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CALLING ALL SINGERS

HELP US BREAK The Guinness World Record

*"for the most carol singers
singing together"*

Croke Park, December 19th, 7 - 9pm



*Providing financial assistance
for critically ill children*
Patron: Miriam O'Callaghan

Let us tell you a little about Cliona's Foundation. Firstly Cliona is our daughter.

Brendan and I set up the charity following her death in 2006 from a brain tumour. Over the years, as Cliona underwent numerous different hospital treatments, we were struck by the number of families, facing enormous hardship, on the brink of financial free-fall, blindsided by non-medical expenses piling up. We saw at first-hand the enormous toll it took on these families, already struggling to cope with the nightmare of having a seriously ill child.

Since its founding in 2007, Cliona's Foundation has raised in excess of €400,000 and has helped more than 150 families all over Ireland. We have an intimate understanding of the stress brought upon these families that explains the diversity of expenses covered by Cliona's Foundation - from rent, food, utility bills to transportation for chemotherapy or alternative therapies, to a treat for a sibling and even covering the cost of a child's funeral.

Brendan & Terry Rung

Cliona's Foundation Vision

The ordeal of a child's grave illness or injury tests families far beyond their endurance, taking an enormous toll financially, emotionally and physically. While we cannot cure a child, we want to help them cope and soften their heartbreaking journey, by uniquely providing financial assistance to families, who have exhausted all other resources. Cliona's Foundation believes that no family should have to face any added financial stress when they are already struggling to cope with the devastation and trauma of a seriously ill child.

An RTE documentary series **'The Secret Millionaire'** which broadcast in May this year, spotlighted the work of the Foundation. While this publicity continues to present an important publicity opportunity, it

has also inevitably brought about a new wave of requests from new families looking for support. Unless short term funding is secured Cliona's Foundation may have to turn down families for the first time since its inception.

Download this Secret Millionaire RTE documentary from our website

www.clionasfoundation.com

Stars Choirs and Carols is a festival of carol singing, will be hosted by Miriam O'Callaghan in Croke Park on December 19th 2013. The objective of the event is to raise funds for two charities - Cliona's Foundation and The Sanctuary and simultaneously attempting a Guinness World record of 'the most people singing Christmas carols together'.

The event will see over 50,000 singers from all backgrounds - choirs, choral societies, singers - gather in Croke Park, with music by the Army No. 1 Band and led by Lieutenant Colonel Mark Armstrong. A selection of choirs will sing alongside the Dublin Gospel Choir, RTE Cór na nÓg and the Tallaght Choral Society. Other stars on stage will include: Celine Byrne, Lisa Hannigan and The Celtic Tenors. Louis Walsh will support the musicians and co-host with Miriam O'Callaghan.

This will be a unique event in Ireland - the current record for 'the most people singing Christmas carols together' stands at 15,111 and was achieved in Korea.

For further information or if you wish to make a donation or organise a charity event for Cliona's Foundation, please contact us on 061 400640 or 087 188 7700 or log onto www.clionasfoundation.com
Email info@clionasfoundation.com

More details on Stars Choirs and Carols can be found on

www.starschoirsandcarols.ie

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