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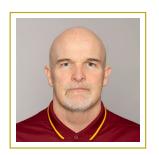
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THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025
THE NATIONAL BUILDING MUSEUM

440 G Street, NW | Washington D.C.
6:30pm Reception | 7:30pm Dinner & Program

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#### RECENT EXAMPLES OF OUR IMPACT INCLUDE:



- Supporting 379 Irish students from DEIS secondary schools to attend university through our **No Mind Left Behind Scholarship Program** for the 2024/2025 academic year, many of whom are the first in their families to attend third level education.
- Advancing peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland by tackling segregation in education through our backing of Integrated Education which brings together children from Catholic and Protestant traditions, as well as those of other beliefs, cultures and communities.
- Our diaspora support for the **African American Irish Diaspora Network** which works to foster relationships between African Americans and Ireland through shared heritage, culture and scholarship opportunities.
- Inspiring, equipping and supporting women to succeed in Irish politics through our support for Women for Election, a nonpartisan nonprofit that provides bespoke training programs and mentoring supports that have helped get hundreds of women elected to local and national government across Ireland.
- Now Ireland's National Music Education program, Music Generation was co-founded by The Ireland Funds and U2 to transform the lives of children and young people in Ireland through access to high quality performance music education in their locality. Today, over 110,000 children and young people participate annually in a Music Generation program across 29 areas of Ireland.
- In 2024, **The Ireland Funds Heart of the Community Fund** invested over \$1.5 million to support organizations across Ireland tackling a diverse range of issues from access to education and mental health services to food poverty during the holiday season, domestic violence support, and the provision of music therapy for young people in palliative care at Ireland's only children's hospice, to name but a few focus areas.

This is just a snapshot of what the success of the National Gala and generosity of our donors enable us to achieve. For more information and to get involved, please contact:

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