

Fundraising Information for Féileacáin:

Féileacáin (Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Association of Ireland – SANDAI) is a not for profit organisation (CHY – 19635) that aims to offer support to anyone affected by the death of a baby during pregnancy or shortly after pregnancy. The organisation was formed by a group of bereaved parents who supported each other after the death of their own babies and have now come together to formally offer support to other parents and families who find themselves in a similar situation.

The aims of Féileacáin are:

- To provide hospitals with Memory Boxes to be given to bereaved families.
- To offer a befriending service and support helpline.
- To host regular support meetings which allow bereaved families space and time to remember their baby.
- To offer support and provide a safe and confidential setting, in which those bereaved through stillbirth or neonatal death can share their experiences.
- To promote research into the causes of stillbirth and neonatal death and the effects of grief on the family.
- To work in co-operation with support services and other support organisations.
- To hold remembrance services and family events.

Each fundraiser is appreciated so much, any donation can mean a huge difference to a family who unfortunately need our services. Here are some of the ways in which your donations could help:

€50 could provide a Memory Box to a bereaved family to ensure they can make memories with their baby

€200 could fund our helpline for one month!

€150 could provide a facilitated Support Meeting for up to 30 bereaved parents

€300 could fund bereavement & befriending training for 20 volunteers

How Funding Will Help

Everyone is devastated on hearing about the death of a baby. The effects of grief, pain, loss and isolation experienced by parents, families, friends and neighbours can be overwhelming. A baby may be stillborn, i.e. die before birth, or die shortly after birth which is termed neonatal death. To these parents, this child is a real person and a member of their family and the grief that they experience may be much deeper than other people realise.

An event which was supposed to bring a new member to the family with much joy and happiness has now brought great loss and sadness and most parents are left feeling feel shocked and numbed. It can be terribly isolating parenting an Angel, as it

may seem as if no one else understands. Féileacáin gives a shoulder to cry on, an ear to listen because we have been there and now we want to be here for you.

“I just wanted to say a huge thank you to what you gave myself and my husband . We had no idea what to do but our remembrance box have given us so many memories to hold on to and we appreciate that so much.” – Mary, Co. Cork

“Fundraising for Féileacáin has given me the chance to honour my son and give something back to other people who are parents to angels. We don’t know what we would have done without our Memory Box and the services provided by Féileacáin, when we couldn’t put one foot in front of the other Féileacáin were there to lead the way” – John, Co. Mayo

“When we opened our Memory Box for the first time after the hospital, I truly felt like a Mother. Our Baby has lived and left a legacy for us, and we cannot thank your fundraisers enough for funding projects such as the Memory Box”- Joanne, Co. Tipperary

Here are some fundraising ideas which might be helpful:

We have had many fundraisers, something to fit everybody.
We can divide fundraisers into some of the following categories:

- Schools
- Youth Groups
- Workplace
- Family
- General Public

Some effective fundraisers we’ve had have been:

Schools:

Bake Sale
Non-Uniform Day

Youth Groups:

Disco

Workplace:

Coffee Morning
Casual Day
Fancy Dress
Join in a Sponsored Walk/Run

Family:

Family fun Day
Races
Walk/Run/Cycle

General Public:

Pub Quiz
Bingo
Bag Packing
Church Gate Collection
Auction
Organised a Sponsored something
Ball
Bands Night

Home:

Coffee Morning
Swear Jar

In order to help along with your fundraiser, we'd be happy to send you any of the following materials you require:

Balloons
T-Shirts (Sizes Small to XXL)
Donation Boxes
Posters
Information Leaflets
Sponsorship Cards

We would please ask for you to only take what you need and please return ALL sponsorship cards (used or unused), donation boxes, and all other unused items to Féileacáin, 37 North Street, Skibbereen, Co. Cork. Or email 'admin@feileacain.ie' and Aoife or Aisling will try and organise collection. Cost of fundraising items will be taken out of the final money raised.

Health, Safety and Legal Advice

Any fundraising which involves receiving donations from the public (example on street collection) will need to have a permit from the Gardaí. This can be obtained by receiving full permission and authorisation from Féileacáin of your event. Please contact Aisling or Aoife (fundraising@feileacain.ie) with full details of your event, including date, venue, type of fundraiser, duration of fundraiser). The Gardaí are welcome to call the office to clarify event once authorisation has been given.

Any walk, run, cycle, that would be using public roads, may need a permit from your local county council. Please approach the local Gardaí who will be able to advise on same.

Some information on same can be found on the following websites:

www.wheel.ie
www.ictr.ie

How Donations Can Be Given:

Fundraisers might decide to set up an Online Support Page, Féileacáin recommend the use of iDonate, a locally run, not for profit Fundraising Page. For more details, please visit:

<https://www.idonate.ie/>

Or get in touch with Alan:

alan@idonate.ie

093 52467

Donations can be given to Féileacáin by Bank Draft, Postal Order, Cheque or through Bank Transfer. The details can be obtained from Aoife or Aisling at fundraising@feileacain.ie. We would ask for all funds to be lodged as soon as possible after the event.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read our fundraising information:

For any information or queries please contact our office at admin@feileacain.ie

Or by telephone at (028) 22407

If you would like to make contact regarding fundraising please email

fundraising@feileacain.ie

For counselling services please contact Jacinta at 085 – 249 6464

Or jacinta@feileacain.ie

For any queries relating to rights and social matters please email Mairie at

info@feileacain.ie

Fundraising Registration Information:

Please fill and return this form to fundraising@feileacain.ie before your event.

Name:

Address:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Preferred Method of Contact:

What is your event:

Why did you think of fundraising for Féileacáin:

Are you registering as an individual or on behalf of a group?

If you are organising a group fundraiser, do you take responsibility for the return of ALL sponsorship cards (used and unused) and Donation Boxes, and any other re-usable materials to Féileacáin?

I have read and agree with all fundraising guidelines, I will comply with same:

Name (Print)

Name (Signed)