

## **The Ireland Funds Heart of the Community Fund awards grant to non-profit organisation in Monaghan**

**17th July 2024:** The Ireland Funds, the global philanthropic network, has awarded funding to the Carrickmacross Toy Library. This support, through the Heart of the Community Fund grant round, will assist the work of the organisation, which operates a toy lending service for children up to eight years old and their families.

The Heart of the Community Fund this year is awarding €930,000 (\$1,000,000) to 93 community and voluntary organisations across the island of Ireland to support their vital local activity. Made possible by generous philanthropic gifts and fundraising events of The Ireland Funds America, the largest chapter of The Ireland Funds, these grants exemplify the power of collective giving.

**Caitriona Fottrell, President & CEO of The Ireland Funds**, said: *“We recognise the significant challenges organisations face, especially in meeting core and operational costs. It is our aim that the Heart of the Community Fund fuels organisations to continue their essential work within communities. We are deeply grateful for the steadfast generosity of our donors, which continues to bolster crucial initiatives across the island of Ireland.”*

The Heart of the Community Fund strategically supports non-profits under The Ireland Funds’ four funding pillars: Arts and Culture, Community Development, Education, and Peace and Reconciliation. Emphasising community integration and inclusion, this fund prioritised projects that centred around belonging and organisations addressing youth and family support needs.

This year's Heart of the Community Fund is a testament to the enduring commitment of The Ireland Funds and its supporters. By providing timely funding, these grants will enable non-profits to address pressing community needs and create a lasting impact on the lives of many.

For more information about The Ireland Funds and the Heart of the Community Fund, visit [The Ireland Funds website](#).

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### **About The Ireland Funds**

The Ireland Funds is a global philanthropic network established in 1976 to promote and support peace, culture, education and community development throughout the island of Ireland, and Irish-related causes around the world. It has benefited the work of thousands of different organisations, with both financial and non-financial support. Today, The Ireland Funds is one of the largest independent grant makers for the non-profit sector in Ireland.

### **Carrickmacross Toy Library**

Promotes play and tackles the issue of waste in the toy industry via a toy lending service and play sessions for families of children aged 0-8.