

## THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR 1966-2008

Since the foundation of Western Care Association in 1966, the people of Mayo have been extremely generous to our Association and in 2007, as can be seen by the figures shown on the newsletter, this support and loyalty continues.

All the money collected from our Door To Door Collection funds the provision of transport, training centres, group homes and various building projects for the benefit of the people who avail of our services.

It is important to note that apart from the services provided, Western Care by the nature of its structure makes a major contributor to the economy of Mayo and as a result has built an excellent relationship with local communities.

Over the last forty two years our Annual Door To Door Collection has been one of our major fundraisers and the credit for this must go to our network of "Voluntary Collectors" who have given and continue to give their voluntary time to make this fundraiser the success it is.

To all our "Voluntary Collectors" and to the people of Mayo, a "BIG THANK YOU".

If you have an hour of your spare time to help with our Door To Door Collection it would be very much appreciated.

The 2008 Door to Door Collection commences on Thursday, 01st May.

Please continue to contribute generously to our "Voluntary Collectors" when they call!

*Yours gratefully,*

**Johnny Groden**  
Development Officer  
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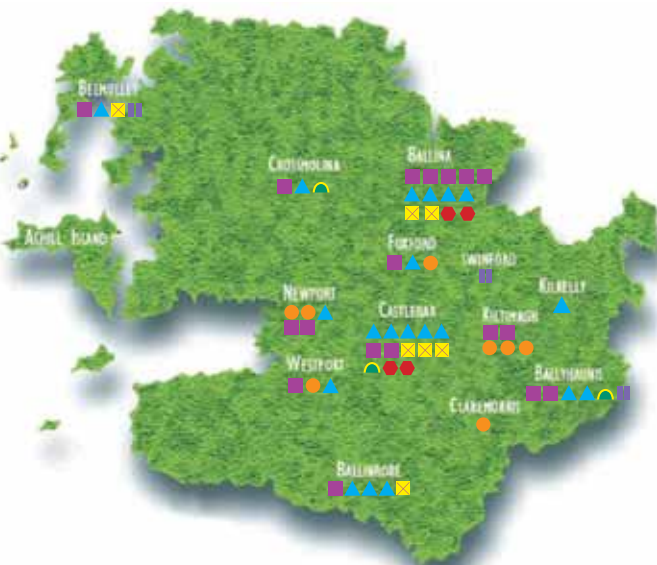
# WESTERN CARE ASSOCIATION

## Newsletter 2008



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### WESTERN CARE SERVICES



- Day Centres
- ▲ Residential Centres
- Day/Residential Centres
- ⊠ Respite Centres
- ◌ Other
- ◆ Special Schools
- Special Classes

### VOLUNTEERS:

In May 2007 Western Care Association introduced the new role of a Volunteer Coordinator to further develop the tradition of wonderful volunteer support which the organisation has received over the years.

The main focus is to develop volunteer supports within direct services and with individuals who avail of services.

Over the last year we have seen a steady increase in the number of new volunteers getting involved in services and in other departments in the organisation. Some of the things people get involved in are:

- Individual friendships
- Home supports
- Working in services to teach a skill
- Supporting people in social activities in their own local communities

We also have volunteers involved within our IT and administrative departments.

Becoming a registered volunteer involves an application and vetting process.

Following this we work with individual applicants to match their interests and skills with the most appropriate placement.

To find out more information contact:

**Noreen McGarry**  
Volunteer Coordinator  
Telephone: 094 90 25133  
Email: nmcgarry@westerncare.com

Or contact any Western Care location

Application forms can also be downloaded from our website:  
<http://www.westerncare.com/uploads/volunteerform08.pdf>

### EXPENDITURE

Monies raised through the annual Door to Door collection are spent on our houses and buildings throughout the county and on the provision of minibuses, aids and appliances, medical and other equipment, and furnishings to support the provision of services.

At present Western Care Association provides services through our 47 homes, respite houses and people living in independent units of accommodation, 17 resource centres, and supports to the education system.

We provide a door to door transport service

between home and our centres through the use of 27 minibuses a large number of which are wheelchair accessible, and we also provide MPV's for use in our services, with a total of 32 now in use through the county.

During 2008, we are planning to undertake the following capital developments:

- The provision new houses in Turlough and Ballina.
- Renovations to a number of our buildings throughout the county.
- Purchase of new minibuses and MPV's to upgrade and maintain our transport fleet

through the county. Provision of a range of lifting equipment and other aids and appliances for use in our houses and centres.

Through your continued contributions to the Door to Door collection we are in a position to provide and expand our service provision throughout the county and we thank you most sincerely for this.

**James Roche**  
Financial Controller



*Western Care Services and Voluntary  
Branches throughout Mayo  
1966 - 2008*

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WESTERN CARE ASSOCIATION AGM –

The Fáilte Suite, The Welcome Inn Hotel, Wednesday 7th May 2008 @ 8.15pm.

Sponsored by Bank of Ireland

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## BERNI DWYER, CHAIRPERSON

Dear Friends,

It's May time again and our annual opportunity to contribute to the work of Western Care.



Over the years the door to door collection has been a marvellous fund raiser for the Association. It has

also been an easy way for all of us to give at our own door.

Over the years this collection has risen considerably. While at the same time costs of services have also risen. The money from this collection makes a big difference in the provision of extra services to local residential, respite, day and family support services.

I am urging you to be as generous this year as you have been in the past.

If you would like to help with the "Door to Door" collection you will be very welcome - talk to your collector, branch member or ring the Development Officer Johnny Groden at Castlebar (094) 9025133.

Our very sincere thanks for your support.

**Berni Dwyer,**  
**Chairperson**

## FUNDRAISING DEPARTMENT

The generosity and limitless good will of Mayo people in organising and supporting fundraising projects and events for Western Care is very heartening. In 2007 in excess of €291,530 was raised to enhance the Association's local services throughout County Mayo. This ongoing support is crucial as it enables Western Care to continue to provide a broad base of services in the community. Fundraised funds provide resources for extensions and repairs to training centres and group homes, extra transport and also help fund training, social and sporting opportunities for service users. But this is not the full story - through fundraising activities awareness of the work of the Association is raised and many opportunities for social integration for our service users are created. Western Care is greatly indebted to the many volunteers and benefactors who give so much of their time, energy and money on an ongoing basis to help and support Mayo people with learning disabilities. We also wish to sincerely thank the many sponsors who continue to support these projects and events.

We would very much welcome contact from people interested in being part of the Associations services, particularly those wishing to

become involved in fundraising for Western Care (see Dates for your 2008 Diary). If you would like to help in any way please contact the Fundraising Department by phone or e-mail (details below), call to our head office or write to me at John Moore Road, Castlebar, County Mayo.

**Joe Brett**  
**Fundraising Manager**  
**Phone: 094 9029136/144**  
**E-mail: fundraiser@westerncare.com**  
**Web: www.westerncare.com**

### DATES FOR YOUR 2008 DIARY

**June 2nd:** Flora Womens Mini Marathon, Dublin  
**June 3rd – June 27th:** National Schools Bounce-athon '08  
**June 27th:** Michael John McDonnell Golf Classic,  
**Westport GC July 14th:** It's A Knockout, Ballina Festival  
**October '08:** Super €10,000 Bingo

## INCOME FROM 2007 FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Event/Project	Amount Raised €
Bequests	€54,523
C&C Cellular Mobile Phone Recycling	€30,000
Cáirde Crann Mór Bingo	€8,425
Cáirde Crann Mór Fundraising	€8,393
Castlebar Cycling Club Sponsored Cycle	€7,526
Christmas Cards, Calendar & CD	€17,872
Collection Boxes & Old Currency	€2,214
Corporate and Personal Donations	€25,500
Fashion Shows (Castlebar & Claremorris)	€9,328
Funtasia	€3,965
Kilglass Christmas Draw	€5,574
Golf Classics	€16,130
Mid West Radio Charity CD	€10,000
Mayo Mens Association, Dublin	€10,000
National Schools Bounce-athon	€18,562
Staff Deductions/Standing Orders	€6,754
Sundry (includes Donations and Fundraisers organised by Individuals, Groups, WCA Centres, Group Homes, etc)	€44,177
Women's Mini Marathon	€16,552
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€291,530</b>

## 2007 BRANCH INCOME DOOR TO DOOR COLLECTION AND OTHER BRANCH FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES:

Achill	€12,412.77
Ardagh	€2,891.00
Balla	€3,540.34
Ballina	€13,639.00
Ballinrobe	€11,964.00
Ballintubber	
/Ballyheane	€2,679.00
Ballycastle	€3,263.00
Ballycroy	€216.00
Ballyhaunis	€12,760.00
Belcarra	€632.00
Belmullet	€4,859.00
Bohola	€1,512.00
Bonniconlon	€4,870.00
Burishoole	€8,206.00
Carracon	€860.00
Carracastle	€1,200.00
Castlebar	€30,123.00
Currane	€1,105.00
Charlestown	€2,897.00
Claremorris	€13,710.00
Cooneal	€1,252.00
Crossmolina	€10,931.00
Clare Island	€231.82
Drummin	€1,460.00
Foxford	€7,562.00
Glenamoy	€309.00
Islandeady	€3,569.00
Keelogue	
/Manulla	€1,471.00
Kiltaine	€643.00
Kilfian	€1,860.00
Kilkelly/Kilmovee	€7,832.00
Killala	€2,893.00
Kilawalla	€1,546.00
Kiltimagh	€9,677.00
Kilmeena	€1,736.00
Knock	€3,174.00
Knockmore	
/Rathduff	€6,694.00
Lacken	€1,126.00
Louisburgh	€3,966.00
Mayo Abbey	
/Facefield	€5,039.00
Robeen	
/Roundford	€936.00
Shrule/Glencorrib	€7,144.00
Swinford	€1,496.00
Taugheen	
/Crossboyne	€1,792.00
Tourmakeady	€6,586.00
Westport	€17,940.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>€242,204.93</b>
<b>Unallocated:</b>	<b>€2961.00</b>

## YOUR MONEY WORKS TO THREE TIMES ITS VALUE!

The money which you generously contribute to the Door-to-Door Collection now funds the Volunteer Recruitment and Co-ordination Project in Western Care.

Under the expert stewardship of Noreen McGarry this project has, in its first year, generated volunteer hours in excess of three times the value of the financial investments.

The project has been a major success and brings to mind the early days of the Association when volunteers provided all of the services and supports in Western Care.

The volunteering spirit continues, your generosity supports it, and people with disabilities in Co. Mayo benefit hugely from it.

On their behalf, Thank You and please keep up the good work.

**John O'Dea**  
**Executive Director**

## MOBILE PHONE RECYCLING APPEAL ORGANISED BY

**C&C Cellular Ltd.**

**In excess on €100,000 raised for Mayo Charities to Date!**



Drop your old or unused mobile phones into any Western Care Training Centre or C&C Cellular shop throughout County Mayo and turn your Trash into Cash for Western Care!

For further information contact The Fundraising Department on 094 9029136/144

## 2006/2007 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**L-R Back Row:** Liamy MacNally, Tom O'Dea, John O'Dea, Berni Dwyer, Chris Pratt, Lorraine Hall.  
**L-R Front Row:** Nuala Mullins, Bernadette Gordon, Dorothy Caden, Maura Harrison and Mary O'Malley.  
**Absent:** Agnes Grimes, Del Maye and Teresa Ward.