



CHILDHOOD CANCER DISTRICT PROJECT



Lions Clubs of Ireland Childhood Cancer Project

As part of the Childhood Cancer District Project, Lions Clubs of Ireland has partnered with **Childhood Cancer Ireland** to create greater awareness of childhood cancer in Ireland.

We at Childhood Cancer Ireland are delighted to partner with Lions Clubs of Ireland, particularly during **September, which is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.**

Why do we create awareness?

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, an opportunity to increase understanding of what life is like for families during and after treatment, of the long-term impact of this disease and of the need for support and services at every stage.



Visibility



Solidarity



Reduce
Isolation



Show True
Impact



We create awareness
for families like
Jude's and Fíona's



Childhood Cancer in Ireland

Every year an average of 375 children, adolescents and young adults (age 0 - 24) are diagnosed with cancer in the Republic of Ireland. A further 109 are diagnosed in Northern Ireland.

The most common cancers found in this age group are brain tumours, leukaemias and lymphomas.

The Reality of Childhood Cancer

A diagnosis of childhood cancer pulls the rug from under the entire family without warning. Treatment can last for up to, or even beyond, three years, depending on the diagnosis.

Families need support right throughout their cancer experience, from diagnosis and treatment to recovery, survivorship and, sadly for some families, bereavement.

Getting to the end of treatment brings enormous **relief and gratitude**, but it can also release a wave of unexpected emotions: **fear of recurrence, and uncertainty** about how to move forward. Many families are also exhausted from an intense and traumatic experience and from living in survival mode for months and sometimes years.

Childhood cancer has a high survival rate in Ireland, but the treatments necessary to save our children's lives often leave their mark.



Childhood Cancer Ireland

As a **parent and survivor-led charity**, we understand how this diagnosis pulls the rug from under the entire family without warning. When that happens, Childhood Cancer Ireland is there, giving families the strength they need every step of the way.

We are a national charity solely dedicated to supporting children and young people with cancer, survivors and their families, **throughout their cancer experience**.

Our **emotional, practical and financial supports** help all family members from the moment of diagnosis, through treatment and recovery and into survivorship or bereavement.

Childhood Cancer Ireland does this work **without Government funding**, relying on the generosity of public, community and corporate donations.



Play therapy

Psychology

Peer Support

Beads of Courage

Bereavement & Relapse Grants

Financial Advice

Education Supports

Awareness & Advocacy

Get Involved

Awareness

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month but you can pick a time of year that suits your club.

- Light a local building up gold.
- Hold a Light It Up Gold walk in your community.



Fundraising

Childhood Cancer Ireland does not receive any Government funding so the support of local communities is vital to helping us continue our work.

There is no expectation on clubs to fundraise but here are some ideas if you wish to.

- Coffee mornings
- Bake sales
- Awareness stand in local shopping centre/shop to sell gold ribbon pins
- Tractor runs / vintage car show
- Golf classic



Get Started

Discuss

Discuss plans at your April or May Club Meeting and decide on suitable awareness or fundraising event.



Choose

Choose a date for your event. Consider appointing a Childhood Cancer Project Lead in your Club.



Register

Once you have decided on an event and date, let us know!

Order

Support materials such as:

- T-shirts (for volunteers)
- LED candles (for Light It Up Gold Walk)
- Gold ribbon pins
- Leaflets, etc



Scan to register and order materials





Mountain to Climb

LEINSTER & MUNSTER

Make every step count!

LEINSTER CLIMB:

25 April 2025

Djouce Mountain,
Co. Wicklow

MUNSTER CLIMB:

9 May 2025

Claragh Mountain,
Co. Cork

Climb for childhood cancer



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