



# ANNUAL REPORT 2014

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## About Us

### Mission

The Katharine Howard Foundation (KHF) is an independent Foundation focused on improving the lives of young children and their families. The Foundation's work is underpinned by a commitment to equality and overcoming disadvantage and to promoting equality of opportunity for all children.

The Foundation's approach involves working with others in identifying needs, building on existing programmes, making grants and sharing the learning. KHF aims to contribute to the development of policy and practice, particularly in the early years and family support sectors.

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## KHF Trustees:



### **David Kingston (Chairperson)**

David Kingston has spent his working life in insurance, investment and pensions. Originally from Co. Derry, he went to university in England and qualified as an actuary in Scotland before moving to Dublin in 1968. He has a special interest in equality, particularly equality of opportunity. He has been a Trustee of the Katharine Howard Foundation since 1998 and holds the position of Chairperson since 2004.



### **Eddie Shaw**

Eddie has worked at a senior level in the Financial Services sector where he held a number of Senior Executive positions for most of his working life. This has included general insurance and capital markets - fund management. From 1996 to 2005, Eddie was a member of the Board of the National Safety Council (Chairman from 2000 to 2005) and the High Level Group on Road Safety. Eddie is Head of Public Relations with a Communications Company since 2006. Eddie became a Trustee of the Katharine Howard Foundation in 2005. He is also a member of the Finance and Investment sub-committee.



### **Joan O'Flynn**

Joan O'Flynn has wide ranging experience in social inclusion research, policy and practice gained through working in the community sector in Britain and in the civil and public service and voluntary sector in Ireland. Joan's former roles include Director of the National Advisory Committee on Drugs, Head of Communications and Public Education with the Combat Poverty Agency and National President of the Camogie Association. Joan was appointed Ard Stiúrthóir of the Camogie Association in 2014. She became a Trustee of the Katharine Howard Foundation in May 2012. She is also a member of the Implementation sub-committee.



### **Kieran Bristow**

Kieran Bristow has worked his entire career in Financial Services including General Insurance, Life Assurance, Investment Management and currently as a Bank Treasurer. He has been a Trustee representative on a school board with specific responsibility for finance. Kieran became a Trustee of the Katharine Howard Foundation in May 2012. He is also a member of the Finance and Investment sub-committee.



**Dermot McCarthy**

Dermot McCarthy is a former civil servant who worked in a range of government departments and was involved in a variety of areas of policy development and coordination, including anti-poverty strategy and local development. He has long been involved in voluntary and community organisations and serves on the boards of a number of voluntary and charitable bodies. Dermot became a Trustee of the Katharine Howard Foundation in February 2013. He is also a member of the Implementation subcommittee.



**Maura Murphy**

Maura is from County Wexford and trained as a nurse in the Mater Hospital, Dublin. She has worked for the Health Service Executive and now Tusla (Child and Family Agency) for the past 36 years. She was employed as a Public Health Nurse in New Ross Health Centre for 10 years and was appointed as Preschool Services Officer in 1995. During the past number of years, she has completed a BSc. Honours in Psychology and an MA (Ed) in Lifelong Learning. She has been involved with many voluntary and statutory agencies in the development of Preschool services in County Wexford and is a board member of Wexford County Childcare Committee. Maura joined the board in of KHF in late 2014.

## KHF Team:



### **Noelle Spring, Director**

Noelle has worked with KHF as Development Director since 1999; her work with the Foundation has included designing, implementing and managing special grant initiatives including general grant schemes, demonstration programmes and research projects. Prior to working with KHF, Noelle worked as a Project Officer with the Combat Poverty Agency and a Community Worker and Social Worker with the HSE (formerly the Eastern Health Board). A graduate of Social Work from Trinity College Dublin, Noelle was conferred in 2011 with a Doctorate in Education by St Patrick's College of Education in Dublin. Her doctoral thesis focused on absenteeism at Primary School Level in an area designated as disadvantaged.



### **Gina Allen, Foundation Administrator**

Gina joined the Katharine Howard Foundation in 2014 continuing her career in the not for profit sector which drove her to change her focus back in 2009 while living in Australia. She is an honours graduate of UCD with a degree in French and Spanish, spending her summers in Spain during her academic life. On leaving college, she joined the Department of An Taoiseach for 3 years. Following a period of travel she returned to Ireland in 2000, joining Accenture European Service Centre, before moving to The Coca-Cola Company in 2004 where she got involved in the company's corporate citizenship programme. Gina returned to Sydney in 2007 but a desire to work in the not for profit area in Ireland brought her back to Dublin in 2010 where she started volunteering initially before joining the team at Suas Educational Development fulltime from 2010-2014.



### **Marguerite Hanratty, Strategic Planning Support**

Marguerite has worked with the Katharine Howard Foundation (KHF) over many years in a strategic planning/programme consultancy role. Marguerite is a professionally qualified Social Worker and worked with the Health Service Executive (HSE) for 17 years, as a Social Worker and subsequently as a Community Development Worker in the Clondalkin area of Dublin. Over the past 15 years she has worked as an independent consultant providing a range of supports and services to community, voluntary and statutory organisations with a particular focus on the planning and development of new projects, programmes and initiatives. In her role with KHF, Marguerite has supported the Director in relation to the overall strategic planning of the Foundation's work and in particular the planning and development of a number of new programmes/initiatives including the Tallaght West Small Grants Programme (2004-2006), the Parent and Toddler Group Initiative (2006-2008) and more recently with the Parenting Support Initiative (PSI) (2013-2016) and the Nurture - Infant Health and Wellbeing Programme (2014-2017).

## Background

### Katharine Howard



The Katharine Howard Foundation (KHF) was established in 1979 by Katharine Howard, who was the last survivor of the Earls of Wicklow and resided most of her adult life in Co. Wexford. She set up the Trust with assistance from friends who agreed to support her by becoming Trustees. Her intention was to support locally based projects and community activities. She was a founder member of the Gorey Girl Guides and was involved in other voluntary organisations such as the Camphill Community that assisted people with disabilities and others, involving environmental projects. Initially she allocated £20,000 to her fund and gradually added more modest funds to the Trust which continued distributing small amounts of funds until her death in 1990. Subsequently

her estate and that of her American grandmother was then added to her endowment funds and this greatly increased the funding that was available. These funds were then carefully invested by the Trustees who also expanded the organisation and sought advice to become strategic and focused about its grant making.

### Key Principles

The key principles that underpin KHF's work are:

- A belief that KHF can make a difference through focused interventions based on collaboration, reflective learning, adding value and flexibility.
- A commitment to equality and overcoming disadvantage and to promote equality of opportunity for all children.
- A commitment to apply respect, integrity and empathy in all aspects of KHF's work.
- A commitment to transparency and accountability throughout all KHF's work.

### Work of the Foundation

Since the early 1990's the Foundation has operated as an independent all-Ireland grant-making Foundation with a particular emphasis on supporting community projects and initiatives in areas that are socially disadvantaged, particularly those with a focus on families and young children.

The work of the Foundation includes:

- Advocacy and development work;
- Providing funding through small grants;
- Supporting and co-funding social administration and policy research;
- Developing and implementing collaborative innovative programmes/initiatives.

KHF places great emphasis on working in partnership with statutory, community and voluntary organisations and other funders. This partnership approach has proved successful over the years and has affirmed the Foundation's developmental approach to its work in engaging in special projects especially in the area of young children and family support. KHF has built in a support role accompanying grants where possible. This support role includes an emphasis on designing and planning activities and delivering planned activities through a considered and reflective approach to project work. The impact of providing funding along with implementation support has strengthened the partnerships made by KHF within the sector it operates in.

The collaborative initiatives that KHF have initiated include: -

- The Community Playgroup Initiative (2001-2004) in partnership with the South Eastern Health Board;
- Tallaght West Small Grants Programme (2004-2006) in partnership with The Atlantic Philanthropies;
- The Parent and Toddler Group Initiative (2006-2009) in partnership with the Office of the Minister for Children;
- The Parenting Support Initiative (2013-2016) in partnership with The Community Foundation for Ireland.



## Chairperson's Report



I am pleased to present the 2014 Annual Report and Account Summary for the Katharine Howard Foundation - (KHF), established in 1979. Over the past 36

years KHF has gone through a number of phases which have seen various developments in the operation and governance of the Foundation.

The most notable point of change was in 1999 when the Trustees decided to formalise the Foundation's operations through the employment of a small staff support team and shifted its focus from being a reactive small grant maker to being more pro-active in its approach through targeted grant programmes and funding initiatives. This report outlines our main activities and learning during 2014 while also building on the work that took place over the previous years.

The Foundation, as an independent Irish grant-making Foundation, has a particular emphasis on working with children and families by supporting community projects and initiatives in areas that are socio-economically disadvantaged. Building on this work KHF aims to influence policy and practice so that they are informed by relevant evidence, and ultimately achieve better outcomes for children, young people, families and communities.

KHF has implemented a number of strategic grant programmes since 2001 including the Community Playgroup Initiative (2001-2004), the Tallaght West Small Grants Programme (2004-2006), the Parent and Toddler Group Initiative (2006-2009), as well as providing Community and General Grant Programmes. KHF, through this work,

developed a positive track record of working in partnership with statutory, community and voluntary organisations and other funders. This partnership approach proved successful over the years and helped the Foundation to meet its objectives.

KHF underwent a process of reviewing its strategic objectives in early 2013 and agreed a new three year strategic plan for 2013-2016. It was clear from the review and planning process that the Foundation should continue to operate its developmental approach to grant making within its primary area of expertise (early intervention through supporting children and families) and to continue to work with other partners, where possible.

The three year strategic plan provides the focus for all the Foundation's work.

KHF also continued its commitments to a number of specific funding programmes such as those operated by the Department of Children and Youth Affairs, The Atlantic Philanthropies, Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust and the Mount Street Club Trust. KHF also worked closely with other Foundations such as The Community Foundation for Ireland and the St. Stephen's Green Trust whereby co-funding arrangements were instigated towards specific grants. In addition KHF networked with other organisations in the Philanthropic sector.

Priority was given in 2014 to the implementation of the Parenting Support Initiative (PSI). This is a collaborative partnership between the Katharine Howard Foundation and The Community Foundation for Ireland. PSI is a three year (2013-2016) strategic grants programme with a focus on children from birth to three years and their parents, with a particular emphasis on supporting parents in their parenting role.

The first implementation phase of the new grants programme was launched in September 2013. The initiative is described in detail under the Director's report.

The Foundation also continued discussions with The Atlantic Philanthropies (Atlantic) in 2014 in relation to PSI. These discussions explored the potential for a new Programme with a focus on working with the Health Service Executive to develop an integrated service model for the development and delivery of services and supports for children 0-2 years and their families. The Atlantic Board approved the proposal for 0-2s Infant Health and Wellbeing Programme in December 2014 with KHF as managing the new Programme.

During 2014, the Foundation also provided support grants to meet with the objectives of its strategic plan and to progress and enhance the work in the early care and education sector in supporting children and families.

I am very grateful to my fellow Trustees for their great commitment to the governance of the Foundation. We are all very pleased that in late 2014 Maura Murphy joined the Trustees. We were particularly pleased that Maura could accept the invitation to become a Trustee as she has always maintained strong links with the work of KHF, since the early days of the grants to community childcare settings and parent and toddler groups. Maura's arrival provided a good opportunity to maintain links with County Wexford where the late Katharine Howard lived for most of her life.

Thanks are also due to the numerous individuals and organisations that assisted KHF, formally and informally, during 2014. We are very grateful for all the support and the willingness to work together and share learning so that we might improve outcomes for children and families.

All of the Trustees appreciate the inspiration, great work and dedication which the Director, Noelle Spring brings to the Foundation. Thanks are also due to a number of people that assisted the Director on a regular basis throughout 2014, particularly Marguerite Hanratty for her ongoing support role and David Nevin who provided part-time administrative support from January to October 2014. A warm welcome to Gina Allen who joined KHF as Foundation Administrator in October 2014. A lot has been achieved with modest resources.



**David Kingston, September 2015**

## Director's Report

2014 was another busy year for KHF and one that provided many challenges and opportunities. In 2013, KHF reviewed its strategic objectives as outlined in its three-year Strategic Plan (2013-2016).



A central part of KHF's work in 2014 was the implementation of its three-year Parenting Support Initiative (PSI). This initiative was developed based on consultations with key stakeholders and on research of the Early Year's Sector, where the gap for support for parents of children from pre-birth to three years was identified. The Parenting Support Initiative is a collaborative programme developed in partnership with The Community Foundation for Ireland (CFI), which allowed for the pooling of resources to increase the level of funds available for grants. PSI supports a number of projects working in socio-economically disadvantaged areas or specific socially disadvantaged (target) groups engaged in collaborative approaches to working with parents of children from birth to three years.

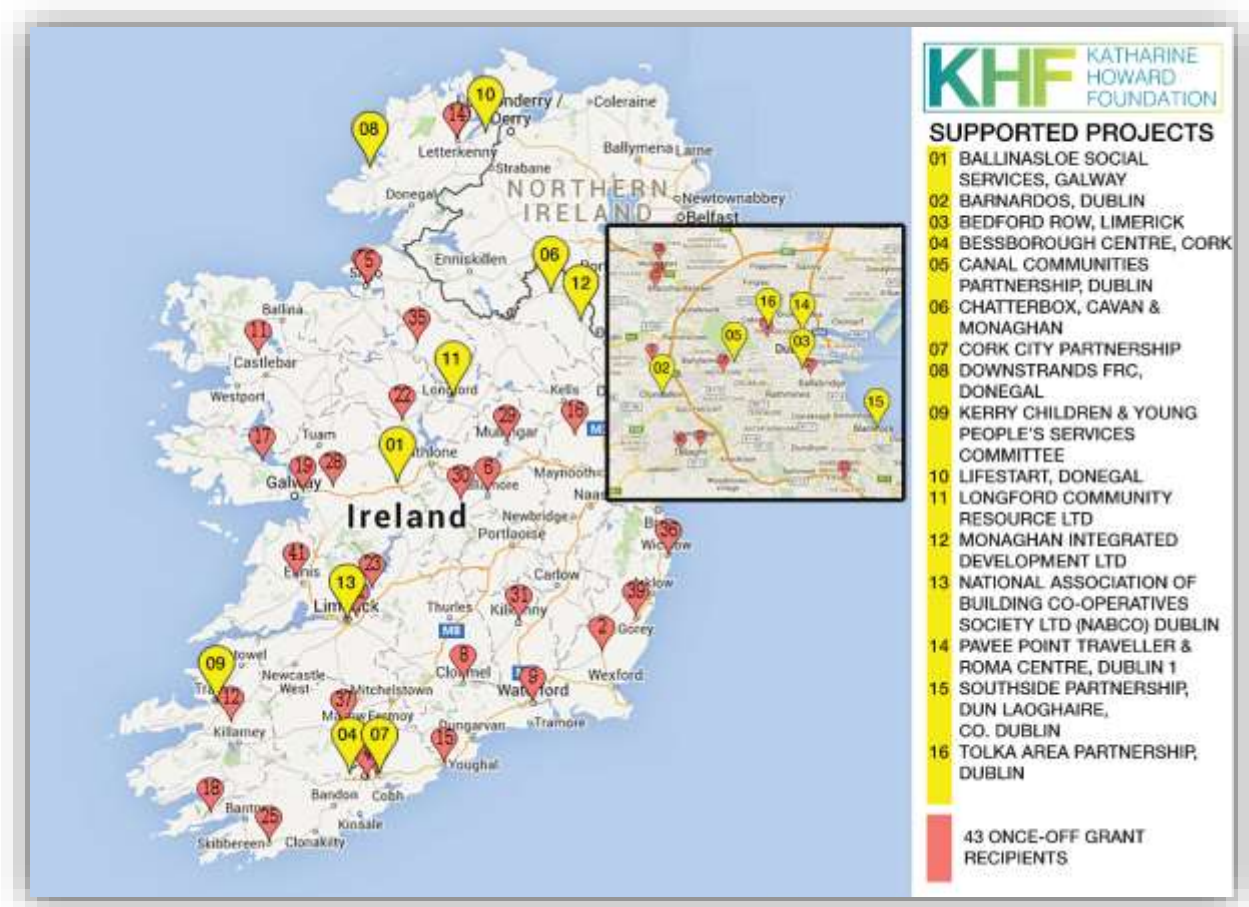
### Implementing the Parenting Support Initiative (PSI)

PSI was launched in September 2013 and over 200 applications were received. The high response from a diverse range of organisations within the community, voluntary and statutory sectors was very much welcomed by the KHF and the CFI and indicated that many organisations are interested and involved in supporting projects working with parents of young children.

As the PSI was designed to support a specific, small number of projects it was essential that the process would identify the most suitable projects that were likely to have the greatest impact in terms of improving outcomes for children through support for parents and also projects that would provide good learning opportunities in the area of prevention and early intervention. The limited budget available was also a key consideration and projects in receipt of other large scale funding were not considered under this initiative which allowed for a focus on spreading funding to other areas.

### PSI Grants

The implementation phase of the Initiative began in 2014. KHF and CFI allocated €180,000 towards core grants to be paid in the first year of the initiative. KHF also allocated an additional €100,000 to fund once-off small grants in 2014 as part of the PSI. A total of 59 organisations from across the country were selected to receive grants under the Initiative; 16 organisations received core grants while 43 organisations received small once-off grants. (See appendix) The amount of the grant allocated ranged from €1,000 - €15,000, depending on the category and the focus of the proposed projects. The funded projects come from all the 26 counties and include a wide range of organisations within the community and voluntary sector.



The map indicates the geographical spread of the PSI Grant Recipients. The 16 core projects are named and indicated by a yellow balloon and the 43 once-off projects are indicated by the pink balloons.

### Sharing the Learning from PSI

The funded PSI projects made good progress in developing and implementing their project plans in 2014. The projects engaged actively and positively with KHF. A Networking Event involving representatives from the 16 core projects was held in April 2014 with a focus on sharing the learning in terms of planning and implementing projects. The event also explored ways of ensuring ongoing contact between projects and effective ways of sharing learning.

The projects completed mid-term reports which provided a summary snapshot of the projects progress and developments which provided the basis for a newsletter that was circulated to the projects in October 2014. All core projects also completed an end of year progress report and plans for year 2. The 43 projects that received a small once-off grant also completed a progress report which provided great insights into the work at community level. A summary of key learning was also produced.

**16 PSI Core Funded Projects 2014 Projects**

<b>Lead Organisation</b>	<b>PSI Project Theme</b>	<b>Grant Awarded €</b>
<b>1. Ballinasloe Social Services, Galway</b>	Delivery of Incredible Years Parenting Programme	12,500
<b>2. Barnardos, Dublin 12</b>	Audit of Needs and Parent Support Project	9,937
<b>3. Bedford Row, Limerick</b>	Support Worker-young women prisoners and ex-prisoners	15,000
<b>4. Bessborough Centre, Cork</b>	Parent Infant Health Practitioner- to lead Baby Together Group	8,000
<b>5. Canal Communities Partnership, Dublin 8</b>	Parent Child Home programme (PCHP)- Delivery of programme to families in local catchment area	12,500
<b>6. Chatterbox, Cavan &amp; Monaghan</b>	Speech and Language Project	7,460
<b>7. Central Local Childcare Resource Centre- Tolka Area Partnership, Dub 7</b>	Delivery of Dublin 7 Parenting Baby Support Programme	15,000
<b>8. Cork City Partnership</b>	Training in Incredible Years Parent and Baby Programme	10,000
<b>9. Downstrands Family Resource Centre, Donegal</b>	Delivery of Child and Parent Programmes to FRCs throughout Donegal	15,000
<b>10. Kerry Children Services Committee (KCSC), Kerry</b>	Delivery of Language and Play programme to FRCs and Parent and Toddler Groups throughout Kerry	13,500
<b>11. Lifestart, Donegal</b>	Train the Trainers 'Spirals' Parenting Programme	10,000
<b>12. Longford Community Resource Ltd</b>	Filial Play Therapy Programme	10,000
<b>13. Monaghan Integrated Development LTD</b>	Early Years Parenting Plus Programme- Training Community Childcare staff in 10 centres to deliver Parents Plus Programme	10,000
<b>14. National Association of Building Co-operatives Society Ltd. (NABCO), Dublin</b>	Delivery of parenting support programmes- including Parenting Plus Programme.	10,000
<b>15. Pavee Point Traveller and Roma Centre, Dublin 1</b>	Parent Child Home programme (PCHP)- Delivery of programme to traveller families in Blanchardstown and Finglas areas	12,500
<b>16. Southside Partnership, Dublin</b>	Delivery of an Integrated Early Intervention and Family Support Initiative in Mounttown area	10,000



### Other Key Areas of KHF's Work

Other areas of KHF's work over the past year included its ongoing commitments to a range of other initiatives, organisations and foundations. These include an ongoing role with the Ireland Committee of the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust, a member of the NEYAI Steering Group and a member of the Special Interest Group on Supporting Parents, coordinated by the Centre for Effective Services (CES). KHF was also directly involved in a range of other organisations and structures identified as important and relevant to the Foundation's vision and which are deemed to contribute to the implementation of its overall aim of supporting children and families with a particular focus on the early years and these include:

### Development of the new Infant Health and Wellbeing Programme

KHF progressed discussions with The Atlantic Philanthropies during 2014 on improving outcomes for children and a proposal for an Infant Health and Wellbeing Programme was agreed and developed with key stakeholders. The focus of the new Programme is primarily on working with the Health Service Executive (HSE) in the development of an integrated approach to service planning and delivery, to improve health and wellbeing outcomes for infants and their families. The proposal to The Atlantic Philanthropies was successfully approved by Atlantic's board in December 2014. KHF was appointed manager for the new Programme. The development and implementation of the Programme will form a central part of the Foundation's work over the coming years.



**Start Strong:** Start Strong was originally founded in 2004 as the Irish Childcare Policy Network (ICPN), a coalition of organisations and individuals interested in progressing childcare and early learning policies in Ireland. ICPN evolved into Start Strong in 2009 with the aims of progressing the early care and education (birth-6 years) agenda in Ireland and also advocating for increased investment in support services. KHF was a founder member of ICPN and a funder since its start-up phase. The Foundation continues to provide funding (multi-annual, 2012-2015) to Start Strong, along with The Atlantic Philanthropies and The Community Foundation for Ireland. KHF maintains a close working relationship with the organisation and the other funders.

### Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust (JRCT):

The JRCT is an independent organisation committed to funding radical change towards a better world. The JRCT makes grants to individuals and to projects seeking the creation of a peaceful world, political equality and social justice. It chiefly supports work undertaken in the UK and Northern Ireland. KHF has always had a positive relationship with JRCT, particularly in the early years of the Irish Funders Forum (and subsequently Philanthropy Ireland) and through the membership of the Association of Charitable Foundations (ACF). KHF was co-opted onto the JRCT Ireland (grants) Committee in October 2008 for a six year period and this term and KHF's role was completed in 2014. JRCT undertook a strategic review in 2014 and it was decided to cease funding within the Republic of



Ireland. As part of the Trust's exit strategy from grant-making in the Republic of Ireland, JRCT agreed to fund existing grantees until the end of 2016.



**National Early Years Access Initiative (NEYAI):** NEYAI was a four-year initiative 2011-2014, which was set up to find ways of improving services for children from birth to six years by evaluating the innovative work of 11 NEYAI projects. This was a collaborative initiative created through partnership and funding between The Atlantic Philanthropies, the Mount Street Club Trust, the Department of Children and Youth Affairs, the Department of Education and Skills and Pobal. KHF's Development Director was a member of the steering group since the start-up of the NEYAI and continued in this role until 2014 when NEYAI was completed.



**Parenting Special Interest Group (hosted by the Centre for Effective Service (CES)):** KHF is a member of the Special Interest Group supporting parents in their parenting role. The group was established in 2010 by CES to create a unique space for developing thinking about issues that are relevant to parents in their parenting role, building bridges between people, groups and agencies, adding value to existing work and networks and developing a strategy that ensures parenting is highly valued and supported. This is an all-Ireland group and includes CEOs, funders and public officials, professional bodies and practitioners engaged in direct work and

academics and professional researchers working in this sector.

### **Other Networking: Foundations and Trusts**

The Foundation continues to collaborate with three particular Foundations: The Atlantic Philanthropies, St Stephen's Green Trust and the Community Foundation for Ireland and has good working relationships with a number of other trusts and foundations.

In August 2014 the Trustees of the Katharine Howard Foundation decided to withdraw from membership of Philanthropy Ireland. They arrived at this decision after a lot of consideration and reflection and decided that it would be best for KHF to withdraw its membership for the time being. It is with deep regret that they arrived at this decision, however, KHF is open to re-joining in the future should it be agreed that it would be of benefit to both organisations. The decision to lapse our membership with Philanthropy Ireland means that we will try to find other ways of having regular networking sessions with similar organisations in 2015.

### **Association of Charitable Foundations (ACF):**

The Association of Charitable Foundations is the UK wide support organisation for grant-making trusts and foundations of all types. It was formed in 1989 and includes associate membership for organisations based outside of the UK. The membership of over 300 includes many large independent foundations; local and community trusts; family trusts; corporate foundations; and broadcasting appeals. KHF has been an associate member for almost 16 years and has attended regular seminars, conferences and professional development training.



**KHF Strategic Grants 2014**

The Foundation also continued to fund a number of grants that provide support to other organisations and groups involved in work linked to KHF's strategic plan and which provide great learning opportunities.

**Information on Grants and the Level of Funding Allocated during 2014**

This year a small number of strategic grants were made to support work in the children and family support sector. This work often involved securing matching or co-funding from other Foundations and Trusts.

**Strategic Grants 2014**

Organisation	Grants Awarded Towards	Grant €
Exchange House National Travellers Service	Educational Achievement Awards for members of the Traveller community	1,000
Childhood Development Initiative (CDI)	Supporting Parents in Prison Project - a two year pilot project, supported by the Irish Prison Service in collaboration with CDI and Parents Plus	5,000
OMEP	2014 OMEP World Assembly and International Conference	3,000
Rialto Family Welfare Initiative	Community based group working to support families and link them into services	3,000
Immigrant Parents and Guardians Support Association (PAGSA)	To support immigrant parents & guardians in accessing information regarding the Irish Educational System	1,000
Community Action Network (CAN)	Tenant Participation in Collective Complaint	2,500
Association of Childhood Professionals (ACP)	National Launch of the Association of Childhood Professionals	5,000
Children's Rights Alliance	Children's Rights Alliance Annual Report Card Series	5,000
HighScope Ireland	Evaluation of the HighScope model of practice in early years settings in Co. Mayo	5,000
Start Strong	An advocacy organisation interested in progressing childcare and early learning policies in Ireland	10,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>47,100</b>



## Summarised Financial Statements 2014

Katharine Howard Foundation (Established by Trust Deed in 1979)

### Income and Expenditure Summary Balance Sheet

Income and Expenditure			Summary Balance Sheet		
<u>Income</u>	2014	2013		2014	2013
	€	€		€	€
Investment Income	223,702	226,022	Financial Assets	8,327,753	7,400,193
Programme Income	100,000		Current Assets	280,828	453,234
Total Income	323,702	326,022	Current Liabilities	109,903*	130,525
			Total Assets	8,498,678	7,722,902
			Total Funds at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2014	8,498,678	7,722,902
<u>Expenditure</u>	2014	2013	* To be spent down on Grants within the Parenting Support Initiative 2015.		
	€	€			
Grants Allocated	328,077	44,012	The financial information on this page has been extracted from The Katharine Howard Foundation's Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2014 which were Approved by the Trustees on 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2014.		
Development Work	99,018	89,928			
Governance Costs	4,200	4,200			
Cost of Generating Funds	22,301	17,119			
Support Costs	38,435	36,219			
Total Expenditure	<b>492,031</b>	<b>191,478</b>			

## Appendix

### 43 organisations received a once-off grant within the Parenting Support Initiative in 2014

Organisation Name	Grant Awarded Towards	Grant €
AOSOG, Dublin 7	Delivery of three four-week courses on parenting skills, the importance of playing with your child, stress management and mentoring targeting vulnerable and socially isolated parents	2,000
Childcare Network Loch Garman	Facilitating two Parent Plus Programmes in Wexford	3,500
Ronanstown Youth Service	Delivery of play and development courses (including IPPA, Incredible Years, mother and toddler swim and support initiative for young mothers) in the North Clondalkin area	1,000
An Cliabhain Community Crèche, Cork	Delivery of a specific programme that will engage and provide support to approx 15 parents and affirm their role in the development of their children	2,000
Sligo Traveller Support Group	Delivery of ante-natal classes for first time mothers and parenting support programmes/classes for parents from the Traveller Community	2,000
Barnardos, Offaly	Provision of a PEEP Group in Edenderry, to include a Toy/Book library and the purchase of equipment for sensory and heuristic play work	1,000
Parentstop Ltd	Towards the delivery of the initiative to promote the benefits of reading to children in Donegal	1,000
Respond! Le Cheile	Delivery of a Parents Plus – The Early Years Programme in the Clonmel area, Tipperary	1,170
Sacred Heart FRC St. Brigid's Family & Community Centre	Training two development workers and two childcare staff in the delivery of Parents Plus parenting programme at the Sacred Heart Family Resource Centre and St. Brigid's Family and Community Centre in Waterford	2,280
Blathanna Beaga Teo trading as Mulhuddart Lifestart	Delivery of Spirals group-parenting programme developed for young and teen parents of children from birth to three years in the Mulhuddart area	4,000
Foroige, Mayo	Training of two facilitators as trainers of peer mentors who are parents themselves	3,000
Maine Valley Childcare	Provision of family support training to crèche and pre-school childcare staff in the Mid-Kerry region	1,920
Holy Cross Crèche	Delivery of an eight week PEEPS Learning Together Programme at Holy Cross Crèche, Tipperary	2,000
Donegal Down Syndrome	Establishment of a parent –link counselling service for new parents of children three years old and under with Down Syndrome in Donegal	2,000
Youghal Family Centre	Train staff and deliver Incredible Years infant and Parent Programme to parents of under 3's in Youghal Family Centre	2,500
Trim Community Childcare on behalf of Laytown Family Resource House	Training of two staff members in Incredible Years, the provision of course materials and the delivery of the service at Laytown FRC in Louth	3,000
Domestic Violence Response, Galway	Provision of a parenting course for mothers with an emphasis on parenting in the aftermath of domestic violence	2,000
The Caha Centre (Adrigole FRC) Cork	Six week parenting support programme for parents with new babies at the Adrigole Family Resource Centre	1,440

<b>ARD Family Resource Centre, Galway</b>	Provision of two baby bonding classes to groups of parents and their children	2,000
<b>Deaf Education Centre, Dublin 7</b>	Resources for a shared reading programme that supports parents in learning how to read books with their deaf children through Irish Sign Language	3,000
<b>Laura Lynn – Ireland's Children's Hospice, Dublin</b>	Delivery of two sessions of a pilot early learning programme	3,000
<b>Roscommon County Childcare Committee</b>	Extension of the shared reading initiative for under 3's to a number of Parent and Toddler Groups and community early years services in Roscommon	2,000
<b>Killaloe/Ballina Community &amp; Family Resource Centre</b>	Delivery of Incredible Years Parent and Baby Programme in the Killaloe/Ballina area	3,500
<b>Clare Family Learning Project</b>	Delivery of one literacy/numeracy course for parents of children from birth to 3 years using identified theme	2,000
<b>Sligo County Childcare Committee</b>	Delivery of existing evidence based projects and programmes to support parents and children aged from birth to 3 years in south Sligo	3,000
<b>Skibbereen Community &amp; Family Resource Centre</b>	Continued development, delivery and promotion of the Streets Ahead Programme in Skibbereen, Co Cork	2,000
<b>Inchicore Bluebell Community Addiction Team</b>	Towards the delivery of an adapted Incredible Years Programme and training of staff in Marte Meo Programme for the benefit of parents of children under three years of age in the Inchicore area	3,000
<b>HSE, Dublin 24</b>	Delivery of three Parent Plus Early Years Programmes for parents of children under three years of age	2,000
<b>Home-Start Athenry, C/O Galway Rural Development</b>	Towards the evaluation of the Home-Start Athenry service	3,000
<b>Helium Arts</b>	Planning and development phase for arts project with parents of under 3's in Mallow, Cork	2,000
<b>Offaly County Childcare Committee Ltd.</b>	Delivery of two play-based programmes for Parent and Toddler Groups in Offaly	3,000
<b>Best Start /HSE</b>	For one support group for mothers with post-natal depression in the Brookfield, Mary Mercers, Killinarden areas of West Tallaght	2,000
<b>Kilkenny Community Early Years Project Ltd</b>	Delivery of Marte Meo outreach parent training programme for young mothers from the Kilkenny area	2,100
<b>Down Syndrome Limerick</b>	Establishment of a parent – link information and support service for new parents of a baby with Down Syndrome in the Limerick area	2,000
<b>South Dublin Co. Sports Partnership</b>	Coordination of a collaborative health nutrition programme for Parent and Toddler Groups in the South County Dublin area	3,000
<b>Coolmine Therapeutic Community</b>	Up-skilling staff in Marte Meo approach training in Dublin 15	3,000
<b>Leitrim County Childcare Services</b>	Delivery of an Incredible Years (parent & baby) Programme in County Leitrim	2,180

<b>Wicklow Travellers Group Ltd</b>	Facilitating approx fifteen mothers of young children to develop culturally appropriate materials for use among Traveller parents of young children in the Wicklow area	2,000
<b>Le Cheile Family Resource Centre (Mallow) Ltd</b>	Delivery of Parent Plus Early Years facilitator training for two people and a programme package from Parents Plus	2,070
<b>Mulhuddart Community Youth Project, Foroige</b>	Establishment of a young mothers support group in Mulhuddart, Dublin 15	2,500
<b>BOOKS4BABIES Ireland Limited</b>	Implementation of Books4Babies literacy promotion initiative in County Wexford	2,500
<b>Psychology &amp; Public Health Nursing HSE Primary Care Teams, Blanchardstown</b>	Funding for crèche places for mothers attending two Postnatal Depression Support Groups	1,920
<b>South Dublin County Partnership Ltd</b>	Delivery of training in parental engagement to Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) services and community volunteers supporting family programmes, including Parent and Toddler Groups	3,000