



THE IRELAND FUNDS

2023 *Texas Emerald Ball*

THE IRELAND FUNDS
DISTINGUISHED BUSINESS LEADER AWARD
Sean P. Donohue
CEO - DFW International Airport

CORBOY ANAM CARA AWARD
Sylvia and John Tillotson



SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2023 | THE ADOLPHUS HOTEL, DALLAS



Dogs for the Disabled



Cork Penny Dinners



Irish Wheelchair Association



Trinity Centre for People with Intellectual Disabilities



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The Ireland Funds' 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.

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Abbey Theatre



Early Learning Initiative



Music Generation



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Sean Donohue serves as Chief Executive Officer of Dallas Fort Worth (DFW) International Airport. DFW Airport is the 4th largest airport globally for passengers and is ranked 2nd for operations. In his role as CEO, Mr. Donohue is responsible for the management, operation and strategic planning of the Airport.

Centered between owner cities Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas, DFW Airport connects the North Texas region with nonstop service to over 200 destinations on five continents and is consistently ranked among the best large airports for customer service.

DFW Airport is also the largest carbon neutral airport in the world and is globally recognized as a sustainability leader. The airport has committed to achieving carbon net zero status by 2030.

DFW plays an instrumental role in the region, historically producing more than \$37 billion in annual economic impact and generating an average of 60,000 jobs on the airport each year.

Mr. Donohue joined DFW International Airport in 2013, following a 28-year career in the airline industry in various executive roles with Virgin Australia Airlines and United Airlines.

Mr. Donohue serves on the executive committee of the World Travel & Tourism Council (WTTC). In addition, he serves on the board of Atmos Energy and several boards for community organizations in the Dallas Fort Worth region.

Mr. Donohue graduated from Boston College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing and Economics.



CORBOY ANAM CARA AWARD
Sylvia and John Tillotson

Sylvia and John Tillotson are sixth generation Texans residing in Dallas, Texas. They have five sons and 17 grandchildren. Together, they have been supporters of the work of The Ireland Funds for 25 years and served on many of its committees.

John is currently Owner and Managing Partner of St. Jude Company in Houston. Previously, he was President and CEO of Arena Brands Holding Company.

John has participated extensively in charitable organizations including formerly serving on the Jesuit Foundation as Trustee and Chairman, as well as The Ireland Funds America Board of Directors and Executive Committee; and he currently sits on the Texas Historical Foundation Board, along with Sylvia.

His recognitions include the 2005 Jesuit College Preparatory School of Dallas Distinguished Alumnus; 2008 Jesuit Koch S.J. Award; 2000 inductee into the Nationwide Western Industry Western Image Hall of Fame; and 2001 Western Industry Executive of the Year.

Sylvia presently serves as President of the Texas Historical Foundation. She is President Emerita and Founder of the Friends of Casa Navarro; a Daughter of the Republic of Texas; a member of the Canary Island Descendants Association; Jesuit's 1999-2000 Woman of the Year; and recognized by the Texas Historical Commission with the George Christian Award (State of Texas Volunteer Award).

John and Sylvia served on the board of Storey Lane Independent Living Association, an organization that supports young adults with learning disabilities. Together, they have been Honorary Chairs of galas for the Notre Dame School of Dallas and the Jesuit College Preparatory School.

"Ireland has contributed immensely to our culture and the world, and we are proud to be a part of this legacy." – Sylvia and John Tillotson

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ENTERTAINMENT

Special live performances by

*CHLOË AGNEW, original lead singer of the
Grammy and Emmy-nominated Celtic Woman*

and

Maguire Academy of Irish Dance

1321 Commerce Street
Dallas, TX 75202

BLACK TIE

RECEPTION **6:00 PM**

DINNER AND AWARDS PRESENTATION **7:00 PM**

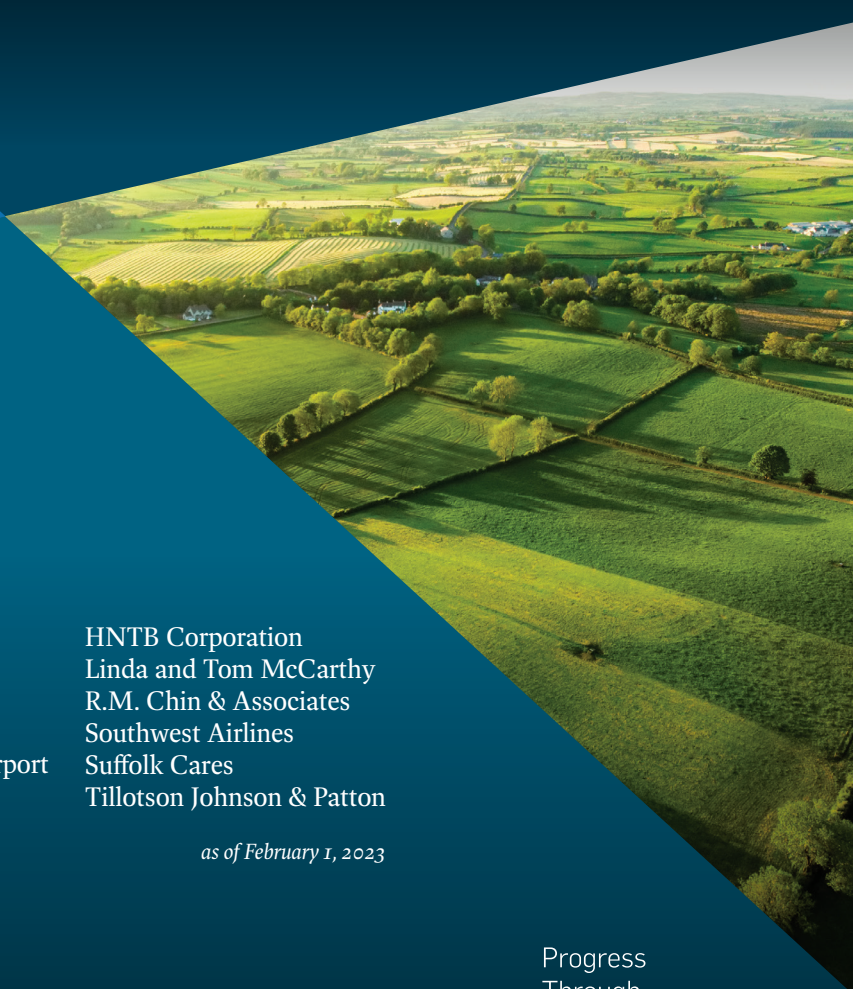
Post Dinner Reception including Bar and Irish Coffee

For event information and sponsorship packages please contact
Judy Curtis, Event Coordinator at jcurtis@irelandfunds.org or 214-505-8613

*Hotel rooms are available at a special rate of \$276 per night at The Adolphus Hotel
until March 3, 2023 by calling 1-844-236-8187 and reference The Ireland Funds.*



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