

Let's Fund It

Projects 2020

Below you will find a detailed description of all the charities, organisations and appeals that Let's Fund It helped in 2020.



Let's Fund It's Contribution for 2020

This year, Let's Fund It provided €3182.20 worth of goods and services for 14 hard-working charities. These charities help a vast array of people across society from children to the elderly, from the homeless to those needing medical care. Let's Fund It takes pride in supporting many causes and appeals each year and directly helping those who are most in need. Our drive and determination has increased each year and Let's Fund It has increased its donation by a massive 49% this year compared to last year. We are excited about continuing our work into the future.

Who Are They?

Solidarity with South Sudan aims to create self-sustainable educational, health and pastoral institutions and programs that will help to empower South Sudanese people to build a just and peaceful society. Solidarity is a collaborative commitment of religious institutes of men and women, members of the Unions of Superiors General and the Church in South Sudan working in partnership with the Sudan Catholic Bishop's Conference.



How We Helped

Let's Fund It (LFI) donated 10 tin whistles to Solidarity with South Sudan. These tin whistles were sent to a teacher training college located in Yambio. They are currently being used by the trainee teachers of South Sudan in Sr. Ailish O'Brien's music class. The total cost of this project was €54.50.



Who Are They?

Pieta House provides a professional one-to-one therapeutic service to people who are in suicidal distress, those who engage in self-harm, and those bereaved by suicide. Since 2006, Pieta House have seen and helped over 48,000 people across fifteen centres throughout Ireland.

How We Helped

Let's Fund It (LFI) supported Pieta House twice this year. Back in April, LFI made a donation of €100 to Pieta House as it struggled for funding after the cancellation of its annual Darkness into Light fundraising walk. In addition, LFI donated €50 to Pieta House in conjunction with the Ballybrown N.S. Amber Flag initiative. The Amber Flag is a mental health initiative designed to help schools and clubs promote positive mental health within the educational system. The total donation given to Pieta House this year was €150.

Who Are They?

With the spread of COVID-19, frontline medical staff have had to dig deeper than ever before. Feed the Heroes is a simple initiative that helps sustain those on the frontline, ensuring they get nutritious meals as they work longer shifts and have little time or facilities to prepare food.



How We Helped

LFI donated €100 to the Feed the Heroes campaign. This money went towards the purchase and preparation of nutritious meals for frontline medical staff as they worked longer shifts through the COVID19 pandemic.



Who Are They?

Mid-West Simon Community has been established since October 2006. Covering the counties of Clare, Limerick and North Tipperary, the Simon Community aims to support people through their journey out of homelessness by providing appropriate accommodation and care services, tailored to their individual needs.

How We Helped

LFI donated €100 to the Mid-West Simon Community this year. This money went towards the many initiatives the Simon Community runs to support homeless people across Limerick and the wider community. =

Who Are They?

ALONE provides vital support to hundreds of older people every week, who are homeless, socially isolated, living in deprivation or in crisis. ALONE's Support & Befriending service provides companionship to older people who would like extra social contact through a weekly volunteer visit or telephone call.



How We Helped

LFI donated €100 to ALONE this year. This money went towards the many initiatives ALONE runs to support older people across Ireland.



Who Are They?

Limerick Animal Welfare (LAW) was founded in 1983 and provides a safe haven for unwanted or abandoned animals until a safe, responsible and permanent home is found for them. Over the past 36 years, thousands of previously unwanted dogs, cats, horses, goats and a wide range of other animals have passed through LAW.

How We Helped

LFI made a large donation of cat food, dog food, cat milk as well as puppy and kitten treats to LAW. These were delivered straight to the LAW sanctuary where they were greatly received by dogs, cats and humans alike! Let's Fund It also gave LAW a €100 MaxiZoo gift card for them to spend on whatever they wished over the Christmas period. The total donation given to Limerick Animal Welfare this year was €301.

Who Are They?

St. John's is an acute General Public Voluntary Hospital. The Hospital has a total of 99 beds – 89 In-Patient beds and 10 Day Care beds. The In-Patient specialties are General Medicine, General Surgery and Gynaecology. We also have an Urgent Care Centre incorporating a Local Injuries Unit and Medical Assessment Unit.



How We Helped

Upon hearing of a shortage of wheelchairs in St. John's, LFI contacted the hospital in July 2020. With the help of external donations, LFI were in position to fund the purchase of two Transit Fold Back wheelchairs. The total value of the donation was €772.



IRISH PRISON SERVICE

Who Are They?

Limerick Prison's mission is to provide safe and secure custody, dignity of care and rehabilitation to prisoners for safer communities. While its vision is simply for a safer community through excellence in a prison service built on respect for human dignity.

How We Helped

Together with the help of the chaplain of Limerick Prison, Rev. Michael Kelleher CSsR, LFI donated jigsaws, board games, decks of cards and art supplies. The chaplaincy team shows care to and helps further the rehabilitation of all those in the prison. The items donated by LFI will be used by the chaplaincy team to promote the ongoing mental health of those who find themselves in custody.

Who Are They?

Team Hope was founded in 2010 with the goal of helping disadvantaged children overseas. Team Hope aims to work with communities to transform children's lives by tackling poverty and inequality. Team Hope also sets up sustainable development projects and raises awareness of poverty's causes and impacts.



How We Helped

LFI helped to supply two shoeboxes full of gifts as part of the Team Hope Shoebox appeal. These shoeboxes were sent straight to children affected by poverty. The shoeboxes included items such as toys, teddies, sweets, stationary and so on. The total donation given to Team Hope was €40.



Who Are They?

St. Munchin's Community Centre is a community enterprise centre in the heart of Limerick, that offers many services to the wider Limerick community. St. Munchin's provides a variety of social enterprises such as a Meals on Wheels service, a Community Café, a Seniors Clubs, a Friendly Call Service to name but a few!

How We Helped

LFI purchased over €300 worth of food and gift items for the St. Munchin's Community Centre. The food went towards supporting the Meals on Wheels service for over 55's while the gift items were given as part of the St. Munchin's annual Christmas Appeal. These gift items were distributed to the elderly and vulnerable over the Christmas period. The total donation to St. Munchin's amounted to €304.

Who Are They?

A GoFundMe fundraising page was set up online to support those effected by Typhoon Vamco in the Philippines. All money raised is used for reconstruction of family homes and communities devastated by this typhoon.



How We Helped

Let's Fund It donated €112 to this online fundraiser. This money will go towards helping one particular community in the Philippines where many homes and livelihoods were mercilessly destroyed.



Milford Care Centre

(Under the auspices of Little Company of Mary)

Who Are They?

Milford Care Centre is a voluntary, not-for-profit organisation and registered charity. It was first established by the Little Company of Mary Sisters in 1928 and now provides Specialist Palliative Care and Older Persons Services in the Mid-West.

How We Helped

Let's Fund It (LFI) supported Milford Care Centre on three separate occasions this year. Back in April, LFI made a donation of €100 to Milford to support it during the COVID19 pandemic. In November, we organised the purchase of 7 thermometers and 800 thermometer tips which Milford were running short on. In December of this year, LFI donated 2 €50 Dunnes Stores gift cards as well as 3 boxes of chocolates for the staff of Milford who work tirelessly to care for their patients. The total donations given to Milford Care Centre this year was €557.

Who Are They?

The Children's Ark of University Hospital Limerick supports children through their stay in hospital. The Ark provides support through its staff and playroom activities such as painting, drawing, reading, games and so on.



How We Helped

LFI organised 100 goodie bags for the children of the Children's Ark. These goodie bags were full of toys, sweets and other treats to cheer up the children as they visited hospital. The goodie bags were distributed over the Christmas period. The total donation amounted to €187.



Who Are They?

Street Children of Bucharest focuses on the plight of many orphans is devoted to helping as many children as possible. It has opened a day care centre for the children in Romania's capital city, Bucharest. To date, Street Children of Bucharest has helped thousands of children, several of whom have gone on to third level education.

How We Helped

LFI donated €100 to Street Children of Bucharest this year. This money went towards the upkeep and running of the day care centre in Romania's capital.