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Barnardos annual report 1998 /1999



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Children, their rights
and their needs



Statement from our Principal Patron, President Mary McAleese

As principal patron of Barnardos, it gives me great pleasure to send warmest greetings to the members on the occasion of their annual report 1998/1999.

It is said that what is engraved in childhood is engraved in stone. So, if we engrave well in those childhood years, we are rewarded by the development of healthy, happy adults. There are those who see many problems and lament them. There are others who see problems and set out to solve them. They are the people who take responsibility, who rebuild hope and energy, who reshape the world around them for the better.

Barnardos is full of those types of people. They look beyond the veneer of hostility or mistrust and see the person beneath who has been hurt and confused and is in need of help. Your dedication and commitment to helping young people as they face the many, often daunting challenges that life today presents, are to be commended. I congratulate all those concerned with the work of Barnardos on the practical way in which you are helping others and I wish you continuing success in your vital work.

Mary McAleese

Mary McAleese
President of Ireland

barnardos' mission statement

Barnardos is committed to the best interests of children and young people in Ireland, promoting and respecting their rights in all of our work.

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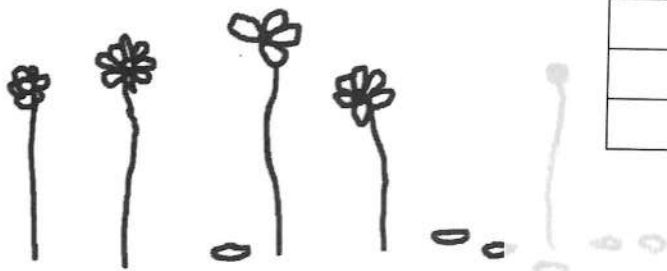
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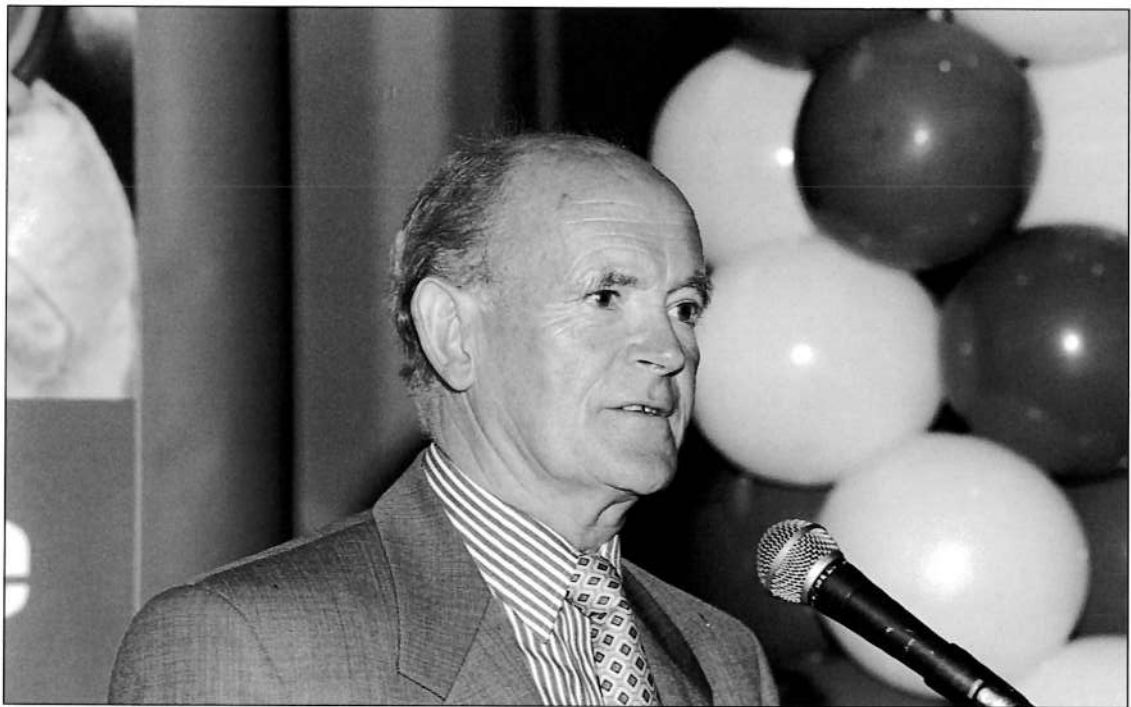


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a message from the chairman

A year of achievement and celebration Reflecting on the work of Barnardos during the past year, the twin themes of achievement and celebration are very much to the fore.

In terms of achievement we have not only maintained, but have significantly accelerated the growth and development of recent years. The needs of many more children and families are now being served through the work of our organisation, as we continue to expand our range of services at an increasing number of locations.

Acknowledging government support We are particularly pleased with the Government's endorsement of the value of family support services through the Springboard Initiative and we are delighted to have been contracted to provide six of these projects in various parts of the country.

During the year we completed a three-year strategic plan through which Barnardos is committed to spending at least IR£5 million over and above government funding between now and 2002. We look to our existing and new supporters and to statutory bodies to cement this commitment. At the same time we have also instituted a review of all our operations to ensure that they achieve best practice standards.

Our tenth anniversary An important cause for celebration this year is the fact that we have reached our tenth anniversary as an independent Irish charity. The high point of our celebrations was a party for children and parents attending our services. This was attended by Mary McAleese, President of Ireland and Patron of Barnardos.

This year therefore marks a decade in which we have gone from strength to strength. We are recognised as a dynamic and progressive organisation, making a real difference to children's lives in Ireland.

On behalf of the Council of Barnardos, I would like to acknowledge the commitment and skill of our management and staff, whose efforts to date - with the help of many supporters and funders — have done so much to enable this organisation to respond effectively to increasing numbers of children and families.

Leslie Andrews
Chairman

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operating principles

- * Barnardos has adopted the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- * All children have the right to realise their full potential.
- * Some children need help due to particular family difficulties, life events or inequalities in Irish society.
- * Contributing to the development of policy, legislation and practice affecting children's lives is important and can benefit all children.
- * Barnardos is committed to partnership and to working in an integrated way with families, communities and relevant agencies.
- * Barnardos is committed to consulting service-users on decisions which affect them, including the design and evaluation of services.
- * The principle of non-discrimination informs all of our work.
- * Barnardos takes a positive approach to health and safety issues. Barnardos is committed to ensuring that all practical steps are taken to safeguard the safety, health and welfare of all employees, service-users and visitors.
- * Barnardos is committed to full accountability to donors, funders and the public.



Derek Speirs / Report Tallaght



Derek Speirs / Report Edenderry



barnardos nationwide

Founded by Dr. Thomas Barnardo, a Dubliner, Barnardos is an independent, registered Irish charity.

The organisation has been offering support services for children in Ireland for over 30 years, working in the context of families and communities. The following are the main services we provide.

family support services

Offer support to families experiencing difficulties, with a particular focus on disadvantaged areas. These services operate in counties Dublin, Cork, Limerick, Offaly, Tipperary, Waterford and Westmeath. Family support services are provided with the support and close collaboration of local Health Boards.

national children's resource centre

The National Children's Resource Centre (NCRC) provides a one-stop library and information service on all matters relating to children, as well as child care training, for parents and professionals.

sólás

This pioneering service offers bereavement counselling for children who have lost a parent, sibling, close relative or friend.

adoption advice service

This independent, totally confidential service offers advice and assistance to anyone with an adoption concern or who has been separated from their birth family.

guardian ad litem service

This service responds to a growing need by providing independent reports to the courts concerning children involved in legal proceedings.

barnardos shops

Charity shops are currently operational in Clondalkin, Dun Laoghaire, Liffey Street and Rathmines in Dublin and in Cork.





Photo: Tony O'Shea



chief executive's review

Most parents are very ambitious for their children. At the very least, they want them to develop to their full potential. They also want them to have opportunities and choices available to them in creating a future for themselves. More than anything, they want them to be healthy and happy.

Need for government support Without interfering with the rights and responsibilities of parents, most people would agree that parents should be supported by Government policy and provision in their aspirations for their children. The more obstacles parents face in realising their hopes and dreams - for example, poverty, illness, isolation, violence - the more help should be available to them.

Provision for children still falling short Sadly, Ireland has never matched the aspirations of parents for their children. We now know only too well the legacy of past official neglect of proper standards for children in need. But even today, with our booming economy, Ireland's provision for children is still falling seriously short of their entitlement and their parents' aspirations.

For example, we have only minimum parental leave arrangements compared with other EU countries. As a consequence, many parents who would like to take time off work to care for their young children at home, simply cannot afford to. On the other hand, we have the poorest level of state support for early child development services in the EU - so Irish parents are paying more than their European counterparts for a poorer level of provision of child care services. And although we have more or less equal access to the primary school system, there are huge disparities of outcome with some children leaving national school unable to read or write and others not even completing the primary cycle. Much more needs to be done to establish the reasons for this and to take effective action to address them.

Ireland lacks ambition for her children Of course many parents have the resources to compensate for inadequacies of provision. But parents who have themselves been failed in their own childhoods or who are now confronted by serious difficulties need additional support from the State.

In truth, Ireland has never been ambitious enough for her children. We have never adequately combined the national strengths of political stability, healthy environment and significant professional expertise with the positive characteristics of family and community to produce the most beneficial outcomes for children. Now the acknowledgement of the inadequacies of the past, coupled with our economic development offers us a unique opportunity to finally **put children first**.

In the midst of our newfound economic wealth it is all too easy to forget that, for a significant minority, their lives are characterised by material privation - including hunger and homelessness - and by horror, terror, discrimination and hopelessness.

A feeling of despair Many of the families Barnardos work with feel entirely separated from Irish society in general and despair of ever getting the understanding and support they need. The effects on children growing up in such circumstances are all too easy to foresee. Now is the time for us to challenge ourselves to create an inclusive and compassionate society.

Barnardos wants to see a challenging objective being set for Ireland's provision for children, that we match the ambitions of parents and seek world class standards for our children. Because second best simply will not do. It might take twenty years or more - and we must start with realistic plans and concrete action now. Barnardos, in partnership with parents and communities, seeks a Government timetable to deliver the eradication of child poverty, the elimination of youth homelessness, and the provision of effective services to protect children at risk. On the threshold of the new millennium, let us make it a celebration of children and childhood in Ireland!



Owen Keenan
Chief Executive

supporting ireland's children into the new millennium children's hour

Children's Hour is a once in a lifetime opportunity to help create a better future for our children, as we face into the new millennium.

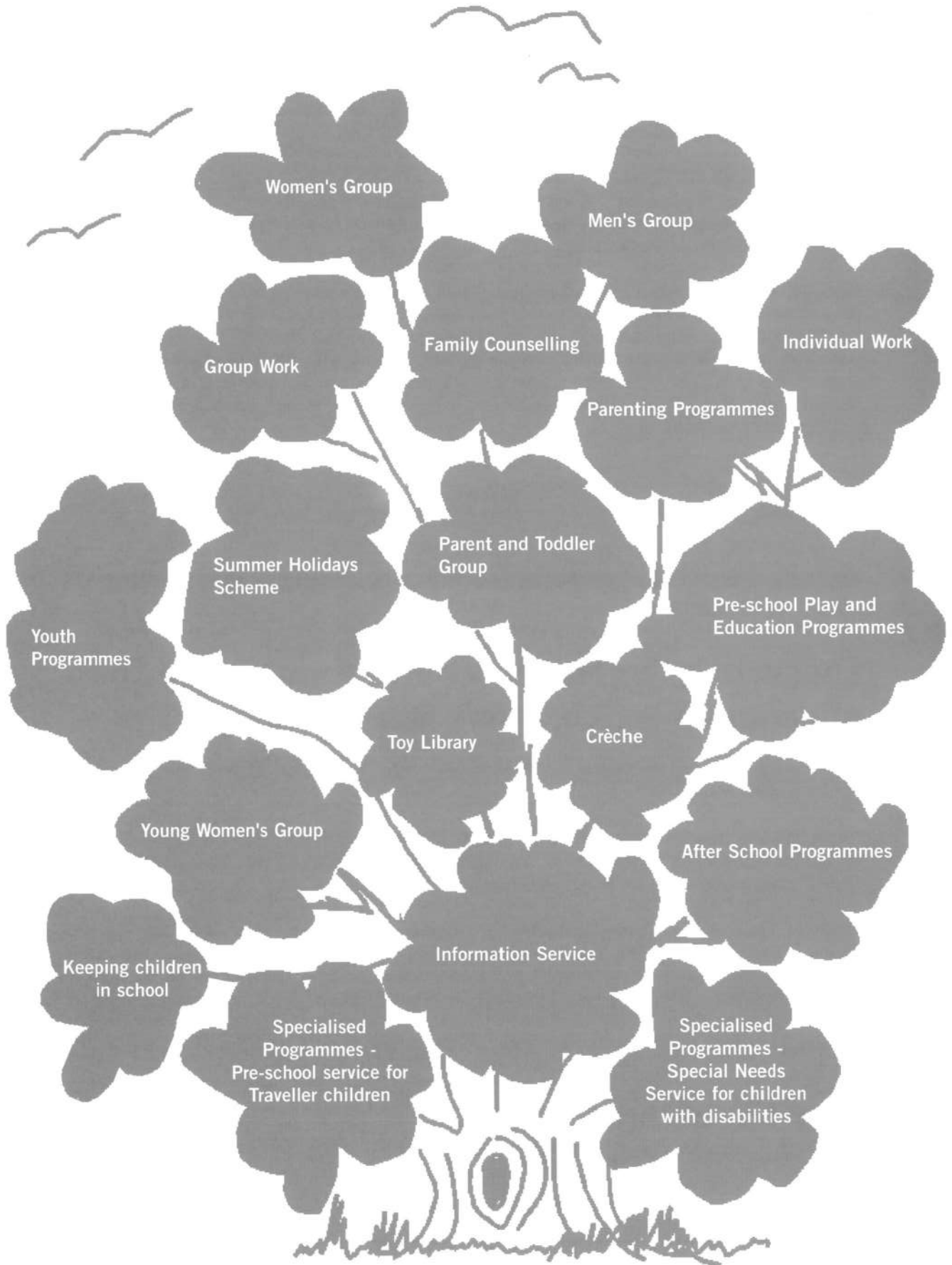
For the first time, Ireland's leading children's charities have come together in a unique partnership. By giving the last hour's pay of this millennium, workers and employees all over Ireland will create a lasting legacy, helping to change the future for many Irish children.

Barnardos, Focus Ireland, Temple Street Children's Hospital, The National Youth Federation, The Irish Children's Museum, The Children's Trust and The Irish Youth Foundation will all benefit from the funds raised. And more projects will be approved by the end of the year. Every penny raised will go direct to children's charities.

For more information, contact Barnardos or phone Children's Hour at **1850 31 12 99**.

 **children's hour**
Give an hour, change the millennium.

family support services



family support services - building on strengths

The Barnardos family support services continue to assist vulnerable families in disadvantaged areas.

The service carries out its work in a number of practical ways. Day care services provide preschool care/learning facilities for children whose families are under stress and in need of support. Youth action projects are aimed at young people with particular problems at home or at school - building their self-esteem and confidence, while improving communications with adults and peers. Other support is provided through family counselling services and special programmes in personal development for parents. For children with disabilities there is a programme designed to cater for their special needs.

The number of Barnardos Family Support Services has risen by over 40%.

Part of family support involves working with Traveller children - to which Barnardos has been committed since 1982. The emphasis here is on education, fostering a positive pre-school experience among the children, promoting their self esteem and identity and enabling their access to mainstream primary education. Another way Barnardos helps children is through after-school groups, a service aimed at children experiencing difficulty at transitional phases in the school cycle - primary to secondary. Through this service our staff maintain contact with both the children and their families, offering assistance and intervention where needed.

Family support services are currently located in Waterford, Thurles, Athlone and Edenderry, at Mahon in Cork, Moyross and Southill in Limerick, at Finglas, Mulhuddart, Blanchardstown, Ballyfermot, Clondalkin, Cherry Orchard, Tallaght, Jobstown, Loughlinstown and Dun Laoghaire in Dublin.

Comments from service users

"I didn't realise that I could actually help with my child's reading - I really saw an improvement in a short time." Parent, Finglas



Derek Speirs / Report

Ballyfermot

a look at the year gone by



New Supports The most significant trend in our family support services was growth and development. Improvements in delivering supports to families and children has been significant in all centres. In Mulhuddart, an after-school service was developed and a community playgroup and crèche was established. A second Parent and Toddler group was established in Edenderry. At the Travellers Education and Support Options project in Finglas, two pilot shared reading programmes were set up at Avila and St Josephs Park, along with a Junior Infants Educational Support programme.

The parenting programme in Moyross provided much needed information and support to parents of children attending our services. In Loughlinstown, the Family Centre intensified focused work with children in after-school groups, which has been very successful. In Dun Laoghaire, the services have continued to develop and work now takes place in five locations.

Collaboration and Networks Family Support Services have worked to forge new links with communities to strengthen existing resources. In the Youth Action Programme in Jobstown new staff were recruited and the Eastern Health Board provided a half time child care worker. One of the most significant developments for Tallaght, was the establishment of the Lorien Project, a support group for parents affected by drug misuse. In Loughlinstown, many links with community agencies were developed, and the centre joined forces with others in successfully submitting a proposal to the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform for a Crime Prevention Programme for children aged 10 plus in the area. The Dun Laoghaire Service has undertaken work funded by the Local Drugs Task Force to support and enhance parent/child relationships where drugs misuse is a factor.

Learning and Growing The year provided many opportunities to learn and to provide training for others. In Labrè Park, Ballyfermot, the Johnson & Johnson European Fund for Children's Health supported a new pilot training programme on children's health and welfare held for ten Traveller women. In Dun Laoghaire the Parents' Group completed a programme in self-esteem. Families in Edenderry who hosted children from Belarus benefited immensely from the experience.



Mulhuddart

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Comments from service users

"Sometimes I wonder how I got through. I honestly would never have got through without you. When Carmel told me I was strong inside it stayed with me. I started to believe it. Thanks Barnardos. . . you've saved me." **Mary - Blanchardstown**

age 4½

further developments - helping families nationwide

The establishment of the Springboard Initiative during the year provided a tremendous boost for our family support services around the country.

This great development owes much to the personal interest of the Minister of State with responsibility for children, Frank Fahey TD. Recognising the need to strengthen support for children and families at risk through an innovative range of preventative services, an extra IR£2.4 million was allocated for the Springboard Initiative.

A three-year pilot scheme The Springboard Initiative comprises 12 family support services projects throughout Ireland designed to provide assistance for troubled families and children at risk of neglect, abuse, early school drop-out or those in danger of coming into conflict with the law. This national initiative has been developed on a three-year pilot basis and will be subject to monitoring and evaluation by the Department of Health and Children.

Strengthening our association with health boards The health boards have a central role to play in the development of effective family support services. This springs from their statutory responsibilities to protect children and look after the welfare of children under the Child Care Act, 1991.

Six new family support projects Barnardos were invited during the year to work with the Mid-Western, Southern, South-Eastern and Midland Health Boards to develop specific proposals for projects which form part of the Springboard Initiative. We were asked to manage six new family support projects in Athlone, Thurles, Southill in Limerick, Mahon in Cork, Ballybeg in Waterford and Cherry Orchard in Dublin.

We are delighted to be extending our range of services to children and families in these locations and to further develop partnership relationships with health boards, statutory and voluntary agencies and community groups. We have also been asked to manage the training of personnel involved in the Springboard Initiative.



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Tallaght

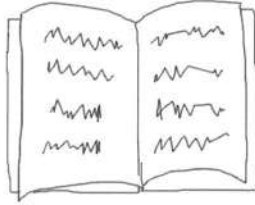
Comments from service users "I know now that I'm not the only one that needs help with children." Mulhuddart mum

"Barnardos has had a strong commitment to Family Support Services over the years. It is gratifying to see the government now making a substantial commitment on a national basis. These services can act as a pool of resources for families experiencing a wide range of difficulties, because they have been developed in the context of local needs as identified by the statutory, voluntary and community sectors."

Gráinne Burke, Director of Child Care

national children's resource centre

linking resources to people



The National Children's Resource Centre (NCRC) is a national service with offices in Dublin and Cork. This service makes available a range of information and training on issues relating to children and families.

This national service deals with over 800 enquiries a month.

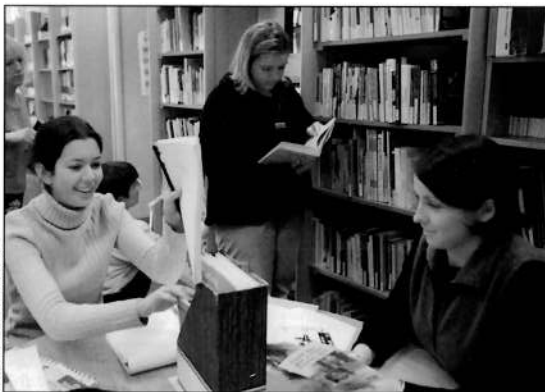
Information and training Our library and information service answers over 800 enquiries per month on various topics. This computerised multimedia library contains over 10,000 items, including books, journals, reports, official publications, videos, newspaper cuttings, leaflets and unpublished material relating to child protection, child development, legislation, bereavement, children's rights, and many other topics.

Courses are provided on all aspects of child care from child development, child protection, child care enterprise management to behaviour management, art therapy and team building. A training officer consults with individuals or organisations to plan tailor made training programmes. The training is supported by a panel of expert trainers. The training service also provides a regular programme of seminars and workshops.

Progress during the year The NCRC databases can now be accessed through Barnardos website (www.barnardos.ie). This enables users to browse the library catalogue, access databases on child care courses and parenting courses. Barnardos publications can also be purchased on-line.

www.barnardos.ie

1998 also saw the opening of the first NCRC outside of Dublin located in our Patrick's Hill office in Cork City.



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In the past year Barnardos has received funding from Area Development Management Limited, to provide information, training and support to child care personnel in 38 Partnership companies throughout the country. A pilot project offering more intensive support to five rural Partnerships is also part of this initiative.

National and regional seminars have been organised on themes such as Strategic Planning, Building Networks and good Child Care Practice.

Research and feasibility studies have been conducted during the year on behalf of the statutory, voluntary and community sectors. Results of these findings were launched throughout the year.

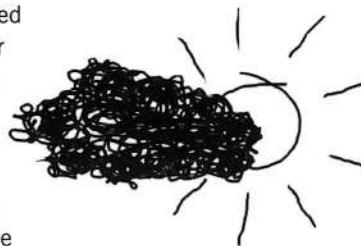
"We use Barnardos NCRC regularly and find it excellent! If specific resources are not available, alternatives are suggested and this is really useful for us as we don't know the extent of the collection because we are such a distance away. The follow up service is very efficient and we are very pleased with it." Miranda Smith, Senior Social Worker, Southern Health Board

"Heino Schonfeld has just been appointed as head of this service and so we look forward to the continued development of this far reaching service".

Gráinne Burke, Director of Child Care

Sólás - coping with loss

Sólás is a unique counselling service for bereaved children who have suffered the painful loss, through death, of a parent, carer, sibling or other significant person. A national service, which operates out of offices in Dublin and Cork, aims to help children to understand death, to help them grieve and consequently equip them to cope with their loss.



Sólás provides a number of services, including individual or family counselling and advice or training to groups involved with children who have been bereaved. There is also a specialist library and information service available, including books, leaflets and videos dealing with all aspects of death and bereavement.

Progress during the year The Sólás phone line was extended from an information and advice facility to a phone line counselling service. This development has helped to overcome geographical barriers for users.

During the year the number of new referrals to the service has reached over 300.

The hope for the coming year is to continue our service to children and families, allowing them space individually and together to come to terms with new grief and loss. It is also planned to expand our education and information service to provide more comprehensive training for primary school teachers. At the same time we are intensifying our response to the huge demand for training by professionals, community groups and schools in this area.

A national conference entitled *Children and Bereavement - Perspectives on Practice* was held last September. This highly successful event was heavily over subscribed - reflecting the enormous professional interest in the subject of children and loss.

Referrals rose to over 300 during the year, with a notable increase in the number of children coping with traumatic death.

Comments from service users

"This is a place where our pain can be heard without judgment." Parents of a murdered girl

"I wish you could 'magic' my daddy back, even for a minute, but I know you can't." Jane, aged 5

"As Head of Service, I'm delighted and proud of the developments in Sólás during the past year. For example, the development of the skill base of our phone line staff allowed us to deliver a more comprehensive, easily accessible nation wide service" **Ros McCarthy, Head of Service, Sólás**

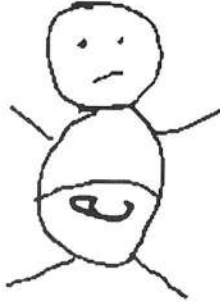


Sólás Artwork - children expressing their feelings through art

age 5

adoption advice service - independent confidential advice

Barnardos Adoption Advice Service has been operating since 1977 and provides an independent, confidential service to clients. Typically those using this service have been separated from their families of origin through adoption, being fostered or being raised in residential care.



Services are also provided for prospective adopters, for adoptive parents, birth families and all people with a query in this area.

Counselling is an important part of the adoption process and counselling services are provided to individuals by appointment, or on a group basis. An advice and information service is also provided, through a confidential advice line and at special information evenings. These services offer an opportunity for those raised outside their family of origin to obtain information about the process of finding out about or contacting their birth family.

Training is another part of the Adoption Advice Service. These sessions include guidance on telling children about adoption, as well as identifying issues for adopted adolescents.

A comprehensive library and information service on adoption is also available, comprising of a large and easy-to-use collection of books, leaflets, articles and videos.

Between April 1998 and March 1999 the service dealt with over 1800 enquiries. Of this number, 40% were new to the service.

6 years old



Comments from service users

"For years I kept my secret to myself. I gave up my lovely son for adoption. My father said it was for the best. Mark would have two lovely parents and I could get on with my life. No one would need to know. I got on with my life and tried to shut out the memory of his little hand on mine. No one would talk about him. The relief from that isolation and actually speaking to another person for the first time in 17 years was tremendous for me. It was like some big weight being lifted off my shoulders. I felt I wasn't really a bad person for giving my child up for adoption." **A birth parent**

"In 1998 we continued to provide an excellent service to our client group. The challenges posed by the changing nature of adoption and the recognition of the impact of yesterday's policies on the well-being of many of those raised within the care system has kept the service busy and focused on the need for legislative change and adequate resourcing of this vital work. We look forward to continuing to build our working relationships with the statutory and non-government organisations in this area of work. The focus of our service is guided by the needs of our client groups and we aim to offer best practice in our work with them". **Norah Gibbons, Director of Child Care.**

guardian ad litem service - a voice in court

The Guardian ad Litem (Guardian at Law) service, introduced in 1997, offers a valuable service for children who are the subject of legal proceedings. The service made considerable progress during the year and in 1999 a Head of Service was appointed.



The Guardian ad Litem is appointed by the Court and advises on what is in the best interests of the child concerned. The Guardian ad Litem also makes the court aware of the child's wishes. This often happens through letters to the Judge whom the child / young person sometimes meets. Consultation with the child, the child's family, the health board and other statutory and non-statutory organisations who know the child and the family is a key part of the work of the Guardian ad Litem.

From 1997 to 1998, this service grew by 63% and already in the first half of 1999 it has increased by a further 20%.

Court proceedings are often concerned about whether a child should be permanently removed from his or her parent's care and placed in the care of a health board.

For a child of any age this is a very important decision, because the consequences of such a decision will have a life-long bearing on him or her.

In practical terms, the Guardian ad Litem service tells the court, on the child's behalf, what the child wishes. It also advises the Court as to what, in the opinion of such a guardian, is in the interest of the child.

With such information before the court - the parents' perspective, that of the health board, if involved, the child's own wishes and an independent recommendation - it can then make a decision which is in the child's best interest.



note: these children are not users of GAL service

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"I look forward to the challenge of developing a vibrant Guardian ad Litem service for children in Ireland. The Guardian ad Litem brings an independent voice to the court, is primarily concerned with the best interests of the child/young person concerned and can help the Court reach the best possible decision for that child."

Helen McGree, Head of Service, Guardian ad Litem



Minister John O'Donoghue launched Barnardos' ADM publication - *Employment Potential within the Child Care Sector*, February 1999.

influencing child care policy

barnardos participation at national level

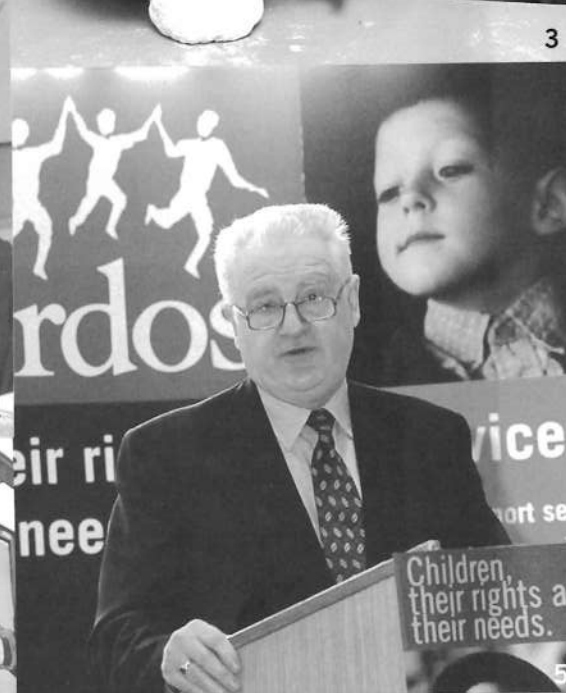
Over the years, Barnardos has been making a concerted effort to influence child care policy at national level. Over the past year, a staff team, with the support of a policy adviser, has prepared policy papers on a number of key issues.

Submissions have been made to government on aspects of our juvenile justice system, on the White Paper on the role of the voluntary sector, on mandatory reporting of child abuse and on the establishment of a register of sex offenders and on the issue of attempted suicide among young people.

Formulating our response Over the coming months policy proposals will be prepared on how we respond to young people deemed 'out of control' and on the issue of domestic violence and its impact on children. In cooperation with other agencies, proposals will also be formulated on youth crime and child poverty.

"Barnardos has a range of experiences in providing services for children and it is important that this experience has an influence on how our national child care policies are developed," says Barnardos' policy adviser, Brian Kenny. "During the coming year it is hoped that we can make a constructive contribution to the debate on the child care issues which are of critical public importance."

Barnardos' Deputy Chief Executive, Madeleine Clarke, was the first chairperson of the Children's Rights Alliance, a coalition of agencies campaigning for children's rights.



SPRINGBOARD
To a Better

communications

In a year of significant developments for child care in Ireland, Barnardos has been busy communicating our messages to audiences from politicians to media to ordinary people.

In December the Barnardos website went live. www.barnardos.ie

A 6 week nation-wide billboard campaign (donated by David Allen) promoted our message in March, April and May. Here are some other highlights

1. David Gamble, Chair of Barnardos UK, Mrs Liz Gamble and Chief Executive Owen Keenan at Barnardos 10th Anniversary Party.

3. An Tánaiste Mary Harney visited Barnardos Special Needs Service in Tallaght, in March 1999.

5. Minister Joe Jacob at the launch of a Barnardos / ADM publication, June 1999.

7. Cian McCormack, star of Barnardos nation-wide campaign in April 1999.

9. Ray Darcy at Barnardos 10th Anniversary Party in Dublin, May 1999.

2. Minister Micheál Martin with Marion Kelly of Barnardos at the launch of the Cork Services

4. Taoiseach Bertie Ahern, P.J. Fitzpatrick, (Chief Executive, EHB), Minister Frank Fahey, Roisin Shortall (Chair, EHB) at the launch of the Springboard Initiative, Cherry Orchard, Dublin, June 1998.

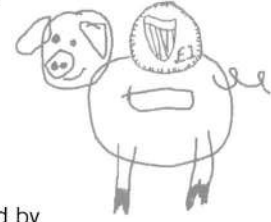
6. Lord Mayor of Cork, Joe O'Flynn, entertainer Billa O'Connell and shop manager Maureen O'Sullivan at the official opening of Barnardos shop in Cork, May 1999. Photo, The Examiner.

8. President Mary McAleese, boxer Francis Barrett and Velcro Girl at Barnardos 10th Anniversary Party in Dublin, May 1999.

raising funds

During 1998 fundraising for Barnardos was reviewed to help us to improve our methods and to ensure us that we are spending available funding as wisely as possible.

As a first step, we plan to invest in our fundraising activities, including shops, with plans to open additional outlets around Ireland over the coming five years.



Barnardos opened a shop in Cork at 39 Maylor Street. It was officially launched by Cork's Lord Mayor, Councillor Joe O'Flynn and Cork's Billa O'Connell. (photo 1).

Progress during the year One of the highlights of the year was the walk by 34 volunteers walked Costa Rican rain forests for ten days on the Barnardos Costa Rica Adventure (photo 2). This raised a sum of IR£34,000. Amazingly, on their return, these same volunteers raised a further IR£18,000 for a new mini-bus for our Tallaght services in Dublin (photo 3).

Primary school children all over Ireland again participated in the Junior Petunia Schools Competition and the Bizzy Lizzy Challenge, supported by Plants*Plus*, raising more money than ever before.



Photo: The Examiner

3. Some of Barnardos fundraising volunteers who together raised funds to buy a mini-bus for Barnardos.

4. An Tanaiste, Mary Harney who donated the proceeds of her charity bet with Stewart Kenny, Paddy Power Bookmakers and Deirdre Mortell (Barnardos).

our willing and able supporters thank you to all those who have helped us

Barnardos wishes to thank all its supporters over the last year and indeed for the last ten years. Without the help of supporters, volunteers, and donors, we could not raise funds, run shops or deliver services for children and families.

Barnardos offers a special welcome to a new volunteer group - Barnardos Fundraising Board; members include: Declan Ryan (Chair), Mary Broughan, Niamh Cleary, Louise Kennedy, Maeve Kneafsey and Paul McGowan

why do people volunteer for barnardos?



Brendan recently visited the Tallaght projects and took a trip around several estates in west Tallaght on the eight year-old mini bus. "It left a lasting impression on me," he said, "I live five miles away, but it is two different worlds. The children there don't have much of a chance. It made me feel privileged and I just wanted to give something back." **Brendan Clemenger, fundraising volunteer**



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"For years I have been at home, rearing my family - when I became involved in the family centre, as a volunteer, I really felt I had something to offer".
Gertie Cullen, Family Centre, Edenderry

companies who gave over £1,000 in 1998/99

All Print & Design
Bank of Ireland
David Allen
EMI Records
ICS Building Society
Johnson & Johnson European Fund for Children's Health
McCann-Erickson Dublin
McVities
Newpark Promotions
Paddy Power

PlantsPlus
Print & Display
Rennicks
The Hoson Company
John Sisk
Electricaid
Westland
AIB - Strategic Developments Unit
Aer Rianta
KPMG
Careers Register



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barnardos' future priorities - as we enter a new millennium

Our wish for the future At Barnardos we believe that Ireland should set the objective of achieving a level of provision for children that matches the best in the world. We aspire to being world leaders in other spheres of endeavour - why should we settle for anything less than the best for children and families? Undoubtedly, given our exceptionally low starting point, it will take many years - perhaps a generation - to achieve this standard. But the sooner we start, the better.

In commenting on government action regarding children, our question will be: "How does this contribute to Ireland's achievement of world-class standards of provision for children?"

Getting our house in order If we are to apply such a challenging standard to government initiatives, it seems only fair that we should also apply it to ourselves. This year Barnardos is commencing a review of our existing services against best practice standards and we are committed to implementing the learning attained in the interests of continually improving the effectiveness of our work.

Our priorities over the next three years Having recently completed and launched a three-year action plan, it is Barnardos intention over the next three years to add further to the growth and development that has seen 13 new services established since 1993. We have announced a commitment to raise a minimum of IR£5million over the next three years - over and above funding received from government sources - to invest in an expanded range of services for children, including the following:

- Children affected by parental separation
- Children in the care system
- Children who are homeless
- Children who are begging
- Children from ethnic minorities
- Children in conflict with the law
- Children who are refugees or whose families are asylum-seeking

We recognise that the needs of these groups are real and complex. We are committed to consulting with other interested organisations in developing an appropriate response. We have a particular interest in forming strategic alliances with other organisations, both statutory and voluntary, to ensure that our interventions are as effective as possible.



Our commitment to continuous improvement We are committed to continually improving the quality of our work in every part of the organisation. Our aspiration is that we can join with other like-minded organisations in raising our standards of provision for children and families to new heights.

On that note, we challenge all our political parties to endorse and adopt the achievement of world class provision as their goal for children as we begin to determine the kind of society we will have in the new millennium. In short, the challenge is less about what needs to be done, and more about whether we have the political will to do it.



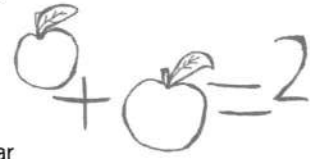


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treasurer's report

The audited accounts now presented are for a nine-month period to facilitate a change over to reporting on a calendar year basis going forward.



They show a healthy, though exceptional, surplus due almost entirely to receipt of a large end of year payment from the Eastern Health Board as part of the correction of a substantial historical shortfall in statutory funding, reported on in previous years. Further action is required to secure Health Board funding at satisfactory levels into the future.

The accounts reflect very substantial growth in the scope of Barnardos operations overall, and in particular the expansion of our range of services outside Dublin. This development, coupled with Council's confidence in the organisation's capacity to respond effectively to the substantial needs of children and families in Ireland, is a firm basis for further expansion of our child care services nationwide. As part of a recently completed three year action plan Barnardos has committed to expenditure of a minimum of £5m over the next three years, over and above funding received from statutory sources. We look forward with confidence to the continuing and growing support of the public in general, and the corporate sector in particular, to enable this target to be met.

Mary Broughan
Honorary Treasurer.

members of council:

Leslie Andrews (Chair), Kenneth Milne (Vice-Chair), Mary Broughan (Honourary Treasurer), David Gamble, Gemma Rowley, Kathleen Murray, Declan Ryan, John Hillyer.

financial review for year ended december 1998

Accounts for the (transitional) 9 month year to 31st December 1998 follow, figures for the 12 month year to 31st March 1998 are provided for comparative purposes. A full set of audited accounts are available on request from Christchurch Square, Dublin 8.

Barnardos Republic of Ireland Limited (A company limited by guarantee)		Income and Expenditure Account for the period ended 31 December 1998		
	31/12/1998 (9 months) Euro€	31/12/998 (9 months) IR£	31/3/1998 (12 months) IR£	
Income				
Income from supporters				
Special events and general donations	321,333	253,070	116,744	
Legacies	-	-	60,642	
Shop income	+ 206,246	162,432	115,468	
Total voluntary income	= 527,579	415,502	292,854	
Other income				
Statutory income	1,511,696	1,190,557	1,131,759	
Fees and grants for child care services	356,038	280,403	124,784	
Grant from Barnardos (UK)	780,889	615,000	660,000	
Bank and other short term interest	27,280	21,485	20,516	
Realised gain on disposal of asset	+ -	-	18,000	
Total income	= 3,203,482	2,522,947	2,247,913	
Expenditure				
Child care services	2,260,940	1,780,635	1,911,399	
Fund-raising and publicity costs	173,226	136,426	63,060	
Administration	+ 119,388	94,026	94,007	
Total operating expenditure	= 2,553,554	2,011,087	2,068,466	
Net surplus for period	= 649,928	511,860	179,447	

Barnardos Republic of Ireland Limited
(A company limited by guarantee)

Balance Sheet
at 31 December 1998

	31/12/1998 Euro€	31/12/1998 IR£	31/3/1998 IR£
Assets Employed			
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	2,092,592	1,648,050	1,633,592
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Current Assets			
Stock	34,787	27,397	17,039
Debtors	828,353	652,381	67,101
Cash at bank	+ 594,868	468,497	561,353
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	1,458,008	1,148,275	645,493
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Current Liabilities			
Creditors (amounts falling due within one year)	(240,875)	(189,705)	(184,325)
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Net Current Assets	1,217,133	958,570	461,168
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Total Assets	= 3,309,725	2,606,620	2,094,760
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Represented by			
General and capital funds	= 3,309,725	2,606,620	2,094,760
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Auditors: Ernst & Young

Approved by the Council on 30 April 1999 Leslie Andrews and Mary Broughan - Members of Council

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Clondalkin
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ten yrs

nine

eight

seven

6 years old

age 5

age 4½

