



Build4Life helps a good cause

A WEEK-LONG awareness and fundraising campaign in aid of Cystic Fibrosis sufferers will take place from April 21 to 26.

The fund-raiser, which is being run by Build4Life and supported by the *Evening Echo*, was launched at a reception in Beamish and Crawford on Monday evening.

Earlier in the day, some of Cork's leading sports personalities, Ireland and Munster Rugby Star Frankie Sheehan, Cork City Football Star George O'Callaghan and Joe Dean, left corner-forward on the Cork Senior Hurling Team, came together for a special photo shoot, to lend their support to Jersey Day, on April 25, which will be one of the elements of the week-long fund-raising campaign.

Build4Life was founded by friends and family of cystic fibrosis patients in Cork and Kerry region.

They told me that their aim is to raise awareness for cystic fibrosis in the region and to raise over €1 million to develop Ireland's first dedicated CF treatment unit within Cork University Hospital.

Build4Life 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.

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. To put that in perspective, in many European Countries and in the US, CF patients can lead healthy and productive lives well into their 60s.

There is an urgent need for dedicated cystic fibrosis units

throughout the country, so patients can be segregated, which will greatly reduce the risk of cross-infection.

These units, one of which Build4Life is fundraising for in CUH, will increase the life expectancy and improve the quality of life of the many CF patients in the region.

Among those who spoke at the evening launch were **Paul Higgins**, Chairman of Southern Branch of Cystic Fibrosis Association of Ireland (CFAI), Bishop of Cork and Ross, **John Buckley** and **Tim O'Donoghue**, one of the principals of Build4Life.

We also heard a moving speech from **Pamela O'Connor** — a 24-year-old CF sufferer. Also addressing the gathering were well-known **Dr Barry Plant**, Adult Respiratory Consultant CUH, and **Cllr. Fergal Dennehy**, representing the Lord Mayor.

There was a very enthusiastic response from those present, including **Tony McNamara**, General Manager of CUH, **Carol Byrne**, CEO of Red FM and **Orla Keane**, Marketing Manager of the *Evening Echo*.

The Mardyke Entertainment complex — who have offered their premises free of charge to anyone looking to fund-raise for the cause — were represented by **Eddie Nicholson** and **Dymphna Lordon**. Also present was **Clare Nash**, President of the Cork Business Association.

Politicians present included **Senator Jerry Buttimer**, **Simon Coveney TD**, **Kathleen Lynch TD** and **Deirdre Clune TD**.

One of the really popular characters with Cork city FC is **Noelle Feeney** and she came along to lend her support, as did **Renate Murphy** of Cork Chamber, **Carmel**

Turnbull and the Ladies from the Top of The Hill, **Michelle Hogan**, Heronswood Childcare Centre, Carrigaline, **Martin McSweeney**, Bus Drivers' Association, **Eithna Howard**, Currabinny, Carrigaline and **Linda Moore** from Rochestown.

As always, thanks to Beamish and Crawford for providing the venue and reception, and especially **Brendan Coughlan**, **George Frost** and **Pat Linan**.

For further information on Cork Cystic Fibrosis Week and how you can help this worthy cause, call (021) 4273000 (Mon to Fri 9.30am to 5.30pm. Phones are kindly manned by Mardyke Entertainment Complex) or after hours call 086-3863949.

Information and a downloadable information pack can be found on www.build4life.net.

Donations can be made directly through any AIB branch or online banking. Build4Life Bank Account Allied Irish Bank: A/C No: 42797173; Sort Code 93-41-43.

● Also in the past week, an exhibition called *Second Take Leeside* by Ian Weaver opened at the National Software Centre in Mahon, to a very appreciative audience.

This is Ian's second photographic exhibition and comprises of scenes of Cork from an appreciative eye.

The most ordinary scene is transformed and the resulting image will certainly have most people taking more time to appreciate this wonderful city of ours.

Ian took an interest in photography at the age of ten. He is now a member of the British Professional Photographers Associates and was awarded "Overseas Photographer

of the Month" for both February and March 2006 in the categories of environmental photography and digital photography.

He also received awards of merit in the categories of nature, monochrome, commercial and digital art during the same period.

Among the guests attending the opening were: **Michael O'Connor**, Cork Business Innovation Centre, **Shemas Eivers**, Chairman NSC, **Clare** and **Megan McLaughlin** and Ian's wife, **Maureen Weaver**.

We also chatted with **Anne Marie Maher**, **Dolores Keane**, **Colin Leahy**, **Don Magee**, **Margaret Manning**, **Michael Manning**, **Seán Manning**, **Eileen Clarke** and **Mike** and **Denise Mansfield**.

Others who attended this fascinating exhibition included **Ray Foley**, UCC, **Sandra Lenihan**, **Denise** and **Mike Marshall**, **Sarah McEneary** from Buttevant, **Mary Horgan** from Mahon and **Sharon Heffernan** from Cork city.

The exhibition continues until May 2 and is open on weekdays from 8.30am to 5.30pm. Admission is free.

There is an on-site café serving delicious lunches and snacks.

To get to the NSC take the exit for Mahon from the south link road and take the next right after the Mahon Point junction, sign-posted NSC. The NSC is the grey-green building 200 yards on your left-hand side.

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At the Cystic Fibrosis, Build4Life appeal launch at Beamish and Crawford were Gerald McCarthy, Cork hurling manager and Eddie Nicholson, Mardyke Entertainment. Picture: Eddie O'Hare



George Frost and Greg Canty at the Cystic Fibrosis Build4Life launch in Beamish and Crawford. Picture: Eddie O'Hare



At the Cystic Fibrosis Build4Life launch at Beamish and Crawford were John McEnery, Simon Coveney, TD; Betty Hand and John Healy. Picture: Eddie O'Hare



Clare and Megan McLaughlin at Ian Weaver's photographic exhibition at the National Software Centre in Mahon. Picture: Eddie O'Hare



John and Rachel White at the launch of the Build4Life appeal for cystic fibrosis. Picture: Eddie O'Hare



Mick O'Leary, Martin McSweeney and John O'Mahony, all from Bus Eireann at the Cystic Fibrosis Build 4 Life launch at Beamish and Crawford. Picture: Eddie O'Hare



Ian Weaver at his exhibition 'Second Take Leaside' at the National Software Centre. Picture: Eddie O'Hare



At the launch of the Cystic Fibrosis Build4Life appeal were John O'Mahony, Tim O'Loughlin, Ailish Greed, North Pres; Dinny O'Mahony and Hugh Callanan.

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Clr Catherine Clancy, Pamela O'Connor, Dr John Buckley, Bishop of Cork and Ross, and Breda McShane at the launch of the Build4Life appeal at Beamish and Crawford.

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Liz Twomey and Ed O'Sullivan in Beamish and Crawford for the Cystic Fibrosis Build4Life launch.

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Mick and Denise Mansfield, Douglas, at the Ian Weaver photographic exhibition in Mahon.

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Noelle Feeny, Cllr Fergal Dennehy and Deirdre Clune TD, at the Build4Life launch.

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Don Magee, Sarah McEaney and Colin Leahy at the National Software Centre for the Ian Weaver photographic exhibition 'Second Take Leaside'.

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