



Press Release

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No Name Club Teens raise €1,000+ for Temple Street

Temple Street Children's University Hospital will be the beneficiary of the goodwill Ballinrobe No Name Club recently displayed when its teenage members participated in a sponsored Awake-A-Thon.

25 hosts and hostesses* from the Mayo club took part in the event at Ballinrobe Community School that saw the young people stay awake over a 12-hour period to raise valuable funds for the hospital. The Awake-A-Thon ran from 8pm on Friday, April 29th, to 8am on Saturday, April 30th.

The idea for the fundraiser came about because six month old Marc Kelly, a Godson of Ballinrobe No Name Club Secretary Eilish McKenna, is receiving on-going treatment in the Dublin-based hospital. The teenagers decided they would give something back to the hospital that has provided great care for the baby and the Awake-A-Thon fundraiser was organised.

A very special guest made the journey from Athenry, Co Galway, to offer his support for the fundraising initiative. Six month old Marc travelled with his parents Bernie and Eddie Kelly and his presence gave the club's hosts and hostesses great encouragement. Members of the community also turned out during the night and early morning to support the young people. Councillor Damien Ryan got proceedings underway at 8pm on Friday evening. A series of

activities that included a bouncing castle, cards, music, indoor football and basketball, helped keep the teenagers active over the 12-hour period.

Money from the Awake-A-Thon is still being collected but to date, over €1,000 has been raised because of the efforts of the young people.

Anthony McCormack, Ballinrobe No Name Club Chairman, paid tribute to the hosts and hostesses. "Here we have a group of young people who are leading by example and have taken it upon themselves to provide much-needed support to children who are dependent on the professionalism, care and comfort of Temple Street and its staff. These teenagers made personal sacrifices and invested great energy so they could raise much needed funding for a very worthy organisation."

*Hosts and hostesses are teenage male and female members of No Name Clubs and develop their leadership and confidence skills thru their involvement with the national youth organisation. They work with adult committee members to run activities and events that bring benefits to the wider community.

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Note for the Editor

No Name Club is a National Voluntary Youth Organisation founded in 1978 and has 40+ clubs throughout the country. No Name Clubs are run by and for young people aged 15 years + who come together in a safe and lively environment where there's fun, friendship and enjoyment without the pressure of alcohol or other drugs. No Name Clubs were founded to provide an alternative to pub culture for young people in Ireland. They demonstrate a lifestyle in which the use of alcohol or drugs is seen as unnecessary to the enjoyment of a happy, cheerful and fulfilling social life for young people. Over the last 30 years, thousands of young people have valued their involvement in a programme of activities that allow them to enjoy themselves socially with their peers in a safe and friendly environment, free from the dangers and influences of alcohol and drugs. At present there are over 15,000 young people involved with No Name Clubs throughout the country.

