

Families and children cared for:

RESPITE

TRANSITIONAL

HOME SUPPORT

RESIDENTIAL

END-OF-LIFE CARE

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The Children's Sunshine Home

Annual Report 2008



Our Mission – We care for children with life-limiting conditions and their families providing transitional care, home support, respite, crisis and end-of-life care. Our services are available to all children with high medical and nursing needs.

Our Vision – All children who need us, can access us!



The Children's Sunshine Home

CHAIRMAN'S & CEO REPORT

Individually we are one drop – together we are an ocean.

Ryunosuke Satoro

Dear Friends,

Welcome to our 2009 Annual Review of The Children's Sunshine Home and LauraLynn House.

We are the only charity working to give families and their sick children choices for end-of-life care, respite and home support.

Our "business" is embracing life and helping families to make the most of every day, improve the quality of life for the child and their families by providing support, transitional care, respite, crisis and end of life care.

2008 was a very successful year for The Children's Sunshine Home and LauraLynn House. We had a very clear focus of what we wanted and needed to do and have planned appropriately to make this happen. Construction on LauraLynn House is starting this summer and we hope to open the doors to families in January 2011.

TOGETHER

Children's Sunshine Home has evolved tremendously over the last 80 years. From small beginnings, we have grown into an organisation supporting a greater number of children with a wider range of needs than ever before.

Year after year, we go from strength to strength and this is result of our long last relationships with families, volunteers, local community, health professional and corporates.

- Together we can create awareness of the needs for dying children and lack of services
- Together we can give children and their families a better quality of life
- Together we can give families more choices for end-of-life care or respite

We wish to acknowledge the leadership and invaluable support from the Board (both old and new) and Trustees. Our heartfelt thanks to all the staff, volunteers and families whose enthusiasm and commitment have brought The Children's Sunshine Home to new levels of achievement.

We look forward to continued partnership in 2009/10 and the exciting development of LauraLynn House.

George Balmer
Chairman

Philomena Dunne
Chief Executive Officer

ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCES

In 2008, over 82 families with serious illnesses benefitted from the care provided by the Children's Sunshine Home.

Volunteers

A total of 185 people generously donated their time at The Children's Sunshine Home. It is wonderful to have the support of some many volunteers who offer their services to improve our care, raise funds, awareness and promote Childrens' Sunshine Home. Our heartfelt thanks – we couldn't do it with out you - be those who help throughout the year with the children from hydrotherapy to play to those who helped on Family Fun Day or helped maintain our grounds and buildings. Everyone has an important role to play.

New Initiatives in 2008/9

We are delighted that our Strategy falls in line with HSE Transformation and the move towards community based services available locally - All Children who need us can access us.

- Completed our Strategic Plan 2008-2013 focusing on growth, community and palliative care
- Finalised plans for LauraLynn House and received planning permission
- Building work to start Summer 2009 awaiting final tenders.
- Engaged family in preparation and overall strategy for Children's Sunshine Home /LauraLynn.

Fundraising Highlights

Total funds received in 2008 from donations, sponsorship and fundraising was xxxx, an increase of ??? Children's Sunshine Home / LauraLynn House received X% of its funding from HSE and rest is raised with the wonderful support of donors, volunteers, companies and supporters.



SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

For the year ended December 2008

Our accounts show a year end surplus/deficity of €260,863
We were careful to ensure that its funds were used responsibly

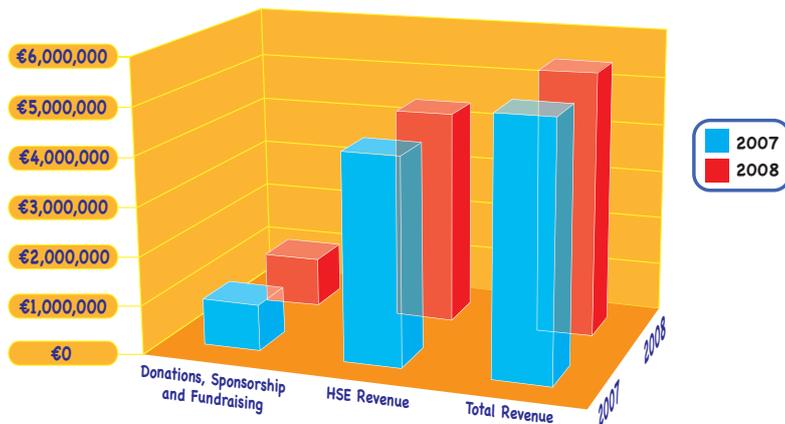
INCOME and EXPENDITURE

In 2008-9 The Children's Sunshine Home expenditure was €5,370,960
Our fundraising costs were slightly lower than in previous years at €144,119

In 2008-9 The Children's Sunshine Home income was €5,110,029

Donations from individuals, companies, groups and trusts remained the most important source of funding for us, accounting for 19% of our income.

Funding from statutory sources increased slightly to 81% of our income, but we will continue to work with HSE to secure more funding in future years.



To request full copy of our Financial Accounts please call Aidan on 01-2893151 or email acullinan@csh.ie



"We still visit our friends in the Children's Sunshine Home for a sleepover now and then. We remain eternally grateful to you for being an imperative part of all our lives during Cara's first year. You taught us how to laugh again and for that we thank you!"



Adult Review - Following on from our Adult Review in 2007 we have put together a sub-committee comprising of parents, staff as well as representative from HSE to shape the outcome of this assessment.

Parent's Commuication Forums - This was established and managed by a sub-committee of parents, staff and board members.

"My name is Kate, I was born and unfortunatly there were complications at birth which means I need to be tube fed, my lungs regularly cleaned. I have been staying at The Children's Sunshine Home and in a routine, sleep throught the night and my mummy and daddy have a much better understanding of how to care for me. I'm going home this week and am so excited but will get to come for sleepovers at the Children's Sunshine Home anytime I want.
(Transitional Care)"

