

DISABILITY GOLD BADGE APPEAL

17TH – 23RD SEPTEMBER 2007



Rooney trio Adam and (twins) Josh and Luke reminded us to go for gold for Enable Ireland and purchase a €2.00 gold badge from Enable Ireland volunteers nationwide at the launch of Enable Ireland's "Gold Badge Appeal" Action on Disability Week



In Cork, John O'Connor was joined by Lorraine O'Leary and Charlie Fellows of Enable Ireland Cork fundraising as they unveiled a treasure chest of gold badges at Garryvoe Beach in Co. Cork to highlight the Go for Gold theme of the 2007 Action Week on Disability



Members of the Connacht rugby team take time out of their busy schedule to highlight the Go for Gold Theme of the 2007 Action Week on Disability Week in Galway. Pictured Back L- R: Andrew Farley, Aidan Wynne, Peter Durcan & Andrew Browne Connacht Rugby and Front L-R: Ronan O Flaherty, Enable Ireland Champion Mark Halliday & Joanne Murphy Enable Ireland Fundraising Co-ordinator West



DUBLIN

CONGRATULATIONS TO DUBLIN FIRE BRIGADE RECRUITS!

Recruit Aidan O'Sullivan taking part in Everest Climb Challenge for Enable Ireland



In August 2007, Dublin Fire Brigade recruits of class 1/2007 took part in an action-packed display of fire-fighting skills at their Passing Out Ceremony.

The event started with rousing tunes from the Dublin Fire Brigade Pipe Band and a breathtaking foot drill. The recruits then ably demonstrated a series of exercises including firework explosions, car accidents and daring ladder rescues. A thrilled audience of families, colleagues and friends looked on.

The many children in the audience were delighted to receive goody bags as the recruits demonstrated how to fight a blaze in a sweet factory.

Recruit Liam Rooney won the prestigious Silver Axe trophy, awarded to the best recruit in each class.

As part of the celebrations, the recruits presented a cheque for €23,000 to Enable Ireland. They raised the funds on May 24th via a gruelling ladder exercise where they climbed a total of 29,028 feet - the equivalent height of Mount Everest!

Many thanks to the class of 2007 and to Course Director Paul L'Estrange for their support and generosity.

Pictured from L to R: Liam Rooney, Suzanne Kelly (Retail and Fundraising Enable Ireland), Paul L'Estrange (Recruits Course Director)



Monies raised through fundraising activities by Irish companies are used to enhance the services Enable Ireland provides for people with disabilities throughout the Enable Ireland 14 regional locations.

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GALWAY

TRENDS GOLF SOCIETY

RISE TO THE CHALLENGE

Trends Golf Society held a golf outing and fundraising night in October 2007 to raise money to purchase a specialised bike for Jack Colbert, son of Ger and Jacinta Colbert, friends of the Trends Golf Society in Salthill.

Through the trojan work of all involved they raised enough money to not only purchase the fabulous bike for Jack but also to make a donation of the surplus raised to Enable Ireland Galway of over €5,000. The bike purchased was from a company in England who customised the bike to Jack's specific measurements and requirements.

Many thanks to everyone involved in the society and all who supported their fundraising efforts.



Pictured at the Presentation to Enable Ireland are Back Row L to R: John O'Brien Captain Trends Golf Society, Ger Colbert, Stevie Cullinane Trends Pub & Joanne Murphy Enable Ireland. Front Row L to R: Jack Colbert & John Quinn

CORK

Marilyn O'Riordan puts her walking shoes on for Enable Ireland

MARILYN'S

MAGNIFICENT

SEVEN

Enable Ireland Cork services received €12,429.45 from experienced fundraiser Marilyn O'Riordan after she completed her mammoth challenge of walking seven marathons in seven days! Marilyn walked from Bray in Co. Wicklow through Arklow,

onto Gorey, Enniscorthy, Wexford, Waterford, Dungarven, Youghal and crossed the finish line in Cork. She completed this 183.4 mile challenge in April 2007, and kindly donated half of all the proceeds to Enable Ireland Cork Services.



NATIONAL

ENABLE IRELAND CELEBRATES 20 YEARS OF RETAIL SHOPPING

L-R: Ann Kelly, Regional Manager, Retail, Fionnuala O'Donovan, CEO Enable Ireland, Donal Cashman, Chairman of Enable Ireland, Laura O'Connor, Volunteer, Teresa Looby, Manager, Enable Ireland Shop, Capel Street & Volunteers Kathleen Poole, Marie Johnson, and Phyllis McDonald.



Coinciding with the “Gold Badge Appeal” Action Week on Disability, well known celebrities including Laura Bermingham, Fair City actor David Mitchell, comedian Priscilla Robinson and Miss Ireland Blathnaid McKenna joined staff and volunteers past and present to celebrate 20 years of charity shopping at Enable Ireland’s first retail shop in Capel Street, Dublin.

Irish models from the 80’s and present day marked the anniversary celebrations with a fashion extravaganza of past and present day designer and vintage attire including expensive pieces by internationally acclaimed designers Lainey Keogh and Aideen Bodkin.

CEO of Enable Ireland Fionnuala O’Donovan extended a huge thanks to the fantastic team of staff and volunteers who have played a huge role in servicing and managing the Enable Ireland retail shops around the country.

Volunteers Kathleen Poole, Phyllis McDonald, Laura O’Connor and Marie Johnson were also commended for their distinguishing service and outstanding work in the Capel Street shop and received a Gold Badge Award from Enable Ireland CEO Fionnuala O’Donovan.



Model Aoife Cogan