

**Smyly Trust  
Services**



**Mrs Smyly's  
Homes**

**ANNUAL REPORT  
2014**

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## CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT



Smyly Trust Services saw a major transition in leadership during the year as we were very sorry to say goodbye to Tony Moore after 29 years of service to our organisation, 14 of those as Director of Services. He was the first person to take on that role which was a huge challenge which he managed extremely competently and professionally. With Tony at the helm, Smylys have now the reputation as a centre of excellence in residential childcare in Ireland. Tony managed very effectively our transition to a therapeutic childcare service which brought some resistance both from inside and outside the organisation. Therapeutic care is now acknowledged as the way forward for traumatised children. Tony gave a wonderful service to Smylys and always in his extremely personable and good humoured manner. We wish him happiness in his well deserved retirement.

Change is always difficult for any organisation but we have been extremely fortunate in our new Director of Services, David Power who has made a very smooth transition into his new role. A great deal of thanks are due to our three managers who have supported him and helped him to adapt to the ways of the organisation. He has had a lot of very difficult challenges to deal with during the year and we are very grateful for his dedication and good humour throughout. Thanks are also due to our dedicated childcare staff who welcomed David and adapted to his new style of governance.

Our three managers Helen, Harry and Alan have all had very challenging times during the year and have supported their teams through these extremely well. The children coming into our services present with very complex backgrounds and behaviours. These are compounded if mixed



## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

with alcohol or drugs. Our staff are having to deal with increased levels of violence and threatening behaviours. The task of keeping our young people and staff safe and at the same time trying to address the deep rooted suffering of the children in our care is a constant struggle.

The Board wish to thank all the staff in Smylys for their continuing dedication and support.

Thanks are also due to the Board for giving of their voluntary time during the year. We were sorry to lose Catherine Smith McKiernan during the year due to personal commitments but thank her for her help while she was with us. We were also very sorry to lose Hilary Prentice at Christmas who served on the Board for 6 years. Her legal perspective on discussions has been invaluable and she will be greatly missed.

The Board have had to address the reduction of budgets over the past 6 years and through very prudent budgeting have managed to balance the books. This has meant however cutting back on outside contracts for gardening and cleaning, holidays, training etc. in order to keep within the budget which is still based on 2009 figures minus cuts of approximately 10% between 2009 and 2013. This year however we have hit a deficit which is expected to rise in the coming year. The Board's major challenge is to address this without compromising the care of the children.

***Anne Irvine  
Chairperson  
Board of Directors***



## FORMER DIRECTOR'S REPORT



This contribution to the Annual Report covers my final months in office until my retirement in April 2014. It has been a long and eventful journey since I took up the role of Manager in Glensilva in September 1985. On reflection the Annual Reports over the years have summarised the highs and lows of this journey. Some reading between the lines is required to get the full reality and emotional impact of the many tribulations and achievements.

Mr. David Power assumed the position of Director of Services on 2<sup>nd</sup> April. I wish David every success and good wishes in what I know to be a challenging role. There are foreseeable difficulties ahead with limits on resources and sometimes fraught relationships with external agencies. However there is a core of experience and expertise across the spectrum of Smyly Trust Services that I am sure will continue to provide the back up and support to guide and steady the ship, as needed.

A Review of the Therapeutic Care work was undertaken in the first two months of the year and completed in March by Tricia McDonnell. We were well pleased with Tricia's work and how she engaged with us. The final Report affirmed the validity and soundness of our practice and gave us food for thought for the future. Into that future we are fortunate to have the much valued services of our Therapeutic Care consultant, Damien McLellan. I take this opportunity to thank Damien for his unstinting support and guidance on our "road less travelled".



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I wish to make special mention of the evening of 17<sup>th</sup> April when a farewell event was arranged for my retirement in the Royal St George. I had anticipated a gathering of various Board members and colleagues for what might take a familiar format of a few words of acknowledgement and appreciation, with some nibbles and glasses raised to toast my retirement. It was all that and more. I was unaware that a few of my colleagues (you know who you are) had seen fit to contact family and friends, plus peers and fellow travellers in the field of residential care going back over 30 years. Also some ex-staff and Board members – back to my interview in 1985!

The speeches from Lesley and from Helen were most gracious and generous and I thank them for their kind words. Two ex-residents from my time in Glensilva spoke of their experiences in care and my engagement in their lives. It was moving and heart warming to hear and I was lost for words in following them. Many thanks, Anne and Nick. I also received numerous gifts and good wishes from the gathered assembly, it was a bit like being present at your own wake! Not a bad thing really. Looking back my overall sense is one of gratitude.

Let me finish by thanking all of you who have supported and enabled me to lead and manage the organisation and services over the years. May you long continue to serve well the children and young people in your care. Farewell.

***Tony Moore***



## DIRECTOR'S REPORT



As this is my first annual report as Director of Services, I must thank my predecessor, Tony Moore. As one professional journey comes to an end, my journey with the organisation begins. It was a daunting task to follow in the footsteps of Tony who had just been acknowledged by our professional body for all the work he did in social care. This achievement is testament to a man who gave the organisation so many years of service. Tony made me feel at home from the commencement of my employment. May I wish him all the best as he enjoys retirement.

As I was arriving in the organisation, the Registration and Inspection Services were arriving in Racefield. The Inspection team found that Racefield met the National Standards and granted it licence to practice for the next three years. During this time, the Therapeutic approach had been challenged by the young people and other stakeholders. The Manager and staff never lost sight of the model, holding the core value of a therapeutic community while dealing with the challenging behaviour presented by the young people in their care.

During the year, Racefield had a self-review of the Therapeutic Community and is due a peer review in 2015. We continue to offer our staff to the Community of Communities to complete peer reviews for other organisations. This is very beneficial to importing best practice in our Centres.

Glensilva had another busy year and you can read about this in Helen's Report. I want to acknowledge the work done by Helen and her staff in their commitment to the young people in getting them through the difficulties experienced in the latter part of the year and going the extra mile when needed.





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Glensilva also promoted the Community of Communities in sending staff members to the UK to complete a peer review. This was an interesting exercise for our staff members.

Helen also continues to promote the care and treatment meetings that allow space for professional reflection, which is of great benefit to all concerned.

In Aftercare, Alan continued to manage the service throughout the year with the support of Cathy and Patrick. It is worthy to note the commitment that Cathy and Patrick have given to the organisation. On Linda's return from maternity leave, Cathy returned to her post in residential care in the Children and Family Agency. Patrick finished his TUS scheme but we have been able to keep him on with us for a further few months into 2015.

As mentioned in last year's report, our Education Project has been slow to get off the ground. One major reason is that the strategy of the Education Training Board is to promote mainstream education to the young people. I have tried to lobby policy makers and their representatives in the concept of an educational facility within our organisation. To date, we have not been successful but we continue to promote the project.

Finally, I would like to thank the Board who have supported me in my new role. The chairperson, has provided guidance when needed and put things into perspective when the pressure was on. My thanks to the three managers who provide quality services to the young people and the work of their teams who have continued to support our children through this difficult phase of their lives.

***David Power***  
***Director of Services***



## GLENSILVA REPORT

*Helen Buggle, Manager*

Where do I start? It was a year of coming and going. Two of our long standing residents had a very busy year - they both completed their Leaving Certificates passing with honours; celebrated their debts and gained their places on their choice of third level courses. Then came the big move into Aftercare and new placements. For one young man it was back to this loving foster family who had been waiting in the wings for many years to be able to offer a lifelong placement and complete their family once more. For the other young man it was into student accommodation and an opportunity to make new friends.

One of our young girls moved home to the care of her mum. We wish them all good things and hope they both receive the support they need.

Other young people came and decided that Glensilva was not for them. Sometimes this happens for reasons beyond our control. As a therapeutic community is a placement with purpose, it can challenge young people to use their time wisely by looking at the reasons as to why they are in care and to start on the road to recovery from past hurts. This is not an easy thing to do for young people and it takes lots of courage, often meaning taking a risk to trust which can be the most difficult thing when you have been so let down for so long.

New children came to live with us and our average age in the house was around 13 years old. It was a much younger group than we had experienced for quite some time and we all had to adjust our sensitivity radars and tune in to a whole new set of needs. For example, one would think that playing comes naturally to children and that all we had to do was supply a room full of games but this was not the case. With our young people, playing is a child's main work. It helps them to make sense of their world and gives them an opportunity to role play or practice for social relationships.



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*Helen Buggle, Manager*

However, to do this very important task you first need to feel secure. It is this security which allows one to go out and explore the world, to try new things and to create an internal picture of the world as mainly positive and one where it is ok to take risks. This is something that many of our young people have never experienced.

The teaching of the art of playing is difficult. As adults we may have long lost touch with our inner child so it can be a daunting task for both child and adult. I am happy to say the staff team in Glensilva are, for the most part, always willing to give something a go and so out came the Lego, the paint, the Play Doh and the beads, along with many games of pool, football, Tip the Can and darts!

Sadly, by the end of the year, the group living in Glensilva were in a very difficult place. The excitement of a new place and new people had worn off and the reality of their situations, their insecurities and their difficulties, was all beginning to impact on their ability to function. One child's disturbance would stimulate another child's issues and old patterns of defending themselves against disappointments hurt and trauma were invading their cognition. Social relationships were breaking down and aggression and violence had become a pattern of communication. Unfortunately, the young people were turning against each other and against the staff. The group needed to be separated into two living areas in the house and a number of the staff had been injured. The situation became very difficult and the outside world did not seem to understand that an open community house with such few staff cannot be asked to contain such levels of violence.



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*Helen Buggle, Manager*

The main problem for us in Glensilva seems to be the lack of variety of services. One size does not fit all problems and some children coming into State Care after suffering many years of abuse and neglect, carry with them difficult and complex needs. Many are presenting with mental health issues such as OCD, eating disorders, depression, self harm, addiction problems, and an inability to self regulate their emotions. A higher level of support in terms of structures, services and environment are called for on many occasions.

***No report would be complete without thanking all those people who invest so much time and energy into the smooth running of the organisation. To the Board, who work tirelessly and to Ken and Ruth who provide admin backup and keep us all on our toes—thank you!***

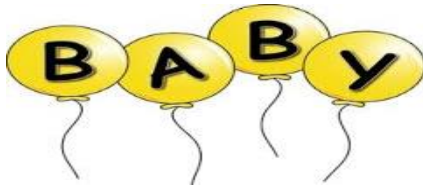
***To Kay Conroy and Damien McLellan for their support and encouragement—thank you for all your input into the well being of our staff.***

I want to end this report by thanking my staff team particularly this past year for hanging in when times have been difficult and to ask them to keep believing in the good work they do every day. They show fantastic spirit and determination to do the right thing in the face of the many difficulties that have come their way.



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*Helen Buggle, Manager*



*We welcomed three new babies born to staff members during the year—Marianne and Steve had a baby girl, Éabha, in February, Graham and Sonia, a boy, Sebastian, in July and Emma and Cormac, a boy, Cian, in December. Congratulations to all 3 families !*

*Unfortunately, we were unable to hold our annual Christmas Party in Glensilva this year due to the challenges prevailing at the time. This was a hard call to make but I hope that next year, things will be better and we can celebrate Christmas with genuine joy and thankfulness.*

The group in Glensilva enjoyed a holiday in the sunny south east and many activities such as water sports, horse riding and the fairground were part of the holiday experience.



Our Annual BBQ was held on a glorious sunny day at the end of June. It was lovely to see staff, family and each other's company—a great opportunity for some of their family members to drop by to share food together and also for past residents to drop by to see children playing and friends enjoying their holiday. This is always a chance for our residents to in-family members to and also for past residents to drop by to say hello.





## RACEFIELD REPORT

*Harry Byrne, Manager*

As I contemplate the kaleidoscope of events in 2014, the weather is beautiful and I sit in a soothing glow of warm sunshine. I feel the warm glow of optimism cascading over me. It occurs to me that in our organisation, when the storm clouds gather and begin to buffer us with menace, we grow strong and optimistic and our belief is that we can overcome any obstacle. Optimism and a belief in our skills, our people and the organisation can get us through a maze of challenges and difficulties to support the very vulnerable young people in our care. At the year's end, having gotten through the maze, we are full of optimism to go again next year.

Elsewhere in this report, you will read about Tony Moore's retirement from the post of Director of Services. As one chapter closes, another one opens. In April, we welcomed David Power, our new Director of Services. While it's widely acknowledged that Tony left the organisation in good shape, it is now time for David to make his mark in a positive way and continue to improve on the legacy bequeathed to him. I'm sure he will achieve this with aplomb.

Eight months into the job, I would like to acknowledge the hard work David has put in and the support that he has given me in my role.

In looking at the 3 young people that left our care this year, I believe that it is not the length of their stay or where they went that will have a lasting impression on them but the care they got through the different types of relationships they had with various staff members. The importance of building relationships with young people is paramount to our job. The quality of therapeutic time spent with the young people, even if they are not engaging in their placement plans, has a positive influence. In some cases, this cannot be measured in the short term but has enormous positive benefits in having good relationships in the future. The good experiences kick in late, but never too late to make a difference.



## RACEFIELD REPORT

*Harry Byrne, Manager*

As the year ended, we had two admissions to Racefield. It's the beginning of a new group and also the start of a new era, as we have received permission to take females for the first time in our history, from the beginning of next year. There are exciting times ahead as we look forward to working with a new group as a therapeutic community.

The two young males we have at present have engaged with us and have indicated, by their actions and behaviours, that they want to be part of the therapeutic process. This is very positive news indeed.



Unreservedly, the staff team deserve the highest of praise for their endeavours this year. Through a difficult and challenging period, especially for the female staff who on occasion were targeted for abuse, the staff showed a willingness to adapt and be flexible, and to meet these challenges head on. We were dealing with a much older group of lads for the first half of the year and had to adopt different tactics with this group to keep everyone safe.

For a period of time, we moved away from our therapeutic approach which has been the basis for the last 12 years. It is this adaptability that underpins our work in maintaining relationships despite young people feeling they have out-grown the care system and want to live independently prematurely. The staff team continued with their professional approach and left a very positive influence on these young people. As human beings, they felt that the staff team really cared about them and that they mattered. I am sure they will come calling, as others have, to say how important and valuable their time in Racefield was—a lasting tribute to a caring staff team.

*Thank You!*



## RACEFIELD REPORT

*Harry Byrne, Manager*



A special mention to Mick Stowe, our maintenance man—I cannot praise him enough for the mountain of work he got through this year. The house got a real battering for the first half of the year and Mick already had a big workload. He faced every task without becoming demoralised, maybe just a little frustrated at times. He has a good understanding of the young people and the emotional trauma and neglect they have suffered. Mick manages to work with and amongst our young people and maintains a good relationship with them. He completed a few major refurbishments, including complete rooms and helping to overhaul the heating system. Thanks, Mick.

Mick was supported by Stephen for 2 days per week. Stephen did all the paint work and garden work, whilst helping Mick with the renovations. Stephen is a very good natured and likable person, with a great love for golf. He is a great acquisition to Racefield.

Congratulations to Paul Hendrick who received his Degree in Social Care. This was a great achievement, as he had to balance work, family life and college. With two young children needing constant medical and frequent visits to hospital, this was no easy task. Well done, Paul.



In September, Liam Dunne embarked on a two year evening Social Care course and we wish him all the best in this endeavour.







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*Harry Byrne, Manager*

Early in the year, I was absent due to illness for 9 weeks. During this time, Denis deputised as Manager and excelled in the position during a difficult period. Great cred has to be afforded to Denis and the team as we also had our three-yearly inspection. This was managed with great dexterity and on my return, I had nothing to worry about as when the draft report arrived, it was brimming with good feedback and little criticism.

Well done, and a big thank you from me!

Our mental health day got off to a bad start when Teresa announced at our rendezvous point our main organiser Ed had not turned up and was missing. Teresa received a video message which, to our astonishment, showed Ed tied to a chair and a kidnapper making demands for us to solve a number of clues which would lead us to his whereabouts. After a fun filled afternoon we located Ed and enjoyed a great evening of relaxation and fun. Our mental health day ticked all the boxes as we learned to work as a team and relax as a team.

Ed as our training rep is the driving force behind our training needs. Again Ed came up trumps in meeting our training requirements this year. A training needs analysis was completed by the organisation this year and Ed and Des from Glen-silva, as part the training group, will compile the findings of this analysis to provide our training needs for next year.



For our holidays this year, the focus was on day trips with the young people, the highlight of which was a day long excursion to Belfast to visit the Titanic Exhibition.





## AFTERCARE REPORT

*Alan Hendrick, Manager*

The annual opportunity is once again upon us to reflect on the year gone by in Aftercare. At a recent review of our organisation's services, I was asked if I could describe my last year's work with Smyly's in one word. Without hesitation I said "change".



Change is a funny thing, you either loathe it or you fully embrace it. I would like to think of myself as one of those in the later. Our Aftercare service saw a significant number of changes throughout 2014,

both in-house and organisationally.

In-house saw the return of Linda from maternity leave. Linda's return signalled the departure of Cathy who had filled Linda's shoes in her absence, and did a fantastic job. While we were sad to see Cathy leave us, we were glad to have Linda back on board. Cathy returned to work with a Tusla residential unit based in the inner-city. Following the completion of Patrick's internship we were able to employ him on a part-time basis. Patrick's position was initially for six months and towards the end of the year, with support of Smyly's Board and Tusla, we were able to further extend for another five months. That means Patrick will not leave us now until March 2015. For the month of December this year, our Aftercare office was not sufficient to meet staff needs as we were, albeit temporary, a staff team of four. Unfortunately by the end of December and on into next March our Aftercare team will take on a whole new landscape when we will be back to a team of two.





## AFTERCARE REPORT

*Alan Hendrick, Manager*

Another significant change was the organisation's change in leadership with the retirement of our Director, Tony Moore, who had been at the helm for more years than he'd probably care to remember! Tony made a significant contribution in placing Aftercare a priority on Smyly's agenda back in 1999. We wish both him and Mary all the best for the future.

One of our residents from our flat was successful in securing private rented accommodation in Rathgar in September. He also managed to secure employment and it appears both are going well for him.

Our second resident is in the process of trying to secure private rented accommodation near to his college and part-time work, unfortunately he has had no success to date. As soon as our flat becomes vacant we will begin the process of filling it for the next 12-18 months.

The single most significant challenge for our service was securing affordable accommodation for many of our service users again this year. Not having a place to call home can make our work somewhat redundant, because our service users struggle to maintain their engagement with our service. They find it difficult to concentrate on any other aspect of their life with the serious question hanging over them: "where will I live?" Hopefully with the growing economy, society will embrace the need to extend a helping hand to our service users in need of a place that they can call home.

Another significant change for our service will be extending our Aftercare provision to work with females, this will come into practice next March. Tusla's Integrated Service Area will now incorporate Smyly's Aftercare Service in its provision of Aftercare Services in Dun Laoghaire, Wicklow and Churchtown. These changes will bring challenges for myself and Linda and like previous challenges, we will embrace them meet them head on.



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*Alan Hendrick, Manager*

I mentioned in last year's report, the large number of service users wishing to access further education. The number far exceeded our expectations and the staff team spent a great deal of the summer securing student accommodation, completing grant applications and applying to the relevant ISA (Tusla) agency for educational funding packages under section 45, of the 1991 Child Care Act for our service users. We currently have two service users in UCD, two in DIT and four in PLC courses and training centres. We also supported two service users in acquiring the necessary status to allow them complete their application for citizenship and their citizenship ceremony is due to take place in early 2015.

The Aftercare staff had mixed feelings as we waved a fond farewell to one of our service users on completion of his degree in Leisure Management. He headed for Canada in November to begin a new phase in his life, but keeps regular email contact and is doing very well for himself. Our second service user who received his degree in Business Management has successfully secured employment with a city business newspaper – not bad for a lad who was homeless four years ago and also experienced temporary homelessness during his college years. Well done to him.

I'm sure as a readership you can appreciate that this is a small snapshot of the successes experienced by a number of our service users accessing our service. In fairness, there are a large number of our service users who are struggling with achieving independent living. We have to ask the question, how many of our own children are asked to leave the family home at eighteen to fend for themselves? It is our aim to provide the necessary support to these service users in facilitating them in reaching their full potential while making the transition to adulthood.

**To my dedicated staff team—Linda, Cathy and Patrick—thank you for your tremendous hard work with our service users.**



## THANK YOU

**A special word of thanks to the Board of Directors for their continued support, especially to the Visiting Committees for each Unit. To the individuals assigned to represent the needs and views of each unit to the Board—thank you from our Managers for your time and efforts on our behalf.**

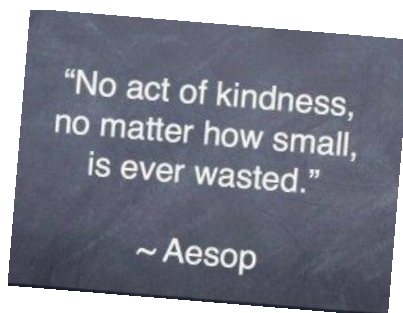
To Tony Moore, who has steered each of our units through some difficult times—we wish you well in your retirement.

To David Power, our new Director Services, we welcome you and wish you every success in your role.



*Our thanks to Damien McLellan and Kay Conroy for their support during the year. Damien challenges our thought process and brings an expertise of residential care to the table; Kay looks after the emotional well-being of the care team as they meet the complex needs of the young people. Thank you.*

Our work with service users and our young people is made a lot easier when you know you have Ken and Ruth looking after all our administrative needs.  
**THANK YOU!**





## RETIREMENT TRIBUTES



Our Director of Services, Tony Moore, left in April and to say I was not looking forward to his departure would be an understatement. Saying goodbye to a man I had worked with for most of my working life was going to take a lot of will power not to turn in to a blubbering mess.

We had discovered the therapeutic community approach together and had ventured side by side into its development within Smyly Trust Services. Tony was my mentor and my 'go to' person for so much, from practice issues, to ideas on how to approach a difficult situation with a child, to supporting me through all my studies, to being my supervisor. He had to listen to my endless ranting on about dysfunctional systems and also to my own personal struggles. We laughed, we talked, we fought, we learned, I cried, we respected each other and we worked hard, always with the best interest of the child at the centre. I learned so much, most of all to have courage to stand up for what was important and right, and also to learn from mistakes and not to be afraid to work with the uncertainty, realising I can only change myself.

Our farewell to Tony was held in a fitting place, that of the yacht club where we had undertaken so much of our training days as an organisation. It was such a nice turn out on the evening, from family, friends, board members, old work colleagues contemporary colleagues, ex residents, to the staff teams. There were lots of speeches made, stories told and glasses raised as we said our goodbye and Tony started on another leg of his journey in to uncharted waters.

Tony, it will always be my great pleasure that we were such good work mates and I will always be grateful for your time.

***Helen***





## RETIREMENT TRIBUTES

In 1998 a new chapter opened up in the organisation of Smyly as Tony Moore became the first Director of Services. He already had a long chapter of distinction as manager of Glensilva. Helen has already given full justice to his extemporary period of management, where he rung the changes over the years in a very positive fashion. He held the position of Director of Services for 17 years until his retirement in April of this year.

Tony excelled at his job making momentous decisions and changes on the way. His long historical attachment to Smylys made his stewardship of the organisation a sound progressive one. Based on long experience, a keen sense of good judgement and a vast array of skills, Tony knew what was good for the organisation. With supreme sure footedness, he led the organisation in a steady upward curve of development. This upward progression of the organisation led it to be held in very high esteem.

Sadly I missed his well-deserved farewell presentation due to illness but from what I heard, the accolades he received were richly deserved. They honoured the positions he held but also Tony the man, a person gifted with a great personality; his professional and personal attributes won him a large group of acquaintances and friends. He garnered tributes not just from professionals and friends but from the ex-residents who lavished sincere praise for his outstanding contribution to residential child care.



***Harry***

In echoing the sentiments expressed by my colleagues, I would like to add a special thank you to Tony for his support and insightful ways in which he steered our Aftercare Service through some difficult times. Thanks, Tony, you will be greatly missed.

***Alan***



## **MRS SMYLY'S HOMES**

### **How you can help**

#### **LEGACIES**

**Have you considered remembering us in your Will? It's never too early to consult your Solicitor and put your wishes in writing. The following wording will mean that any legacies intended for Mrs Smyly's Homes will go to the right place. Please show this to your Solicitor when making your Will.**

I bequeath to Mrs Smyly's Homes the sum of € .....Euro, free of duty. I direct that the receipt of the Secretary for the time being of the said Homes shall be a sufficient discharge for the Legacy which is to be applied to the general purposes of the said Homes, or that the said Legacy may, at the complete and absolute discretion of the Trustees for the time being of the said Homes, be invested in the purchase of or at an interest upon the security of such stocks, shares, funds, securities and other investments of whatsoever nature and wheresoever situate as the Trustees for the time being shall in their absolute discretion think fit.

#### **DONATIONS**

You will have read earlier how you can donate specifically to our Education Project. However, 'general' donations to Mrs Smyly's Homes will be gratefully accepted and are always welcome.

Please make cheques payable to **MRS SMYLY'S HOMES** and forward to **The Secretary, 15 Rock Hill, Blackrock, Co. Dublin**. Don't forget to include your name and address with all correspondence.

Thank you.



**Mrs Smyly's Homes**

***Registered Charity Number: CHY 2581***

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