



# BANTRY HOSPICE PROJECT

## BANTRY HOSPICE PROJECT INFO AND FACTS

The Bantry Hospice Project was formed with the intention of providing the capital expenditure necessary to put in place palliative care beds within the grounds of Bantry Hospital.

### THE COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF

**Dr Denis Cotter**  
Co-Chairman

**Damian Moloney**  
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Hospice care has assisted many people at their most vulnerable and their work is to be commended. The one drawback with the closest Marymount Hospice facility is that it is located in Cork and for this reason it was felt by the Committee that there should be a facility in Bantry to enable people to remain close to their family circle and friends.

Find us on Facebook and join our group - The Bantry Hospice Project where you will find pictures and information from our early days to recent events.

If you wish to fund-raise or have any fund-raising proposals please contact any of the Committee members.

*Welcome* TO THE FIRST EDITION OF THE BANTRY HOSPICE PROJECT NEWSLETTER

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# BANTRY HOSPICE PROJECT NEWSLETTER

We, the Board of the Bantry Hospice Project, would like to welcome you to our first Newsletter. The purpose of this Newsletter is to keep you informed and up to date on the project. As you know the hospice units have been up and running since January 2010 with our official opening held in August this year by the famous Graham Norton. People who have experienced the units have been very positive with the comfort and their privacy. These units provide people from the area with access to exclusive palliative care units without the necessity of travelling to Cork.

The generosity of the people of Bantry and West Cork is evident by the high standard of these units. It is also important to note that the extension to the Cardiac Unit on the ground floor was also part of the project. Donations were received from different groups and individuals.

Let's not forget that every single cent that was raised has been

kept locally. Everyone who donated or organised events can be very proud of the efforts made and a very sincere thank you to all. Special thanks to the management and staff of Bantry General Hospital for their support and co-operation. To Marymount Hospice special thanks for their advice and assistance.

We aim to continue our fundraising efforts to retain the units and equipments to the high standards that are presently available. We also hope to be in a position to assist in staff training for the nurses that work in St. Joseph's ward so professionally and tend to the palliative patients with so much care and attention. We also wish to assist the existing West Cork Palliative Care Team based at Bantry Hospital in any way possible.

Our future events which we hope you will be able to support include our "Light up a Life" Christmas tree with donation

cards available at the moment and our Christmas cards which are also available in various local establishments. In May 2011 we will be hosting our fourth Annual Golf Classic kindly sponsored by Rowa/Rowex Ltd. - so golfers kindly pencil that date in!

Finally, we would like to thank you again for all your kind assistance, commitment and dedication to the project and wish you "Nollaig Shona agus bliain nua síochánta"

*Dr Denis Cotter*  
Co-Chairman

*Damian Moloney,*  
Co-Chairman

*Committee*

*Bantry Hospice Project.*



## Treasurer's Report

The Bantry Hospice Project is a Limited Company, the Accounts are audited annually and are available for inspection on request at any time. The project is registered for charitable status. The 2 Palliative care units together with the extension of the Cardiac Unit at Bantry Hospital are completed. The total cost was €240,000.00 which was paid for in full by the Bantry Hospice Project. The proceeds of the 2007 Durrus to Bantry Walk which amounted to €40,000.00 was donated to Marymount Hospice. Without the generous support of the people of Bantry and surrounding areas these badly needed and excellent facilities would not have been possible to construct, a special word of thanks to all our sponsors, especially our main sponsor Brigitte Wagner Halswick of Rowa Ltd and her staff for all their support since the inception of the project. Finally, if anyone wishes to raise funds for the Project please contact a member of the committee beforehand.

## Highlights and Events

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*2010 has been a very successful year and this is all thanks to you for assistance and generous sponsorships.*

February saw our successful Snooker Exhibition night with Steve Davis and Denis Taylor in the Maritime Hotel - the night was a great success. Many thanks to all the local businesses for placing adverts in our booklet - the many locals who played frames against the snooker legends - to everyone who attended and placed bids in the auction held on the night.

Our Annual Golf Classic took place in May which was kindly sponsored by Rowa/ Rowex Ltd., many thanks to all entrants, sponsors and supporters who made this event a great two day success.

The Bay Run '10 took place on the May Bank Holiday weekend, the Bantry Hospice Project were the chosen charity once again and many thanks to all who entered and raised much needed funds.

On August 18<sup>th</sup> the Hospice Units were officially opened by our special guest Graham Norton followed by a reception in Bantry

House. The day was a tremendous success and extensive press reviews were published in The Southern Star, The Cork News, The Grapevine, The Irish Examiner, The Irish Times, The Daily Star, The Evening Echo and The Independent.

### Christmas Cards

Designed by the children in Vinefield Arts Studio, Skibbereen, these are available from a number of local shops, Bantry Hospital, chemists and at Rowa Ltd. Telephone No.: 027 50077. Cards come in packs of 15 and cost €6.00.

### Light Up A Life

For the month of December a Christmas Tree will be illuminated by hundreds of lights in Bantry town square, remembering friends and family. On Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> December the Christmas tree lights were officially switched on in Wolfe Tone Square. Donations can be made and your intentions will be included in mass offered in St. Finbarr's and service in St. Brendan's Church, during the Christmas period.



## 2011 and Beyond

### Annual Golf Classic

Our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Classic will be held in Bantry Bay Golf Club 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> May 2011. Details will be confirmed in the New Year. For all future events please keep an eye out for our road signs located at either end of Bantry, the Parish Bulletin and our Facebook page - Bantry Hospice Project Group.

**A very big THANK YOU to everyone who has contributed to the Bantry Hospice Project, your efforts are greatly appreciated.**