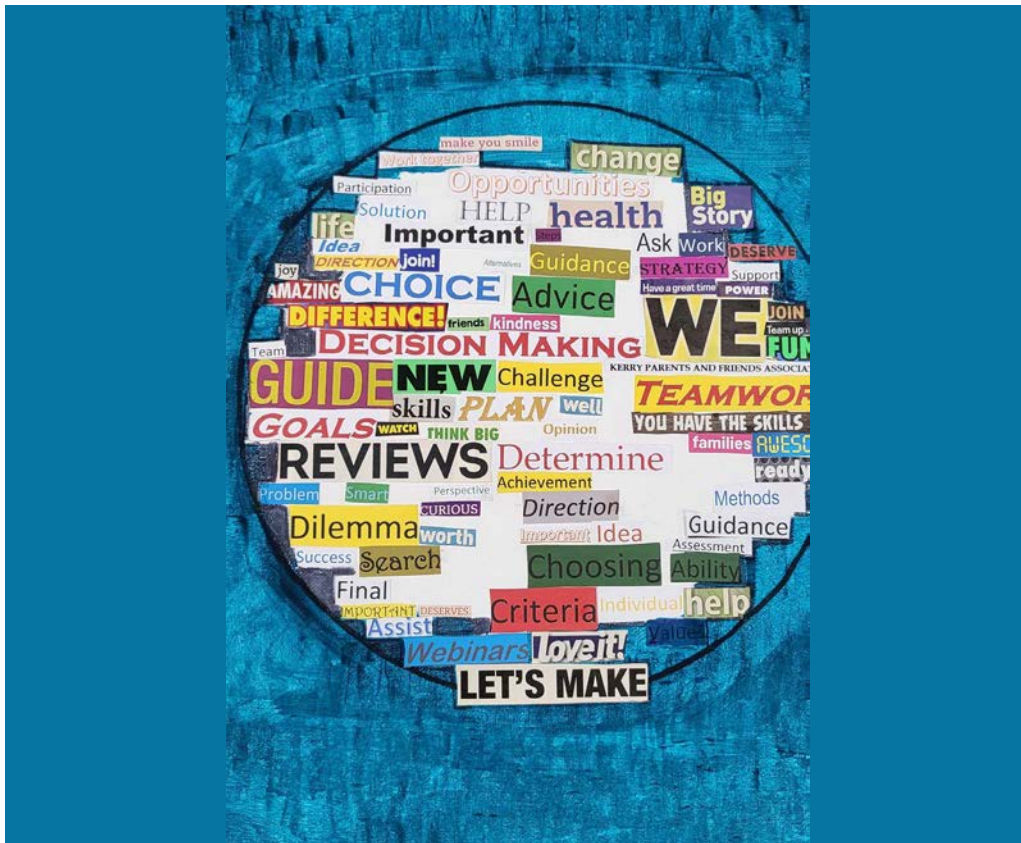
for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023 €	2022 €
Cash flows from operating activities			
(Deficit)/surplus for the financial year		(659,777)	237,860
Adjustments for:			
Finance costs		37,983	24,587
Depreciation		279,510	302,409
Surplus/deficit on disposal of property, plant and equipment		733	3,420
Amortisation of government grants		(140,990)	(173,092)
		<u>(482,541)</u>	<u>395,184</u>
Movements in working capital:			
Movement in receivables		324,738	(377,879)
Movement in payables		486,532	185,342
		<u>328,729</u>	<u>202,647</u>
Cash generated from operations		328,729	202,647
Interest paid		(37,983)	(24,587)
		<u>290,746</u>	<u>178,060</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments to acquire property, plant and equipment		(133,700)	(92,000)
Receipts from sales of property, plant and equipment		-	(4)
		<u>(133,700)</u>	<u>(92,004)</u>
Net cash used in investment activities		(133,700)	(92,004)
Cash flows from financing activities			
New short term loan		227,488	214,784
Repayment of short term loan		(337,477)	(334,702)
Capital element of contracts		-	(2,587)
		<u>(109,989)</u>	<u>(122,505)</u>
Net cash used in financing activities		(109,989)	(122,505)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		<u>47,057</u>	<u>(36,449)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year		<u>1,400,094</u>	<u>1,436,543</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	12	<u><u>1,447,151</u></u>	<u><u>1,400,094</u></u>

Art Gallery



Water colours by Josephine Ryan.



Collage by Sarah Casey.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Tralee

Mount Eagle Lodge, Oakpark **t:** 066 7126964

Leeside, No. 4 Leeside, Oakpark **t:** 066 7126129

Tamhnach Lodge,
Tamhnach Lí, Monavalley **t:** 066 7118633

Killarney

Cherry Lodge, Mill Road **t:** 064 6633735

Woodlawn, 1 Woodlawn Drive **t:** 064 6635595

Hawthorn, Inchicullane,
Kilcummin **t:** 064 6633620

Lohan Lodge, Dunrine,
Lawlor's Cross **t:** 064 6633543

Rathmore

Fr. Corridan Centre, Church Place **t:** 064 7758260

Tearmann Lodge, Presbytery View **t:** 064 7761727

Marian House, Shinnagh **t:** 064 7758552

Valentia Island

Tigh an Oileáin, Farranreagh **t:** 066 9476868

Listowel

The Haven, Cahirdown **t:** 068 23183

Hillview,
No. 4 Inchmagillagher West **t:** 068 23740

HIGH SUPPORT

Glebe Lodge, Kilbannivane,
Castleisland **t:** 066 7143851

RESPIRE

Cois na Féile, Kilmeany,
Kilmorna **t:** 068 24009

Brook Lodge,
1 Dromclough, Six Crosses **t:** 068 40902

SUPPORT SERVICES

Key Staff Supporting the
Provision of Services **t:** 064 6632742

TRAINING FOR LIFE/ COMMUNITY PROGRAMMES

Park Court, Beech Rd., Killarney **t:** 064 6635808

Áras Phádraig,
Lewis Road, Killarney **t:** 064 6635504

Cunamh House, Canon Lane,
Cahersiveen **t:** 066 9481065

Family Resource Centre, Listowel **t:** 068 57448

Baile O'Dubhda, Listowel **t:** 068 23643

The Hub, No. 21, Convent St., Listowel **t:** 068 21917

The Hub, Fabrik Building, Tralee **t:** 066 7121482

Day Training and Activation

Mount Eagle Lodge, Oakpark, Tralee **t:** 066 7126964

Gate Lodge, Killarney **t:** 064 6637386

Old Monastery Port Rd., Killarney **t:** 064 6632742

The Reeks, Killarney **t:** 064 6653060

Listowel Day Centre,
Clieveragh, Listowel **t:** 068 22977

Slí Nua, Ballydribeen, Killarney **t:** 087 4050646

COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

Clinical Nurse Specialist **t:** 066 7126964

Psychology **t:** 066 7126964

Outreach Manager **t:** 064 6632742

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CEO

Director of Services & Assistant Directors of Services

HR Department

Finance Department

Housing/Operations Department

Clerical Support Staff

Training Dept.

IT Dept.

Kerry Parents & Friends Association

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