

Build 4 Life Launch Cork Appeal

Launch of Cork Cystic Fibrosis Week - 21st to 26th April, 2008

Ireland has the highest incidence rate of Cystic Fibrosis in The World and one of the lowest life expectancy rates for CF Patients at 21, whereas in many European Countries and in the US, CF patients can lead healthy and productive lives well into their 60's. The main reason for this is the lack of dedicated Cystic Fibrosis Units throughout the country.

Cork Cystic Fibrosis Week is being launched to raise vital funds to develop Ireland's first dedicated CF treatment unit within Cork University Hospital, and to raise awareness for Cystic Fibrosis.

This has been organised by Build 4 Life, which was founded by friends and family of Cystic Fibrosis patients in Cork and Kerry. This will take place from 21st to 26th April 2008.

Build 4 Life are appealing to organisations, schools, businesses, clubs and individuals to organise a fund raising event or make a donation during Cork Cystic Fibrosis Week, to raise vital funds for this worthy cause.

Dr Barry Plant, Consultant Respiratory Physician at the University Hospital and Director of the Adult CF Centre at CUH stated at the launch

"There is an urgent need for dedicated Cystic Fibrosis Units throughout the country, so that patients can be segregated with the risk of cross infection greatly reduced.

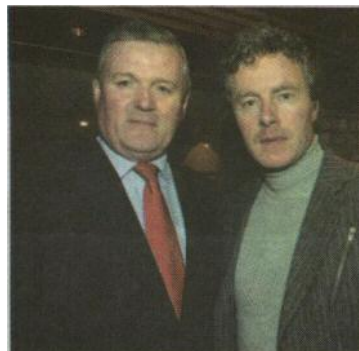
"These units, one of which Build 4 Life is fundraising for in Cork University Hospital in Cork, will help improve the quality of care, the ease of access of care and provide resources that will allow patients to be treated in isolation. This can only translate into better long term outcomes for people with this potentially life threatening disease."

Also speaking at the launch was Pamela O'Connor a young CF patient who is a busy working mum. "This new unit will be vital for me and my younger brother, Jason who is also a CF patient. At present, if we need to be admitted to hospital, which my brother Jason does on a very regular basis, we have to be admitted through the A&E department which has many risks for us. With this new unit which we are fundraising for at CUH, we will be seen by specialists in CF, who are part of a dedicated team, in a segregated unit, cutting down the risk of cross infections and the many other risks that are involved for us at pres-

ent. It will give us more normal lives, making our stays in hospital shorter, less risky and improve the quality of our lives no end."

This appeal is being supported greatly by the Evening Echo and Cork's Red FM. For further information on Cystic Fibrosis and how you could help this worthy cause please call (021) 4273000 (Mon to Fri 9.30am - 5.30pm - Phones kindly manned by Mardyke Entertainment Complex) or after hours call (086) 386 3949.

Information and a downloadable information pack can be found on www.build4life.net. Donations can be made directly through any AIB branch or on line banking. Build4Life Bank Account Allied Irish Bank. A/C No: 42797173: Sort Code 93-41-43.





Cllr. Catherine Clancy, Pamela O'Connor, His Lordship Most Rev. Dr John Buckley, Bishop of Cork and Ross, and Breda McShane. (Photos: Eddie O'Hare)

George Frost and Greg Canty



Pictured at the Cystic Fibrosis, Build 4 Life launch, Cork appeal at Beamish and Crawford were Mick O'Leary, Martin McSweeney and John O'Mahony - all from Bus Eireann



Liz Twomey and Ed O'Sullivan



John and Rachel White