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Malone Integrated College lives their ethos

# Impact Report

FALL /WINTER 2022



## Your Impact

Together, we have provided  
more than \$1.2 million to  
schools and communities  
in need

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Pupils at St. Francis Senior National School, Priorswood, Dublin





Leadership Mission delegates at the Malone Integrated School in Belfast

# Dear Friends,

*As we emerge from the pandemic and address new global challenges, I wish to express my sincere gratitude for your ongoing support. Your commitment to the work of the Irish American Partnership is more valued than ever.*



I am proud to share that, together this year, we have provided more than \$1.2 million to schools and communities across Ireland. Many of these grants were disbursed during our 2022 Leadership Mission, where the impact of your giving was clear. From university access scholarships and technical apprenticeships, to primary school libraries and outdoor learning resources, you are helping students at every stage of their educational journey.

Over the next few pages, you will hear from some of the principals and students that have benefitted from your kindness. As you read these stories of impact, I hope you recognize the vital role you play in making the future brighter for these young people.

Looking to 2023, Ireland is faced with challenges and economic uncertainty.

In the past, your generosity has eased the burden and helped students thrive regardless of their economic status. I am positive that our resilient community can come together, as we always have, to honor our heritage and address these difficulties. I am grateful to each of you for giving the gift of education.

**Michael T. Clune**  
*Chairman, Irish American Partnership*





# Outdoor Play in County Clare

Students celebrating their new play area at Stonehall National School in Co. Clare

Stonehall National School is a rural co-educational primary school in Newmarket-on-Fergus, Co. Clare. With just over 100 students ranging from ages 5 to 12, they have four mainstream classes and one early intervention class.

This past September, the Partnership was delighted to gift a grant to improve the school’s outdoor play area. Said Principal Diarmaid McMahon, “Over the past number of years, I would have to ask a child to put away his/her hurley because of safety. We simply didn’t have an area where the children could safely go and enjoy the game, without the constant fear that someone would get hurt.”

This grant, along with three others, was given in honor of our Ambassador Leona Maguire’s participation in the 2022 Women’s Irish Open, which took place nearby. On the heels of her best-ever major finish, Maguire provided an incredible performance to finish the tournament, and thanks to her, local school children have been inspired.

Maguire said, “I am so delighted to award grants to these four primary schools. We are committed to supporting young people across Ireland’s education pathway and look forward to doing all that we can to support more schools in the near future.”

## OUTDOOR PLAY & LEARNING

*“The benefits of your generosity go far beyond children honing their skills. Through any form of outdoor play children are developing values which they will carry with them throughout their lives.”*

- Principal Diarmaid McMahon



Students at the Stonehall National School





# Storytime in Waterville

**E**arlier this year, a grant given to St. Finian's National School, in Waterville, Co. Kerry enabled the school to complete the design of an existing room and furnish a new library.

“Without this generous donation, a small rural school like ours would struggle to raise funds that allow us to create vital resources, extending equal educational opportunities to all children,” said Principal David O’Leary.

***A thank you from all the pupils of St Finian’s National School:***

“I believe that there is a book for everyone in the new library. A library is great for the school because, not only is reading fun, it also enhances your vocabulary and knowledge of words.”

“I love the library because when you look at the room it feels so welcoming. I love all the books and the colors, and the couches and beanbags are so comfy. I think the green plants tie it all together because I think plants make anything prettier.”

“I like having a wide selection of books because not everyone likes the same books. I think the library will be loved for many years ahead.”

“We want to thank everyone at the Partnership who made this possible for us. Perhaps one day you may be able to visit our beautiful new library for yourself.”

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## **St. Finian’s National School**

Situated in Waterville in South Kerry

School motto “Déan do dhícheall i gcónaí”  
which means, *always do your best.*

**100 years old** in 2015

**103 students** enrolled

Community donated more than 1,500 books to the school’s library campaign.



Students enjoying the new library at St. Finian’s National School, Waterville, Co. Kerry



# YOUR IMPACT IN 2021

We are dedicated to connecting Irish America and friends of Ireland to their Irish heritage through direct giving - we invest in schools, university scholarships, community development organizations, education centers for homeless youth, programs of peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland, integrated education initiatives, Irish arts, sports, cultural and heritage programs, and more, throughout the island of Ireland.

Since 1986, our wonderful supporters have honored their heritage, raising more than \$50 million in support of these programs, nurturing the next generation of global leaders.

**The Irish American Partnership.  
Investing in Ireland's Future.**

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## YOUR IMPACT

**50,000+**

Irish students, young people, and community leaders have benefited from Partnership funding.

**\$50,000,000+**

Raised in support of the future of Ireland - its people.

**550+**

Schools and community organizations have received your support.

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**\$1.9M**

\$1,933,769 raised in support of the Partnership mission

**\$1.5M**

\$1,548,164 raised to benefit educational programs like direct grants to schools, university scholarships and integrated education initiatives in Northern Ireland.

**\$84K**

\$84,014 raised for community development organizations and programs

**\$301K**

\$301,591 raised for programs promoting Irish heritage and culture

**100%**

The Partnership operates at a 100% efficiency level and we take great pride in facilitating your giving.



## MAKE A GIFT

Your gift helps the Partnership respond to the many requests for our support from schools, universities and communities throughout Ireland.



# 2021 Grants Highlights

## 2021 O'Neill School Grants Program

ANTRIM	Integrated Education Fund	\$ 10,000
ANTRIM	Glynn Primary School	\$ 2,500
CLARE	Cooraclare National School	\$ 2,000
CLARE	Ennis Community College	\$ 4,000
CORK	Ballyhea National School	\$ 1,500
CORK	Scoil Realt na Mara	\$ 1,500
CORK	Abbeystewry National School	\$ 2,500
CORK	Bandon Grammar School	\$ 2,000
CORK	Shanbally National School	\$ 2,500
CORK	Gaelscoil Ui Riada	\$ 2,500
CORK	Scoil Barra	\$ 5,000
CORK	Summercove National School	\$ 1,000
DUBLIN	Bunscoil Synge Street	\$ 1,000
DUBLIN	St. Francis Senior National School	\$ 5,000
DUBLIN	Scoil Chiarain CBS	\$ 2,500
GALWAY	Scoil Naisiunta Inis Meadhoin	\$ 1,000
GALWAY	Scoil Naisiunta Caomhain	\$ 2,000
GALWAY	Scoil Naisiunta Ronain	\$ 1,000
GALWAY	St. Colman's National School	\$ 1,000
GALWAY	Scoil Chroi Naofa	\$ 2,500
KERRY	St. Finian's National School	\$ 2,500
KERRY	St. Francis Special School	\$10,000
KERRY	Presentation Primary School	\$15,000
KERRY	Firies National School	\$ 5,000
KERRY	Tarbert National School	\$ 1,500
KERRY	Anabla National School	\$10,000
KERRY	CBS Primary Tralee	\$15,700
KILKENNY	Scoil Mhuire gan Smal	\$ 1,000
KILKENNY	Bennettsbridge National School	\$ 5,000
KILKENNY	Glenmore National School	\$ 1,000
LAOIS	Scoil Bhríde	\$ 2,500
LAOIS	SN Naomh Colmille	\$ 2,500
LEITRIM	St. Clare's Primary School	\$ 8,044
LEITRIM	St. Patrick's National School	\$ 2,500
LIMERICK	Thomond Community College	\$16,559
LIMERICK	Botharmore National School	\$ 2,500
LIMERICK	Milford National School	\$ 1,000
LONGFORD	Clontuskert National School	\$ 2,500
LONGFORD	Tang National School	\$ 5,000
LONGFORD	Lanesborough Primary School	\$ 3,025
LOUTH	Collon National School	\$ 1,000
LOUTH	Faughart Community National School	\$ 1,000
LOUTH	St. Joseph CBS Secondary School	\$ 1,500
MAYO	St. Joseph's National School	\$ 1,000
MEATH	St. Patrick's Classical School	\$ 2,500
MONAGHAN	Scoil Naisiunta Comhghall	\$ 2,000
MONAGHAN	St. Edna's National School	\$ 2,500
TIPPERARY	Clonmore National School	\$ 1,500
TIPPERARY	Mullinahone National School	\$ 2,500
WESTMEATH	Scoil Mhuire Loughear	\$ 1,000
WEXFORD	Sacred Heart National School	\$ 1,500
WICKLOW	Kilmacanogue National School	\$ 1,000
NATIONWIDE	Thomas F. Meagher Foundation	\$11,460



## 2021 Science Education

DUBLIN/LIMERICK/BELFAST	RDS Primary Science Fairs	\$50,000
LIMERICK	Mary Immaculate College	\$10,000
DUBLIN	DCU Institute of Education	\$20,000

## 2021 University Scholarships

ANTRIM	Ulster University	\$10,000
ANTRIM	Queen's University	\$10,000
CLARE	Shannon College of Hotel Management	\$40,000
DUBLIN	Technological University Dublin	\$10,000
DUBLIN	Dublin City University	\$10,000
DUBLIN	University College Dublin Chemical Engineering	\$ 7,500
DUBLIN	Trinity University	\$10,000
DUBLIN	University College Dublin School of Medicine	\$10,000
DUBLIN	Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland	\$17,420
GALWAY	University of Galway	\$25,000
KERRY	Munster Technological University	\$10,000
KILDARE	Maynooth University	\$11,026
LIMERICK	University of Limerick	\$11,927
NATIONWIDE	Gaelic Players Association (GPA)	\$35,000

## 2021 Community Grants

ANTRIM	YouthLink	\$10,000
ANTRIM	Center for Democracy & Peace Building	\$10,000
ANTRIM	Ulster Historical Society	\$ 1,575
ANTRIM	Community Foundation for NI	\$15,000
ANTRIM	Onwards and Upwards	\$10,000
CLARE	Doonbeg GAA	\$ 7,500
CORK	Friends of Mallow Hospital	\$ 1,200
DERRY	Fighting Words NI	\$10,000
DUBLIN	Good Neighbors Social Club	\$ 2,300
DUBLIN	Fastrack Into IT	\$10,000
GALWAY	Kylemore Abbey	\$162,612
GALWAY	Aran Islands GAA	\$ 3,000
GALWAY	Druid Theatre Company	\$ 2,500
KERRY	Causeway Community Development	\$10,000
KERRY	Ballinskelligs Inshore Rescue	\$10,000
LIMERICK	Foynes Flying Boat Museum	\$ 1,100
MAYO	Mayo GAA	\$213,324
MAYO	Parish of Partry	\$10,000
TYRONE	Ulster American Folk Park	\$20,150

## 2021 Education Centers for Homeless Youth

DUBLIN	Peter McVerry Trust	\$200,000
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“ Our diaspora in America has for many years played a crucial role in supporting peace and prosperity on the island of Ireland. As members of the Partnership, you continue and build on that tradition. That support remains as relevant as ever today. ”

TAOISEACH MICHEÁL MARTIN



# Transforming Health

**Sinéad Regan** is a first year student pursuing a Masters degree in Physician Associate studies at the Royal College of Surgeons Ireland. The Partnership is proud to support the expansion of the Physician Associate concept in Ireland, with scholarship support for five students as they pursue their studies. *Sinéad describes the importance of the role:*



Sinéad Regan (left) with her fellow Physician's Associate students



**A**s a non-traditional student, beginning my third-level education in my thirties, I graduated from the University of Galway with a degree in Biomedical Science, majoring in Anatomy.

I chose to study at the RCSI because of its first class facilities which have enabled me to develop the clinical skills that modern practice demands. This course has been developed and delivered by physician associated clinicians with over thirty-five years experience.

You need to develop a strong network to support you during the intensive two year program. Also, there will never be enough time to complete all the studying you need to do!

Given the current situation with the Irish healthcare system, I believe the need for physician associates is at an all-time high. Physician associates take pressure off the over-stretched medical teams and provide continuity of care for patients. While many practices struggle to recruit doctors, a multi-disciplinary team including advanced nurse practitioners and physician associates complement a general practice.

**Thanks to the Irish American Partnership, my financial burden has been eased. Ultimately, this scholarship has allowed me to focus solely on my academics.**

Your generosity has taught me the importance of philanthropy and giving back.

- Sinéad Regan





Malone Integrated College students presenting to Partnership Leadership Mission delegates

**F**ounded by parents in 1987, Malone Integrated College is a secondary school in West Belfast, serving a diverse body of students from wide socio-economic, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds across the city and beyond.

In the almost 25 years since the Good Friday Agreement, more than 25,000 children are now educated in 68 integrated schools in Northern Ireland, with 500 new students being enrolled every year. However, this represents less than 8% of school-aged children. The Partnership is proud to partner with the Integrated Education Fund, awarding a \$10,000 grant each year so that the children of Northern Ireland have the opportunity to be educated together.

Malone is proud to be an integrated school and have students and staff from all beliefs, faiths and traditions in the community. “To us, integrated education is the future in Northern Ireland,” says Principal Katrina Moore.

The school serves an area of south-west Belfast with very high levels of social deprivation. It has one of the highest levels of free school meals (a measure of socio-economic disadvantage) in Northern Ireland. The school ethos aims to bring together children, parents and teachers from Roman Catholic and Protestant traditions, to allow the opportunity to understand and respect all cultural and religious backgrounds.

Malone now also welcomes students from 35 different countries - unusual for Northern Ireland.

### WELCOMING ALL BELIEFS, FAITHS, & TRADITIONS

*“I came to Northern Ireland with my family from Somalia. My sisters and I all go to Malone and from the very first day it felt like a home to us. It has helped me build up my confidence and my character. As someone who is not from Belfast, the school has made me feel welcome, safe and loved. Malone has given me the chance to make a better life for myself.”*

- Shukri, age 14



Board member Sir Bruce Robinson presents a grant to Principal Moore with Malone students





Peter McVerry Trust Learning Center graduate James Flanagan

# Alternative Education

Nationally, about 4,500 young people drop out of school before completing their junior cycle (9th grade high school) examinations every year. They are mostly from heavily disadvantaged areas.

**W**hen James Flanagan was two years old, he and his mother were homeless. By the age of 15, he had dropped out of secondary school in Dublin's north inner city before he had completed his exams, at risk of falling through the same cracks as other neighborhood youth, namely addiction, or prison.

Today, James, now 18, works as a technician at a large multinational engineering company, where he services and maintains complex machinery worth millions. He is, he believes, the youngest supervisor on the site, responsible for the safety of men twice his age. James puts much of his change in direction down to attending the Peter McVerry Trust Learning Center - CMS.

“That experience at CMS is the main reason I've got to where I am,” says Flanagan. “When I was two years of age, I was homeless. My mother had nothing. We lived in a car for a time. But she's been there for me all the way through. She's helped to keep me on the right path.”



“When I moved to CMS, the teachers felt more like your parent: you could talk to them, really, about anything,” he says. “It changed my confidence. It’s one-on-one. I was talking more, not hiding in the back of the class or waiting for the teacher to come to me.”

“My job requires a lot of responsibility,” he says, smiling. “I’m working with highly dangerous and expensive machines. Just one part is worth the same as a house. You’re in charge of the safety of grown men with families.”

The CMS Learning Center is targeted at students who dropped out of school or were expelled. Most are boys in their early teens. In many cases, they struggled to engage with mainstream education due to a range of factors such as unstable home environments, behavioral problems or undiagnosed educational difficulties.

The focus of the center is on building positive relationships. With access to counseling and other supports, students get a chance to complete their exams and, afterwards, rejoin their school or pursue apprenticeships or training options.

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People are proud of me; I’m proud of myself, because of where I grew up and where I came from. Right now, I want to keep going and move forward and help not just myself, but other people.

- James Flanagan ”



*We are extremely grateful to the Irish American Partnership for their support, particularly our work in the education sphere, an area which is of huge importance to young people with stronger educational supports ultimately improving outcomes and reducing the risk of homelessness in later years.*

- Pat Doyle, CEO, Peter McVerry Trust



Partnership supporter Tom Lysaught and CEO Mary Sugrue with Pat Doyle, CEO of the Peter McVerry Trust (center)

## VITAL ACCESS

Targeted investment in education is a crucial aspect of homelessness prevention, particularly among vulnerable children.

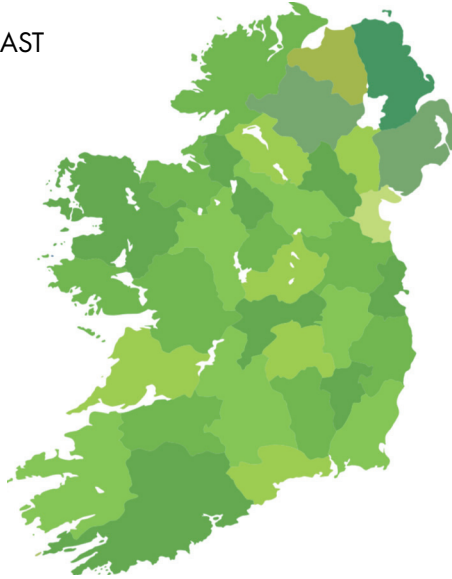
In early 2021, the Partnership announced a \$1 million five-year investment to expand and enhance Peter McVerry Trust’s educational offerings for homeless and at-risk youth. The PMVT Learning Centers work with young people who cannot access mainstream education, aiming to enable young people to recognise the positive impact education has on their future development.



# 2023 Events Calendar

CONNECT, GIVE BACK, AND CHANGE YOUNG LIVES

JAN 6	NOLLAIG NA MBAN WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CELEBRATION Boston
JAN 10	NOLLAIG NA MBAN WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CELEBRATION Washington, D.C.
MAR 10	ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION Chicago
MAR 17	ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION Boston
APRIL 27	NEW YORK BUSINESS LEADERS BREAKFAST New York
APRIL 27	YOUNG PARTNERS SPRING SOCIAL New York
MAY 11	YOUNG PARTNERS SPRING SOCIAL Boston
JUNE 5	CHICAGO GOLF TOURNAMENT Chicago
JUNE 12	NEWPORT GOLF TOURNAMENT Newport Country Club
JUNE 19	NEW YORK GOLF INVITATIONAL TBA
JUNE 26	ALBANY GOLF TOURNAMENT Schuyler Meadows Golf Club
SEPT 18 - 20	IRISH INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT Lahinch   Doonbeg   Adare
OCT 19	YOUNG PARTNERS GATHERING Boston
NOV 16	YOUNG PARTNERS GATHERING New York



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- Enclosed is my check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ Checks payable: Irish American Partnership
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- I wish to make my gift in honor of / in memory of (Name) \_\_\_\_\_
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- I would like to make this a recurring monthly gift.  Enclosed is my company's matching gift form.
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