

# June 2003 Newsletter

## **FGS Questionnaire:**

As mentioned in Edition 4 of the CFAI Newsflash, FGS consulting have been appointed to carry out a review of services and operations of CFAI. All members will receive a questionnaire to fill out and it is imperative that all questionnaires are returned to FGS within the stated time period in the SAE supplied. This questionnaire allows all members the opportunity to express their views on how they currently view the operation of CFAI. It also affords one the opportunity to suggest changes that you would like to see implemented which would help improve our organisation. This questionnaire is anonymous and is sent to FGS Consulting not CFAI. The questionnaire can also be accessed on a special CFAI Review portal on the FGS website ([www.fgs.ie](http://www.fgs.ie)).

## **External Review:**

Dr. Pollack's external review is near completion and a draft copy of his report will be due in the coming weeks.

## **Drive for Life update:**

The Crowley brothers and friends are on the homeward stretch through Europe on their final leg of Drive for Life. Darragh, Cian and Shane started the homeward journey from Melbourne in March and have travelled through parts of Australia, Asia and the Middle East to raise much needed funds for Cystic Fibrosis research. A major highlight of the trip no doubt was the climb to the base camp of Everest in May along with Mr. David Crowley and Darragh's other brother Connor and some friends who flew from Dublin especially. The Crowley brothers are now in Turkey having passed through Pakistan, India and Iran on the final stretch home. All are due back safe and sound in Dublin in mid July. Keep watch of their final leg on [www.driveforlife.ie](http://www.driveforlife.ie)

## **Lourdes Trip:**

The Lourdes trip is fastly approaching and the Officers and all at CF house would like to wish all those going a safe and pleasant trip to Lourdes.

## **New Officers of CFAI:**

The New Officers for 2003 / 2004 were elected at the NEC meeting in May 2003. The new officers are as follows: Mr. Carl Rainey -National Chairperson Ms. Mary Lane Heneghan -National Honorary Secretary Mr. Gerard Fay - National Treasurer Mr. Paddy Keirans - National Vice Chairperson. All of the Officers are welcomed back to their positions for 2003 / 2004. The Officers will be shortly arranging dates to meet all branches in the coming months.

## **Gerard Fay - Marathon Run:**

Gerard Fay the National Honorary Treasurer of the Association and a long time member of the local Drogheda Branch has been competing in Marathons for over 6 years now. This year alone Gerard is competing in 4 Marathons including : Longford on 24th August

Chicago on 12th October Dublin on 27th October New York on 02nd November And 2 Half Marathons: Great Scottish Run in Glasgow on 07th September Great North Run in Newcastle on 21st September. All proceeds raised will go to Cystic Fibrosis Research and The Killinarden Street Dancers. The Cystic Fibrosis Association of Ireland is celebrating 40 years for charitable service this year and for the next 3 years has committed to spending in the region of ?150,000 each year, and Gerard hopes to raise between 10 and 20 thousand during this venture. Gerard would like to thank the Director of the Killinarden Street Dancers - Mr. Anthony Dempsey for his help. Should anyone wish to donate to Gerard's venture he can be contacted via email [gerardfay@eircom.net](mailto:gerardfay@eircom.net) or during the day on 01-4760494 or mobile 087-2398881 or through CF House. All donations are accepted no matter how small and all monies raised by individuals will be accepted as branch income from that area.

#### **Welcome Note:**

The Officers and Staff of CF House would like to extend a warm welcome to James Cannon who will be working in CF House for a three month period over the summer.

#### **Heart & Lung Transplant Games 2004:**

The 10th European Heart & Lung Transplant games are to take place in Dublin in 2004. The games are organised every two years and like any major sporting event, there is competitions for all people of all ages. The games are the biggest organ donor awareness event to be held in Ireland. More information on the games and participation can be accessed on [www.ihlta.com](http://www.ihlta.com) or by calling Terry Mangan at 01 4950940.

#### **Note on Future Force:**

The CF Adult Group apologise for the lateness of this issue of Future Force which was due to circumstances beyond the groups control.

#### **South Africa Walk 2003:**

This year's walk destination is returning to the land of exquisite beauty enriched in history culminating with the walk to freedom - Yes, its South Africa! The spectacular destination will introduce you to one of the world's strangest and most dramatic landscapes, a unique wealth of animal and plant life, and a kaleidoscope of fascinating cultures. To date, there are 40 walkers onboard and there are a limited number of places left so don't hesitate to start planning today and tell others about this wonderful opportunity. For further details please contact CFAI head office @ 01 4962433. Total cost per persons is ?3,300. Remember those boots are made for walking?!

#### **Ciara's Crusade:**

Ciara's Crusade campaign was launched by the Irish Sun Newspaper, on Tuesday, January 21st to honour the memory of a brave little girl Ciara Kelleher and to raise fundfor Cystic Fibrosis. Irish Sun readers responded promptly and magnificently to the campaign and a staggering amount of ?112,626.62 has now been raised through various fundraising events and anonymous donations lodged to the Ciara's Crusade account. This has been a fantastic achievement and CFAI would like to express their sincere thanks to Danny Gallagher, Paddy Clancy and his team at the Irish sun newspaper, Mary & Joan

Kelleher, family and friends of Ciara and to all other parties involved who help make the campaign such a huge success.

A special fundraising night was held in the Quay's bar in Galway to also raise money for Ciara's Crusade - a special CD has been put together which features Quays regulars such as Paddy Cole, The Four Tops, Rob Strong and the Classic Beatles band. To purchase a copy of this excellent CD please contact Gerry Mulkerrins on 086 336 7129 / 095 43830. The CD can be purchased from Zhivago records in Shop Street, Killary Adventure Centre in Connemara, Vina Mara wine bar and restaurant in Middle Street, Galway.

**Thankyou:**

Special thanks to those who ran for CFAI on June 2nd for the Women's mini marathon, a total of ?4621.00 has been raised to date..

If you have any news stories or event information that you would like added to our News Update Page, please contact us with the details.