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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.

**John Cunningham**

John has worked as a senior solicitor in the areas of probate and trust law, family law, wills and conveyance. He is an active member of the Dublin Solicitors Bar Association and the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners. Recently retired from Beauchamps Solicitors, John remains a consultant in the private client department. John was a Trustee of the Katharine Howard Foundation since its formation in 1979 before retiring from this role in February 2013.

**Mary Higgins**

Mary has over forty years' experience in the delivery, design and management of services for groups who are socially disadvantaged and in advocating for changes in policy and legislation to address the underlying causes of disadvantage. She has worked in the Homeless Agency, Threshold, Emigrant Advice and Cherish and as an independent Management and Social Policy Consultant. Mary became a Trustee of the Katharine Howard Foundation in 2005 and was also a member of the Implementation sub-committee. She retired from the Board in October 2013.

**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 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 sub-committee.

**Staff:****Noelle Spring (Development 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. In September 2013 Noelle was appointed to the Board of the new Child and Family Agency.

## 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.

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 2013 Annual Report and Account Summary for the Katharine Howard Foundation (KHF), established in 1979. Over the past 35 years

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

The most notable period 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 2013 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.

In 2010, the Foundation decided to review and refocus its work due to two factors. These included building on the learning from the previous years and also the impact of the changing economic climate and the reduced annual income from the Foundation's endowment fund. KHF also wished to prioritise its commitment and support to a number of key areas of work through its Development Director. This was in recognition of the importance of its development approach in meeting its objectives and wanting to enhance and prioritise this role.

These commitments included 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 such as the Cork Street Fund and the Ireland Funds and other members of Philanthropy Ireland.

The time away from direct grant provision allowed for reflection and a considered review of the best approach to funding in a more challenging financial environment. 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.

Priority was given in 2013 to the development of an Early Years Grants Programme (known as 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 scoping and planning phase of developing the new initiative involved consultation with many individuals and organisations throughout early and mid-2013. This led to the development of a three-year partnership with The Community Foundation for Ireland. KHF then concentrated on the delivery of the initiative, including the establishment of an Advisory Group to oversee the initiative. Subsequent to the consultation, planning and negotiation stages, the first implementation phase of the new grants scheme was launched in September 2013. The initiative is described in detail under the report of the Development Director.

During 2013, the Foundation also provided once off 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.

In 2013 two long serving Trustees of the Foundation, John Cunningham and Mary Higgins, retired from the Board. John had been with the Board from the establishment of the Katharine Howard Foundation in 1979 and Mary has been with us since 2005. We will miss them and thank them both for giving such great support and commitment over the years. We are glad, however to welcome one new Trustee: Dermot McCarthy.

Thanks are also due to the numerous individuals and organisations that assisted KHF, formally and informally, during 2013. 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 great work and dedication which the Development Director, Noelle Spring brings to the Foundation. Thanks are also due to a number of people that assist the Director on a regular basis. A lot has been achieved with modest resources.

David Kingston, July 2014

## Development Director's Report



2013 was another busy year for KHF and one that provided many challenges and opportunities. The recent economic downturn had an impact of KHF's financial circumstances but by the end of 2012 KHF's endowment fund began to recover and this helped to pave the way for the new phase of KHF's strategic development which also built on the review process that it had begun in 2012.

In 2013, KHF completed the review of its strategic objectives and agreed a new three-year Strategic Plan (2013-2016). This is a new and exciting phase in KHF's development as a Foundation.

The strategic planning process allowed us to focus on consultation, design and implementation plans for a new grants initiative. This work was undertaken in the context of wide consultation and continued to build on relationships with other statutory, voluntary and community organisations to ensure that with their assistance, KHF could achieve its newly refined objectives. During this process, KHF reaffirmed its commitment to base future work on evidence from research and practice. Underpinning this is a belief that when informed by relevant evidence, small grants can have an exponential impact achieving proportionately greater outcomes for children, families and communities.

A central part of KHF's work in 2013 was the development of a 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 supporting 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. KHF also developed mechanisms for administering and implementing this new grants initiative which will include a strategic support component in **the implementation phase**.

KHF also continued to make some small grants during 2013, while building reserve funds to be used in the new strategic initiative.

While primarily focused on the development of its new strategic plan KHF also maintained its commitment and support to other related work through its Development Director. This work involved supporting a number of specific funding programmes including:

- The **Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust**, Ireland Programme;
- The **National Early Years Access Initiative (NEYAI)**, operated by Pobal on behalf of The Atlantic Philanthropies, the Mount Street Club Trust and the Departments of Children and Youth Affairs and Education and Skills.

KHF also continued to work closely with other Foundations including:

- St Stephen's Green Trust
- The Community Foundation for Ireland,
- Atlantic Philanthropies,
- Ireland Funds,
- Cork Street Fund.

This work included some co-funding arrangements. The on-going collaborative working relationship with the Community Foundation for Ireland was greatly

enhanced through a scoping project for the new joint strategic grant scheme in the early year's sector. Careful consideration was given to designing the best approach to funding in the current challenging financial environment.

### **Background to KHF's Strategic Planning 2013**

During 2012 and 2013 KHF began the process of reviewing its work as a Foundation as preparations for developing a new three-year strategic plan. The trustees of the Foundation were central to this review process and revisited and restated KHF's values and principles and confirmed the importance of KHF's approach to its work. The Foundation's way of working in general is a collaborative approach that places great emphasis on the importance of working with other funders and organisations and in developing flexible and innovative responses to identified need. The Foundation also clearly identified, through the review process, the importance of building on its experience and expertise in the early year's arena and in particular the importance of maintaining a focus on early intervention and prevention with an emphasis on supporting children and families. KHF also recognises that even though it has limited resources there is potential to have a greater long term impact by working with others. As part of the review process KHF consulted widely with a range of other key agencies and organisations working in early years and these discussions also helped to identify current gaps and needs and potential areas where KHF might focus its time and resources over the next three-year period.

The strategic planning process allowed us the opportunity to restate KHF's vision and principles by way of ensuring that we had a clear backdrop to setting objectives and goals.

### **Developing the Parenting Support Initiative (PSI)**

The new grants programme, developed and launched by KHF in 2013 in collaboration with The Community Foundation for Ireland (CFI), is a three-year focused initiative called the Parenting Support Initiative (PSI).

Through the review of research reports and documentation the importance and central role of families and parents in influencing and improving outcomes for children was consistently highlighted. KHF, in considering a new small grants programme decided to maintain its focus on children and families but to specifically target the younger age group, children under three years, with a particular emphasis on supporting parents in their parenting role. KHF approached CFI with a view to developing a new collaborative initiative which began the process of planning what was initially described as an Early Years Grants Programme but was eventually renamed the Parenting Support Initiative which reflects the purpose of the grants more accurately.

The PSI aims to support 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.

The objectives of this new grants initiative include:

- Strengthening prevention and early intervention supports for children and families to achieve better health, well-being and learning outcomes for their children;
- Reinforcing the developmental role of the Children's Services Committees, City/County Childcare

Committees, National Childcare Voluntary Organisations (NCVOs), Family Resource Centres and other community based services working directly with children from birth to three years and their parents;

- Strengthening the links between existing health and community based services to support a holistic approach to meeting infants' and young children's needs;
- Building on the learning from initiatives such as, the Prevention and Early Intervention Programme (PEIP) and the National Early Years Access Programme (NEYAI).

It is envisaged that the new the grants initiative will:

- Operate within the forthcoming framework of the National Early Years Strategy and other relevant strategies such as the Healthy Ireland Strategy;
- Involve a partnership approach to strengthening early years services in supporting children and families;
- Provide learning opportunities for projects/programmes;
- Focus on the importance of good implementation in the development and delivery of the projects.

KHF has always acknowledged the value of parents and the need to support them in their important role and is committed to continuing to support parents in their parenting role. The key principles of effective provision of all parenting support which KHF is committed to include: -

- Recognising that parents at all levels on the continuum of need should be supported in their parenting role to varying degrees;
- Increasing community access to quality based parenting support

programmes through a partnership model involving statutory, community and voluntary service providers.

### **Implementing the Parenting Support Initiative**

The 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.

The assessment process was a very comprehensive one that was assisted by an Advisory Group, which was established to advise on the development and implementation of the initiative. Assessment of applicants was undertaken by the Advisory Group in adherence with the criteria as set out in the application guidelines. This ensured a very rigorous approach to the assessment of each application.

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.

### **Parenting Support Initiative Grant Allocation**

The development phase of PSI, including design and planning of the initiative along with the assessment of applicants and recommendations for grants, was completed by December 2013. The implementation phase of the initiative begins in 2014. KHF and CFI allocated €180,000 towards core grants to be paid in the first year of the initiative. KHF has 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 Parenting Support Initiative; 16 organisations to receive core grants while 45 organisations would receive small once-off grants. The amount of grant allocated ranges 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.

### **Sharing the Learning**

Going forward, the overall aim of the PSI is to identify and learn from community based parent support programmes and projects that encourage creative and innovative ways of supporting parents of young children and promote and build on good practice using evidence-based and/or evidence informed approaches. By working with a specific number of organisations KHF and CFI hope to share this learning with key organisations and structures such as: Children's Services Committees, City/County Childcare Committees, National Voluntary Organisations, Family Resource Centres and other appropriate community, voluntary and statutory organisations considered as central to the implementation of the programme.

For further information on the PSI, see [www.khf.ie](http://www.khf.ie).

## KHF General Grants 2013

The Foundation also continued to fund a number of once-off 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 2013

This year a small number of strategic grants were made to support work in the Early Years' sector. Some of the organisations were funded in previous years either within a specific programme or through the KHF General Grants Programme. Most of the organisations were connected in some way with other work of KHF. Some of this work involved securing matching or co-funding from other Foundations and Trusts.

### General Grants 2013

Organisation	Awarded Towards	Grant (€)
Exchange House National Travellers Service	Educational Achievement Awards for members of the Traveller community	€1,000
Men's Development Network	Annual National Men's Training and Development School	€1,000
Early Childhood Ireland	Towards a touring lullaby programme in Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) centres <sup>1</sup>	€1,500
Outreach Roscommon	Family Visitor's Centre, Castlerea Prison	€1,500
Roscommon Young Carers Group	Delivery of services by Roscommon Young Carers Group	€1,500
Parenting Symposium (Centre for Effective Services (CES))	Co-funding an all-island symposium focused on supporting parents in their parenting role	€1,512
Association of Childhood Professionals (ACP)	National Launch of the Association of Childhood Professionals	€3,000
Common Purpose Ireland	Bursary to support the participation of a nominee working in the Early Years Sector to participate in the Meridian Senior Leaders Programme	€3,000
Children's Rights Alliance	Children's Rights Alliance Annual Report Card Series	€5,000
Early Childhood Ireland	Bursaries for personnel working and managing community based childcare settings to attend the Global Gathering for Early Childhood	€5,000
HighScope Ireland	Evaluation of the HighScope model of practice in early years settings in Co. Mayo	€5,000
Tralee IT and Athlone IT	'Parenting in Modern Ireland' -Editors: (Dr Ashling Jackson and Dr Colm O' Doherty)	€5,000
Start Strong	An advocacy organisation interested in progressing childcare and early learning policies in Ireland	€10,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>€44,012</b>

<sup>1</sup> This grant commitment was made in 2012 but the funds were not allocated until the 2013 financial year.

## **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 is 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:

**The Community Foundation for Ireland (CFI):** In addition to the partnership arrangement with CFI within the Parenting Support Initiative, KHF is also a member of the Advisory Group of the 'Tony Ryan Fund for Tipperary', a two-year Fund to 'support children and young people in Tipperary to reach their full potential'. The Fund is being managed by CFI on behalf of the Tony Ryan Trust.

**Childhood Development Initiative (CDI):** The Childhood Development Initiative (CDI) in Tallaght West is one of the original prevention and early intervention sites. KHF continues to have an ongoing close working relationship with CDI and in 2013 was invited to its 0-3 consultation process in relationship to the development of a new programme.

**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 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 will continue in this role until end of 2014.

**National Early Years Access Initiative (NEYAI):** NEYAI is 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 is 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 is a member of the steering group since the start-up of the NEYAI and will continue in this role into 2014.

**The Centre for Effective Service (CES):** KHF is a member of the CES Special Interest Group supporting parents in their parenting role. The group was established in 2010 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. In 2013 the group produced a position paper and organised an 'All Island Symposium, held in July 2013. This was attended by over 150 policy-makers, practitioners and researchers involved in services for children and families. The symposium outlined why effective parenting is so important. It also set out the basis on which a strategic plan could be developed that will enable Ireland and Northern Ireland to become leaders in valuing and supporting parents in their parenting role. Presentations made at the Symposium are available on [www.khf.ie](http://www.khf.ie)

## Networking

**Philanthropy Ireland (PI):** Philanthropy Ireland is the Association of independent philanthropic organisations in Ireland including grant making trusts and foundations. KHF was a founder member of PI (formerly the Funder's Forum) and a KHF Trustee was a member of the board since it was established until July 2012. KHF is also a member of a subcommittee of Philanthropy Ireland which commissioned a short research report on small grants programmes in Ireland. This research was completed in 2013 and is available at KHF's website and [www.philanthropy.ie](http://www.philanthropy.ie)

**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. Although the core of ACF's membership is drawn from grant-making trusts, it also includes many member foundations that are increasingly involved in other activities, especially research, policy and influencing work, but also venture philanthropy and social investment. KHF has been a member for almost 15 years and has attended regular seminars, conferences and professional development training.



## Summarised Financial Statements 2013

Katharine Howard Foundation (Established by Trust Deed in 1979)

### Income and Expenditure Summary Balance Sheet

Income and Expenditure			Summary Balance Sheet		
<u>Income</u>	2013	2012		2013	2012
	€	€		€	€
Investment Income	226,022	242,692	Financial Assets	7,400,193	6,397,181
Programme Income	100,000		Current Assets	453,234	290,494
Total Income	326,022	242,692	Current Liabilities	130,525*	15,837
			Total Assets	7,722,902	6,671,838
			Total Funds at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2013	7,722,902	6,671,838
<u>Expenditure</u>	2013	2012			
	€	€			
Grants Allocated	44,012	31,100			
Development Work	89,928	60,454			
Governance Costs	4,200	5,745			
Cost of Generating Funds	17,119	15,897			
Support Costs	36,219	42,499			
Total Expenditure	<b>191,478</b>	<b>155,695</b>			
			<p>* To be spent down on Grants within the Parenting Support Initiative 2014.</p> <p>The financial information on this page has been extracted from The Katharine Howard Foundation's Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2013 which were Approved by the Trustees on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2014.</p>		