



THE
IRELAND
FUNDS
AMERICA

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

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Progress
Through
Philanthropy
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2019



Our mission

is to harness the power of a global philanthropic network of friends of Ireland to promote and support **peace, culture, education and community development** across the island of Ireland and among Irish communities around the world.

In 1976, Dan Rooney, owner of the Pittsburgh Steelers football team and the former U.S. Ambassador to Ireland, along with fellow Pittsburgh-based businessman Sir Anthony O'Reilly, created what was then The Ireland Fund. The Ireland Fund and the American Irish Foundation, founded by Irish President Eamonn De Valera and U.S. President John F. Kennedy, merged at a White House ceremony on St. Patrick's Day 1987, to form what is today, The Ireland Funds America.

Letter from the Chairman and President & CEO of The Ireland Funds America

2019 was a great year for The Ireland Funds and generated revenue from contributions of \$18.4 million from contributors and fundraising events. This was made possible, as always, by the incredible generosity of our donors.

That generosity and commitment of our donors reached projects across the island of Ireland and around the globe, and also enabled our Flagship Grants: significant investments that build capacity, core funding and sustainability for outstanding established projects. Thanks to our events and unrestricted income generated, we were able to support AsIAM, Cancer Fund for Children, Depaul, Pieta House, YouthAction Northern Ireland and with Suas Educational Development significant investments that are helping to scale their impact and increase their reach.

2019 also gave us the opportunity to extend great thanks to John Fitzpatrick who concluded his term as Chairman of The Ireland Funds America. John's leadership and extraordinary philanthropy strengthened the organization and his continued presence on our Board is deeply appreciated. We also thanked David Cronin for the conclusion of his service as President & CEO. The organization welcomed us, Gene McQuade, as the new Chairman, and Caitriona Fottrell as President & CEO. We are also delighted that two new positions have been created to serve the organization with Shaun Kelly and Angela Moore coming on as Vice Chairs. All of us have had many years of involvement with The Ireland Funds and it is an honor to now lead this organization.

As you receive this 2019 Annual Report, we are of course in the throes of 2020. While it has been a challenging year we are continually struck by the depth of love and interest our donors have for Ireland. In ensuring that Ireland's nonprofit sector is cared for, you are ensuring that children are educated, innovation is supported, those living on the margins are given opportunities, and the best of Irish arts and culture is nurtured.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO OUR MISSION AND FOR CHOOSING
TO SUPPORT THE IRELAND FUNDS AMERICA.**



Gene McQuade
Chairman,
The Ireland Funds America



Caitriona Fottrell
President & CEO,
The Ireland Funds America

Our focus



ACROSS IRELAND AND AROUND THE WORLD, THE IRELAND FUNDS IS:

Creating jobs

Bringing meals to thousands
of people on society's margins

Promoting Irish art & culture

Promoting dialogue across communities in Northern Ireland

Advancing social entrepreneurship

Strengthening transparency &
accountability in the non profit sector

Providing inner city after-school programs

Increasing access to education

Helping the homeless

Providing musical tuition and performance
opportunities to thousands of children across Ireland

*Providing guide dogs for
those with disabilities*

Protecting the environment

OUR IMPACT:

In 2019, our donors' philanthropy was felt across 275 projects such as:



NO MIND LEFT BEHIND

a program established by The Ireland Funds—provided **97** promising scholars from disadvantaged backgrounds an opportunity to complete their education at **23** colleges and universities across Ireland.



SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS IRELAND

nurtured three “impact partners” to directly impact **27,000** people and saw a **77%** increase in jobs created thanks to support from The Ireland Funds.



SUAS

reached over **3,000** schoolchildren with **1,000** volunteer mentors who tutored them in literacy and numeracy with a grant from The Ireland Funds.



DEPAUL

recruited new staff to work with asylum seekers, thanks to a Flagship Award from The Ireland Funds. Their staff welcomed **196** adults and **156** children as they began new lives in Ireland and assisted with their resettlement in local communities.

OUR GRANTEES

Thank You

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“We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in The Ireland Funds both in Ireland and around the world who have supported us enormously on our journey from the kitchen table to one where we are planning to give every young person with intellectual disability a chance to live a life like any other.” — **Blossom Ireland**



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“The Ireland Funds offered us support in the very early days when we had a promising idea but had not yet demonstrated success. You trusted our mission, believed in our goals and have supported us as we've grown to become an award-winning civic initiative in the heart of the Irish capital.”

— **Little Museum of Dublin**



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“The Ireland Funds has been huge to our charity. We wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for The Ireland Funds. In those early years we had nothing really. The funding was so critical because when we started there was nothing else coming in. It's been a great relationship.”

— **Dogs for the Disabled**



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“We utilized the €90k provided through The Ireland Funds Award to engage the food industry and encourage donation of surplus food, thus directly increasing our impact and contributing to our financial sustainability. This funding continues to support us in scaling the positive impact of our work to communities across the country.”

— **FoodCloud**

IN 2019, THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS WERE AMONG THOSE SUPPORTED BY THE IRELAND FUNDS AMERICA. **THANK YOU**

174 Trust
Abbey School
Abbey Theatre
ACT for Meningitis
Age Concern Network of Newcastle and District
Airfield Estate
Aisling Irish Community Center
Alzheimer Society of Ireland
Amal Women's Association
American College Dublin
American Irish Historical Society
An Grianán Theatre
An Taisce - The National Trust for Ireland
An Tobar
Anam Cara Parental and Sibling Bereavement Support Limited
Anew Support Services CLG
Aquinas Football Club
Ardayne Holycross Boxing Club
Art Arcadia Ltd
AsIAM
Assist the Officer Foundation
Baboró International Arts Festival for Children
Ballyconneely Parish Hall Association
Barnardos
Barretstown
Baseball Ireland
Basispoint Limited
Belfast Community Circus School
Belfast Islamic Centre
Belvedere College S.J.
Benefacts
Blackrock College
Board of Trustees Muckross House
Boston College - Carroll School of Management
Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program
Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston
Brain Injury Matters NI
Bruff Heritage Group
Butler Gallery
Buttevant GAA
Camp Harbor View
Campaign for Catholic Schools
Campbell College
Cancer Fund for Children
Cancer Support Sanctuary LARCC
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York
Catholic Schools Foundation
Celtic FC Foundation
Center for Creative Education
Centre for Health and Well Being
ChangeX
Charities Institute Ireland
Chernobyl Children's Project
Children in Crossfire
Children's Books Ireland
Children's Medical Research Foundation
ChildVision, National Education Centre for Blind Children
Chime
Cinemagic
Citywise Education
The Community Foundation for Ireland
Community Radio Youghal
Community Sports Network
Concern Worldwide USA
Co-operation Ireland - Belfast
Corrymeela Community
Cuan Mhuire NI Ltd
CyberSafeIreland CLG

Cystic Fibrosis Ireland
Daisyhouse Housing Association
Dance Theatre of Ireland
Depaul Ireland - Dublin
Development Perspectives
Diversity Sligo
Dogs for the Disabled
Donegal Hospice
Downpatrick Autism Family Support Group
Dress for Success Dublin
Druid Theatre Company
Dublin City University
Dublin International Piano Competition
Dublin Jewish Board of Guardians
Dublin North West Area Partnership
Dublin Talmud Torah
Dublin/Wicklow Mountain Rescue Team
Dufferin Foundation
ECO-UNESCO
Educate Together
Eithne and Paddy Fitzpatrick Memorial Fund
Enable Ireland
Enactus Ireland
Enniscorthy Rugby Club
Erin's Isle GAA Club
Fermanagh Genealogy
Fermanagh Rural Community Initiative
Festival of Writing & Ideas Ltd
Fighting Words
Fighting Words Belfast
Fionn MacCumhaill GAA Club
First Fortnight Ltd
First Steps Womens Centre
Fishamble Theatre Company Ltd
Flax Trust America
Focus Family Resource Centre
Forward Steps Family Resource Centre
Foyle Hospice
Front Line - The International Foundation for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders
Gaelic Players Association
Gaelscoil na gCeithre Máistrí
Galway Autism Partnership
Glenstal Abbey
Global Action Plan
Gonzaga College SJ
Good Shepherd Cork
Gorey Youth Needs Group CLG
Greencastle Community Development CLG
H.A.I.L. - Housing Association for Integrated Living
Haven Community Foundation - USA
Helium Arts
Hello World Foundation t/a CoderDojo Foundation
Heroes Powerchair Football Club
Holy Trinity Abbey
Holywell Trust
iCare Housing
Inishowen Traditional Music Project
Inishturk Community Club CLG
Integrated Education Fund
IRD Duhallow
Irish University Business Plan Competition
No Mind Left Behind
Ireland US Council Foundation, Inc.
Irish America Business Chamber and Network
Irish American Partnership

Irish Arts Center
Irish Film Institute (IFI)
Irish Heritage Trust
Irish Men's Sheds Association (IMSA)
Irish Pastoral Centre
Irish Repertory Theatre
Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children - ISPC
Irish Wildlife Trust
iScoil
Iveagh Trust
John F. Kennedy Library Foundation
Join Our Boys Trust
Kerry GAA Centre of Excellence
Kerry Travellers Health & Community Development Project
Kilmalee Camogie Club
Lagan College Limited
LauraLynn Ireland's Children's Hospice
Letterkenny Youth & Family Service (LYFS)
LifeWorks NI
The Little Museum of Dublin
Little Sisters of the Poor- Holy Family Residence
Longford GAA
Longford Rugby Football Club
Lyric Theatre
Making Connections
Mark Pollock Trust
Mayo Academy of Performing Arts
Mayo GAA International Supporters Foundation
Mayo Roscommon Hospice Foundation
Meath GAA
Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center
Mid-Western Hospitals Development Trust
Milford Care Centre
Miltown Malbay Development Company
Moves for Life
Muscular Dystrophy UK
Na Piobairí Uilleann
Narrative 4 CLG
Nasc, the Refugee and Migrant Rights Centre
Early Learning Initiative, National College of Ireland
National Library of Ireland
National String Quartet Foundation
Native Woodland Trust
New Communities Partnership
North Offaly Community Development Network Ltd
North West Tongues, Tones, and Tapping
Northside Partnership
NUI Galway - US
NUI Maynooth
NYU Glucksman Ireland House
Omeath District Development
Origin Theatre Company
Ossory Youth
Our Lady Immaculate J.N.S. Darndale
Outhouse LGBT Community Resource Centre
Palestrina Choir
PeacePlayers International - Northern Ireland
PEN International
Philanthropy Ireland
Pieta House
The Playhouse: North West Play Resource Centre

Poetry Ireland Ltd
Pomeroy Preschool Playgroup
Pomeroy Resource Group
Portadown Rugby Club- Portadown Panthers
Project Arts Centre
Purple House Cancer Support
Pushkin Trust
Queen's University of Belfast Foundation
Rape Crisis North East
Rebel Wheelers Multi Sport Group
Rethink Ireland
Rian Immigrant Center
Rights Watch UK
Rosemont Secondary School for Girls
Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
Royal Irish Academy of Music
Saint Patrick Centre
Santry Community Assoc. Ltd.
SAOL Project
Science Gallery International
Scoil Uí Chonaill
Seamus Heaney HomePlace
Sensational Kids CLG
Shalom Centre for Conflict Reconciliation Ltd
ShoutOut
Siel Bleu Ireland
Social Entrepreneurs Ireland
Society Of The Friendly Sons Of St. Patrick In County Of Rockland Inc.
South Derry Down Syndrome Group
Special Olympics Ireland
Sports Across Ireland
St John of God Community Service
Dublin South East
St Kieran's College Kilkenny
St Mary's Church Drogheda
St. James's Hospital Foundation
St. Jarlath's Diocesan Trust
St. Mel's College
St. Patrick's Day Foundation
St. Vincent's Hospital-Dublin
Strathfoyle Women's Activity Group
Suas Educational Development
The Anne Sullivan Centre
The Hunt Museum
The Rory McDonagh Trust
The Shona Project
The Soar Foundation
Thomas F. Meagher Foundation
Thoor Ballylee Development Ltd.
Threshold Ltd
Tipperary GAA
Tournafulla Community Council
Trillick Arts and Cultural Society
Trinity Centre for People with Intellectual Disabilities
Trinity Foundation, Trinity College Dublin
Trocaire
Michael Smurfit School of Business, UCD
University College Cork
University College Dublin Foundation
Munster Rugby Club
University of Limerick Foundation
University of Notre Dame
West Cork Music Ltd
Wexford Festival Opera
Wexford GAA
Wicklow Hospice Foundation
Women in Business NI
WOMEN'STEC
Yeats Society Sligo
Youth Work Ireland
YouthAction NI

Our Numbers

Grants were made to 275 projects across the island of Ireland as well as in the US and the UK.

A total of \$14.6 million in grants and program services was distributed thanks to our donors' generosity, love for Ireland and belief in our mission.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31 IN US\$

	2019	2018
Revenue and Support		
Contributions	9,745,486	17,302,884
Fundraising Events, net	7,440,446	8,838,577
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	1,220,081	663,969
Net Gain (Loss) on Foreign Exchange	(50,825)	(220,210)
Subtotal Revenues and Support from Operating Activities	18,355,188	26,585,220
Contributions of Art and Literary Collections	15,000	62,500
Changes in Net Assets with Donor Restrictions: Contributions & Net Assets Released	(951,331)	981,323
Investment Income	2,925,634	(385,035)
Total Revenues	20,344,491	27,244,008
Expenses		
Grant Awards	12,700,672	20,153,964
Other Program Services	1,922,745	2,774,314
Total Program	14,623,417	22,928,278
Management and General Administrative	2,223,137	2,508,691
Fundraising	1,792,361	1,837,289
Total Expenses	18,638,915	27,274,258
Change in Net Assets	1,705,576	(30,250)
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	15,293,834	15,324,084
Net Assets at End of Year	16,999,410	15,293,834
% of Contributions Revenue from the largest single contribution received in each year	6%	40%
# of Organizations who received Grants from The Ireland Funds America in each year	275	295

Grant Thornton, LLP, performed the 2013–2019 audits for The American Ireland Fund.
To review our audited financial statements and IRS Forms 990, please visit irelandfunds.org

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LOVE OF IRELAND BENEFITS GENERATIONS TO COME.

The Ireland Funds America can help you identify the best options to fulfill your philanthropic vision. Bequests are the most popular and flexible planned gifts. **We invite you to learn more about how to create a lasting legacy for Ireland.** Your legacy will be treated with care.

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