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.

Our **FOCUS** in 2020 was to respond to the challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. We concentrated on the areas of:

- Access to Education
- Disability Support
- Mental Health
- Elderly Services
- Community Support
- Domestic & Child Abuse (Family Support)
- Food & Food Distribution
2020 was a year that required all of us to face challenges we never could have imagined. Yet we faced these challenges together. As the COVID-19 pandemic took hold and adversely affected so many nonprofit organizations across Ireland, The Ireland Funds immediately responded with our COVID-19 Response Fund. We reached out to organizations across Ireland we knew were on the front lines and listened to their immediate needs. Almost overnight, organizations adapted and thanks in part to our quick response providing grants, ensured that their services could be delivered. Education went digital, food was safely delivered, and family supports continued uninterrupted. The resilience we saw in the projects we support was inspirational.

The sustained support of our donors was extraordinary and the mission we carry out to strengthen and support the island of Ireland has never wavered. The Ireland Funds community of donors was and is committed now, more than ever, to be here for the island of Ireland and the thousands of people that need our support.

You will see that commitment here in our 2020 Annual Report. The ways we are supporting education through The Ireland Funds No Mind Left Behind program and the great potential we are nurturing through The Ireland Funds George Moore Scholars program. The community development we are supporting through the 174 Trust in Northern Ireland and the mental health initiatives we are strengthening through MyMind. These are just some of the 612 grants made to 208 projects with the $14.3 million we granted in 2020.

All of this is possible thanks to you, our donors, and your belief that we as a community can affect positive change in challenging times. We thank you for your investment in our work and in our mission.

KIND REGARDS,

Gene McQuade
Chairman,
The Ireland Funds America

Caitriona Fottrell
President & CEO,
The Ireland Funds
In 2020 our donors’ support enabled The Ireland Funds America to make 612 grants totaling $14.3 million which supported the work of 208 outstanding organizations.

THE IRELAND FUNDS COVID-19 RESPONSE FUND provided immediate support to 40 organizations on the frontlines of the crisis in Ireland. Seven priority areas were identified and addressed: Family Support, Community Support, Disability Support, Mental Health, Elderly Services, Access to Education, Food & Food Distribution. Examples include:

THE EARLY LEARNING INITIATIVE brought remote home visits and materials to over 1,000+ educationally disadvantaged children and their families.

COPE GALWAY served over 40,000 meals to older people in the community after the demand for its meals program increased by 300%.

JIGSAW provided online mental health services to over 112,000 people since the pandemic began.

FOODCLOUD was able to continue delivery of food to 700 charity partners reaching 250,000 people in need.
SAFE IRELAND
provided for the immediate needs of over 300 women and 600 children in domestic abuse crisis.

BARNARDOS
worked with over 2,700 families affected by domestic abuse, mental health challenges, addiction and homelessness.

MAKING CONNECTIONS
mobilized 100 volunteers to provide shopping, emotional support and phone monitoring for older people in need.

ASIAM
reached over 2,000 members of the autism community online with services and support.

FIGHTING WORDS NORTHERN IRELAND
adapted the delivery of all its creative writing programs. Support helped over 1,000 young people write their stories through the quarantine.

THRESHOLD SPECIALIST COVID-19 HOUSING SERVICE
was able to support 120 families to remain in their homes, no longer under threat of illegal eviction.

MYMIND
had almost 2,000 clients relying on its mental health counseling services. Support improved and delivered online counseling at a time when face-to-face counseling could no longer be provided.
As the world faced the unprecedented challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, key services provided to Ireland's communities by nonprofits were never more vital. Yet organizations faced limited resources and collapsing fundraising streams as they strived to deliver. For some, the crisis challenged not only their reach but their very existence. The Ireland Funds came alongside organizations with aid for immediate and long-term needs delivering support for organizations such as:
“We are incredibly grateful to The Ireland Funds for supporting our work during this particularly challenging time, helping us ensure that our frontline staff can provide essential assisted living services and outreach to people with physical disabilities. Thank you so much!”
— Irish Wheelchair Association

“THANK YOU to your Donors. The support helps ensure we can continue operating the food hub that’s currently helping in excess of 350 families every week as the crisis continues. Thanks to The Ireland Funds for helping us keep the doors open!”
— the 174 Trust

“Cancer won’t stop during the coronavirus pandemic and neither will we. Thanks to the support of The Ireland Funds we have made a difference for so many children and families battling cancer. With your continued support, we can be here for children and young people at a time when they need us more than ever.”
— Cancer Fund for Children

“When the pandemic entered our lives, The Ireland Funds was there for us – it listened to our worries and with its support and financial assistance we were able to address our immediate concerns.”
— Leitrim Calling
The Ireland Funds invests in high-quality education by supporting programs that widen access. 2020 saw a significant investment in two programs administered by The Ireland Funds: No Mind Left Behind and the George Moore Scholars.

**NO MIND LEFT BEHIND**

No Mind Left Behind is an initiative designed to give young people an opportunity to complete third-level education by providing an annual scholarship to cover the costs of books, accommodation, and other key expenses.

**FROM 2020 – 2021**

139 students received a No Mind Left Behind scholarship

€553,000 awarded by the No Mind Left Behind program

Students enrolled at 23 third-level institutions across Ireland, Northern Ireland and the UK

9 counties across the island of Ireland were represented

51 new students commenced their first year of study

88 continuing students returned to years 2, 3 or 4 of undergraduate study

58% of students were female and 42% were male

31 schools selected to receive support

The NMLB scholarship came as a blessing. This scholarship enabled me to pursue my aspirations of attending third level education in Dublin, in UCD. I will be the first from my family to ever go to university. Growing up, I have watched as my mum struggled to keep things afloat as a single parent, both emotionally and financially. This financial support came as a huge relief to my mum and I as it meant my first-choice college/course could finally become a reality."  – A 2nd Year Student of BSc Science at University College Dublin
In February 2020, The Ireland Funds launched the George Moore Scholars program, an ambitious all-Ireland scholarship program that offers extraordinary supports to academically talented students who wish to undertake a master’s degree in the US, UK, or Canada to realize their full career potential. The high-value scholarships support the costs of pursuing postgraduate education abroad.

In June 2020, sixteen George Moore Scholars were selected after a rigorous application process, which included academic review and interviews.

“The George Moore Scholarship will allow me access to an educational opportunity like no other.”
– Eric Reynolds, George Moore Scholar studying a Master’s in Statistics and Data Science at Yale University

“I will be able to build on my knowledge of the Northern Ireland system by examining other education systems to learn best practice.”
– Emma Shaw, George Moore Scholar studying a Master’s in Educational Policy at University of Texas

“This Scholarship will allow me to continue my education at the University of Notre Dame, bringing me closer to my dream of becoming an entrepreneur. I hope to follow in George’s footsteps, and use my (hopefully) future success as a means for good.”
– Gabriel Ogundipe, George Moore Scholar studying a Master’s in Engineering, Science, Technology and Entrepreneurship (ESTEEM) at the University of Notre Dame
## Statement of Activities

**Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 in US$**

### Revenue and Support

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<td>Fundraising Events, net *</td>
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<td>Net Assets Released from Restrictions</td>
<td>1,416,877</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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<td>(50,825)</td>
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<td><strong>Total Revenues and Support from Operating Activities</strong></td>
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<td>Contributions of Art and Literary Collections</td>
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<td>15,000</td>
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<td>Changes in Net Assets with Donor Restrictions: Contributions &amp; Net Assets Released</td>
<td>(1,366,877)</td>
<td>(951,331)</td>
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<td>Investment Income</td>
<td>1,700,072</td>
<td>2,925,634</td>
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<td><strong>Total Revenues</strong></td>
<td><strong>21,179,692</strong></td>
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### Expenses

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<td>Other Program Services</td>
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<td><strong>Total Program</strong></td>
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<td>Management and General Administrative</td>
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### Change in Net Assets

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<td>Change in Net Assets</td>
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<td>1,705,576</td>
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<td>Net Assets at Beginning of Year</td>
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<td><strong>Net Assets at End of Year</strong></td>
<td><strong>19,285,940</strong></td>
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### % of Contributions Revenue from the largest single contribution received in each year

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### # of Organizations who received Grants from The Ireland Funds America in each year

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<th>2020 (208)</th>
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### Notes:

- * The impact of COVID 19 led to the cancellation of in person fundraising events in Q2-Q4, 2020

**Endowment Balance at End of Year** (included within Net Assets at End of Year)

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To review our audited financial statements and IRS Forms 990, please visit irelandfunds.org.
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