

Press Release

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Support Irish Wheelchair Association Annual fundraising Angel Campaign

Angel Day, The Irish Wheelchair Association's angelic annual fundraiser, is taking place during the second week of November (9-13th) and will be launched by Niall Quinn and his wife Gillian. These adorable IWA Angel Pins and Angel Pencils will be sold nationwide for €2 and all the monies raised will help to fund services for the 20,000 members throughout Ireland. A new pin has been added to the collection which is sure to please our supporters.

The Irish Wheelchair Association was founded in 1960 by a small group of wheelchair users committed to improving the lives of people with physical disabilities in Ireland. Almost 50 years on IWA provides services nationally, including sixty resource and outreach centres; personal assistant services; motoring advice, assessment and tuition; youth services; training and education; respite and holidays; wheelchair sales and rental; peer counseling and sport. We work to achieve greater independence, freedom and choice for people living with a disability.

Speaking about this year's campaign, CEO Kathleen McLoughlin commented,

"Our annual Angel campaign allows us to generate the funds to provide essential resources and services to many people with disabilities. Our members rely on us for essential services, such as, personal assistants to support them in their daily living. In these tight times, with reduced funding sources, we are doing our very best to avoid cutting the services we provide to our members in their own homes and in the community. We are asking the general public to support our essential work by buying these lovely angel pins and pencils."

The Angel Pins and Pencils which each cost €2 will be sold by a network of volunteers in towns and cities throughout the country. They will be on sale for the month of November.

The pins are distributed courtesy of DPD Ireland, the national courier service, who generously supports this worthwhile campaign.

For further information or to donate online please contact the Irish Wheelchair Association on 01 8186400 or www.iwa.ie.

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