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Thank You for Continuing to Believe in People

Dear Friends

On behalf of Dublin Simon Community, and more importantly the people who rely on our services, I would like to thank you all at the People's Photography for your continued support and commitment. Thank you for organising an exhibition in St. Stephen's Green again and raising vital funds for our services. Your generous donation of €2500.00 is greatly appreciated.

With your help we continue to provide vital service for those who need it most. These include our nightly Soup Run and Outreach Service who are on the streets 365 nights of the year, our night shelters, supported housing and residential treatment programmes, and the recently established Mobile Health Clinic and Housing First programme for entrenched rough sleepers.

Our aim at Dublin Simon is to offer more than just a bed for the night, we give some of the most isolated and disadvantaged people the opportunity to help themselves. We believe everyone who is homeless from those living in doorways; to emergency shelters or other temporary accommodation deserve the chance to rebuild their lives.

This work would not be possible without your help, and for that we are all extremely grateful. Your support will directly impact on the lives of those less fortunate. Thank you for making a real difference to people who are homeless, especially in these difficult times.

Yours Sincerely,

Sam McGuinness
Chief Executive Officer

*Many Thanks for
helping us.
Very much appreciated
Sam*



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Get Your Team Involved 2012!

- **Throughout the Year**

“Room to Improve” - Help create a homely and welcoming feel to our services for the people accessing them by getting a team together to paint and decorate a room or an area in one of our services.

Help **“Stock our Shops”** by holding a clothes collection in your office. This will help us to provide clothing to service users and fund our existing services by selling on the other items! For example why not hold a “Wardrobe Spring Clean” in your workplace.

Share your talent, skills and expertise - Throughout our services and the Social Club we regularly look for people to come in and organise workshops and classes such as yoga, pilates, drama, creative writing, photography and so on. We also look for expertise in areas such as IT, Logistics, Human Resources etc. If you have a skill or expertise that you would like to share with others, please contact us.

Part time Volunteering - Part time volunteers play a vital role in our soup run, social club, fundraising department and also in our services throughout Dublin Simon Community. We also need volunteers for one off events such as our Fun Run and Sing for Simon. Or if you would be happy to do a collection at a church in your local area, please contact us.

Tesco Points - Tesco have teamed up with Simon Communities in Ireland with an exciting new initiative. Tesco Clubcard customers can now go online and donate their clubcard points to Simon. Simply log onto www.tesco.ie and go to clubcard deals; and then charities. Donate your clubcard points by redeeming your voucher using the Simon Communities product code V0003.

- **Yoga in the Park** has started up again for the summer since 2nd June. The classes will be running at 11am on Saturday mornings beside the bandstand in the Phoenix Park. For further details please see www.twopalmsyoga.com.
- **Trek for Simon - 7th - 15th September 2012**
Fancy trekking through the wilderness in some of Namibia’s least populated and most scenic areas? Ever dreamt of camping in the wild under African Skies? Join our Namibian Desert Challenge from the 7th to the 15th of September 2012.
- **Launch of Annual Review - September 2012**
Attend and support the launch of Dublin Simon Community’s Annual Review from 2010. The event will include guest speakers and look at issues topical to homelessness.
- **Simon Week - October 2012**
Seven days of action on homelessness will include awareness events throughout Ireland. Join in and get involved in helping us put homelessness on the agenda.
- **Dublin Simon Fun Run - October 6th 2012**
For walkers and runners of all ages and fitness level, the annual Dublin Simon Fun Run is the longest running charity event in the Phoenix Park. So clean up those sneakers, dust off the Chicken Suit and join us in October!
- **Dublin City Marathon** - Help Dublin Simon Community put Homelessness on the Run by taking part in the 33rd year of the Dublin Marathon on October 29th. Sign up for Simon and register at www.dublinmarathon.ie.
- **Sing for Simon - November and December 2012**
Use your voice to help end homelessness this Christmas by either organising your own carol singing event or joining in with one of ours. We want everyone to Sing for Simon this Christmas so get your work gang together and start practicing those carols!
- **Simon House of Cards Appeal - Pledge from September - December 2012**
An annual appeal organised by Dublin Simon on behalf of all the local Simon Communities in Ireland. This year instead of sending Christmas Cards/Gifts, why not donate the cost to homelessness instead. See www.houseofcards.ie for more information.



- **Facebook/Twitter** - Join us on Facebook and Twitter for regular updates on Dublin Simon news and upcoming events.

“Whatever the size of your organisation or the level of commitment you can give, we can work together and make a difference to people experiencing homelessness in Dublin, Kildare and Wicklow”

If you would like more information regarding any of the above items, or if any of your personal information is incorrect please contact Kelly Crowley by emailing kelly@dubsimon.ie or by calling 01-6715551.