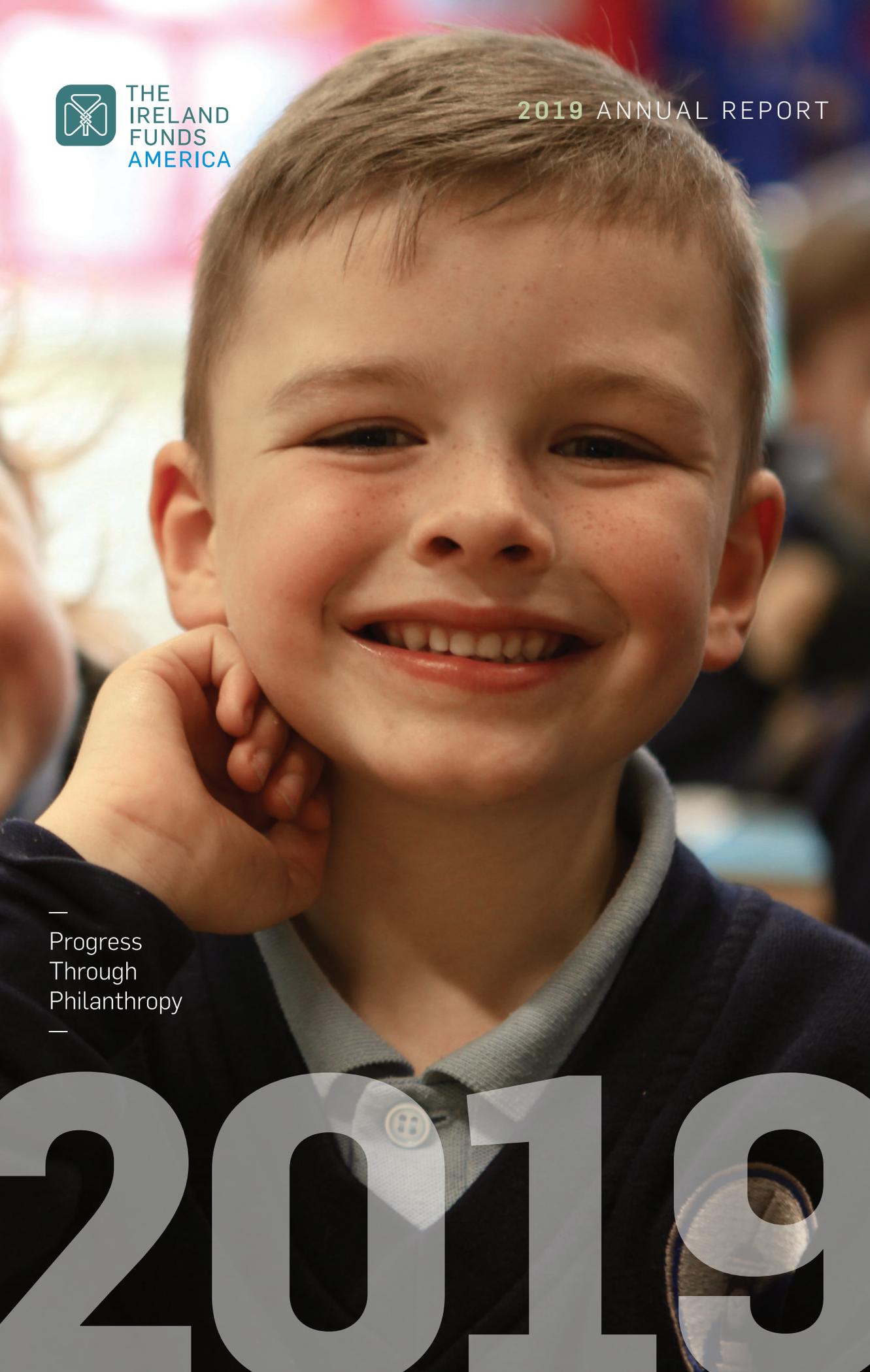




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2019 ANNUAL REPORT



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2019

# Our mission

is to harness the power of a global philanthropic network of friends of Ireland to promote and support **peace, culture, education and community development** across the island of Ireland and among Irish communities around the world.

*In 1976, Dan Rooney, owner of the Pittsburgh Steelers football team and the former U.S. Ambassador to Ireland, along with fellow Pittsburgh-based businessman Sir Anthony O'Reilly, created what was then The Ireland Fund. The Ireland Fund and the American Irish Foundation, founded by Irish President Eamonn De Valera and U.S. President John F. Kennedy, merged at a White House ceremony on St. Patrick's Day 1987, to form what is today, The Ireland Funds America.*

## Letter from the Chairman and President & CEO of The Ireland Funds America

**2019** was a great year for The Ireland Funds and generated revenue from contributions of \$18.4 million from contributors and fundraising events. This was made possible, as always, by the incredible generosity of our donors.

That generosity and commitment of our donors reached projects across the island of Ireland and around the globe, and also enabled our Flagship Grants: significant investments that build capacity, core funding and sustainability for outstanding established projects. Thanks to our events and unrestricted income generated, we were able to support AsIAM, Cancer Fund for Children, Depaul, Pieta House, YouthAction Northern Ireland and with Suas Educational Development significant investments that are helping to scale their impact and increase their reach.

2019 also gave us the opportunity to extend great thanks to John Fitzpatrick who concluded his term as Chairman of The Ireland Funds America. John's leadership and extraordinary philanthropy strengthened the organization and his continued presence on our Board is deeply appreciated. We also thanked David Cronin for the conclusion of his service as President & CEO. The organization welcomed us, Gene McQuade, as the new Chairman, and Caitriona Fottrell as President & CEO. We are also delighted that two new positions have been created to serve the organization with Shaun Kelly and Angela Moore coming on as Vice Chairs. All of us have had many years of involvement with The Ireland Funds and it is an honor to now lead this organization.

As you receive this 2019 Annual Report, we are of course in the throes of 2020. While it has been a challenging year we are continually struck by the depth of love and interest our donors have for Ireland. In ensuring that Ireland's nonprofit sector is cared for, you are ensuring that children are educated, innovation is supported, those living on the margins are given opportunities, and the best of Irish arts and culture is nurtured.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO OUR MISSION AND FOR CHOOSING  
TO SUPPORT THE IRELAND FUNDS AMERICA.**



Gene McQuade  
Chairman,  
The Ireland Funds America



Caitriona Fottrell  
President & CEO,  
The Ireland Funds America

# Our focus



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ACROSS IRELAND AND AROUND THE WORLD, THE IRELAND FUNDS IS:

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Creating jobs

Bringing meals to thousands of people on society's margins

**Promoting Irish art & culture**

**Promoting dialogue across communities in Northern Ireland**

Advancing social entrepreneurship

Strengthening transparency & accountability in the non profit sector

**Providing inner city after-school programs**

Increasing access to education

Helping the homeless

Providing musical tuition and performance opportunities to thousands of children across Ireland

*Providing guide dogs for those with disabilities*

Protecting the environment

## OUR IMPACT:

In 2019, our donors' philanthropy was felt across 275 projects such as:



### NO MIND LEFT BEHIND

a program established by The Ireland Funds—provided **97** promising scholars from disadvantaged backgrounds an opportunity to complete their education at **23** colleges and universities across Ireland.



### SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS IRELAND

nurtured three “impact partners” to directly impact **27,000** people and saw a **77%** increase in jobs created thanks to support from The Ireland Funds.



### SUAS

reached over **3,000** schoolchildren with **1,000** volunteer mentors who tutored them in literacy and numeracy with a grant from The Ireland Funds.



### DEPAUL

recruited new staff to work with asylum seekers, thanks to a Flagship Award from The Ireland Funds. Their staff welcomed **196** adults and **156** children as they began new lives in Ireland and assisted with their resettlement in local communities.

## OUR GRANTEES

# Thank You



"We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in The Ireland Funds both in Ireland and around the world who have supported us enormously on our journey from the kitchen table to one where we are planning to give every young person with intellectual disability a chance to live a life like any other." — **Blossom Ireland**



"The Ireland Funds offered us support in the very early days when we had a promising idea but had not yet demonstrated success. You trusted our mission, believed in our goals and have supported us as we've grown to become an award-winning civic initiative in the heart of the Irish capital."

— **Little Museum of Dublin**



"The Ireland Funds has been huge to our charity. We wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for The Ireland Funds. In those early years we had nothing really. The funding was so critical because when we started there was nothing else coming in. It's been a great relationship."

— **Dogs for the Disabled**



"We utilized the €90k provided through The Ireland Funds Award to engage the food industry and encourage donation of surplus food, thus directly increasing our impact and contributing to our financial sustainability. This funding continues to support us in scaling the positive impact of our work to communities across the country."

— **FoodCloud**

# IN 2019, THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS WERE AMONG THOSE SUPPORTED BY THE IRELAND FUNDS AMERICA. **THANK YOU**

174 Trust  
 Abbey School  
 Abbey Theatre  
 ACT for Meningitis  
 Age Concern Network of Newcastle and District  
 Airfield Estate  
 Aisling Irish Community Center  
 Alzheimer Society of Ireland  
 Amal Women's Association  
 American College Dublin  
 American Irish Historical Society  
 An Grianán Theatre  
 An Taisce - The National Trust for Ireland  
 An Tobar  
 Anam Cara Parental and Sibling  
 Bereavement Support Limited  
 Anew Support Services CLG  
 Aquinas Football Club  
 Ardoyne Holycross Boxing Club  
 Art Arcadia Ltd  
 AslAm  
 Assist the Officer Foundation  
 Baboró International Arts Festival for Children  
 Ballyconneely Parish Hall Association  
 Barnardos  
 Barretstown  
 Baseball Ireland  
 Basispoint Limited  
 Belfast Community Circus School  
 Belfast Islamic Centre  
 Belvedere College S.J.  
 Benefacts  
 Blackrock College  
 Board of Trustees Muckross House  
 Boston College - Carroll School of Management  
 Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program  
 Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston  
 Brain Injury Matters NI  
 Bruff Heritage Group  
 Butler Gallery  
 Buttevant GAA  
 Camp Harbor View  
 Campaign for Catholic Schools  
 Campbell College  
 Cancer Fund for Children  
 Cancer Support Sanctuary LARCC  
 Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York  
 Catholic Schools Foundation  
 Celtic FC Foundation  
 Center for Creative Education  
 Centre for Health and Well Being  
 ChangeX  
 Charities Institute Ireland  
 Chernobyl Children's Project  
 Children in Crossfire  
 Children's Books Ireland  
 Children's Medical Research Foundation  
 ChildVision, National Education Centre for Blind Children  
 Chime  
 Cinemagic  
 Citywise Education  
 The Community Foundation for Ireland  
 Community Radio Youghal  
 Community Sports Network  
 Concern Worldwide USA  
 Co-operation Ireland - Belfast  
 Corrymeela Community  
 Cuan Mhuire NI Ltd  
 CyberSafeIreland CLG

Cystic Fibrosis Ireland  
 Daisyhouse Housing Association  
 Dance Theatre of Ireland  
 Depaul Ireland - Dublin  
 Development Perspectives  
 Diversity Sligo  
 Dogs for the Disabled  
 Donegal Hospice  
 Downpatrick Autism Family Support Group  
 Dress for Success Dublin  
 Druid Theatre Company  
 Dublin City University  
 Dublin International Piano Competition  
 Dublin Jewish Board of Guardians  
 Dublin North West Area Partnership  
 Dublin Talmud Torah  
 Dublin/Wicklow Mountain Rescue Team  
 Dufferin Foundation  
 ECO-UNESCO  
 Educate Together  
 Eithne and Paddy Fitzpatrick Memorial Fund  
 Enable Ireland  
 Enactus Ireland  
 Enniscorthy Rugby Club  
 Erin's Isle GAA Club  
 Fermanagh Genealogy  
 Fermanagh Rural Community Initiative  
 Festival of Writing & Ideas Ltd  
 Fighting Words  
 Fighting Words Belfast  
 Fionn MacCumhaill GAA Club  
 First Fortnight Ltd  
 First Steps Womens Centre  
 Fishamble Theatre Company Ltd  
 Flax Trust America  
 Focus Family Resource Centre  
 Forward Steps Family Resource Centre  
 Foyle Hospice  
 Front Line - The International Foundation for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders  
 Gaelic Players Association  
 Gaelscoil na gCeithre Máistrí  
 Galway Autism Partnership  
 Glenstal Abbey  
 Global Action Plan  
 Gonzaga College SJ  
 Good Shepherd Cork  
 Gorey Youth Needs Group CLG  
 Greencastle Community Development CLG  
 H.A.I.L. - Housing Association for Integrated Living  
 Haven Community Foundation - USA  
 Helium Arts  
 Hello World Foundation t/a CoderDojo Foundation  
 Heroes Powerchair Football Club  
 Holy Trinity Abbey  
 Holywell Trust  
 iCare Housing  
 Inishowen Traditional Music Project  
 Inishturk Community Club CLG  
 Integrated Education Fund  
 IRD Duhallow  
 Irish University Business Plan Competition  
 No Mind Left Behind  
 Ireland US Council Foundation, Inc.  
 Irish America Business Chamber and Network  
 Irish American Partnership

Irish Arts Center  
 Irish Film Institute (IFI)  
 Irish Heritage Trust  
 Irish Men's Sheds Association (IMSA)  
 Irish Pastoral Centre  
 Irish Repertory Theatre  
 Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children - ISPC  
 Irish Wildlife Trust  
 iScoil  
 Iveagh Trust  
 John F. Kennedy Library Foundation  
 Join Our Boys Trust  
 Kerry GAA Centre of Excellence  
 Kerry Travellers Health & Community Development Project  
 Kilmaley Camogie Club  
 Lagan College Limited  
 LauraLynn Ireland's Children's Hospice  
 Letterkenny Youth & Family Service (LYFS)  
 LifeWorks NI  
 The Little Museum of Dublin  
 Little Sisters of the Poor - Holy Family Residence  
 Longford GAA  
 Longford Rugby Football Club  
 Lyric Theatre  
 Making Connections  
 Mark Pollock Trust  
 Mayo Academy of Performing Arts  
 Mayo GAA International Supporters Foundation  
 Mayo Roscommon Hospice Foundation  
 Meath GAA  
 Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center  
 Mid-Western Hospitals Development Trust  
 Milford Care Centre  
 Miltown Malbay Development Company  
 Moves for Life  
 Muscular Dystrophy UK  
 Na Piobairí Uilleann  
 Narrative 4 CLG  
 Nasc, the Refugee and Migrant Rights Centre  
 Early Learning Initiative, National College of Ireland  
 National Library of Ireland  
 National String Quartet Foundation  
 Native Woodland Trust  
 New Communities Partnership  
 North Offaly Community Development Network Ltd  
 North West Tongues, Tones, and Tapping  
 Northside Partnership  
 NUI Galway - US  
 NUI Maynooth  
 NYU Glucksman Ireland House  
 Omearth District Development  
 Origin Theatre Company  
 Ossory Youth  
 Our Lady Immaculate J.N.S. Darndale  
 Outhouse LGBT Community Resource Centre  
 Palestrina Choir  
 PeacePlayers International - Northern Ireland  
 PEN International  
 Philanthropy Ireland  
 Pieta House  
 The Playhouse: North West Play Resource Centre

Poetry Ireland Ltd  
 Pomeroy Preschool Playgroup  
 Pomeroy Resource Group  
 Portadown Rugby Club- Portadown Panthers  
 Project Arts Centre  
 Purple House Cancer Support  
 Pushkin Trust  
 Queen's University of Belfast Foundation  
 Rape Crisis North East  
 Rebel Wheelers Multi Sport Group  
 Rethink Ireland  
 Rian Immigrant Center  
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 Royal Irish Academy of Music  
 Saint Patrick Centre  
 Santry Community Assoc. Ltd.  
 SAOL Project  
 Science Gallery International  
 Scoil Uí Chonaill  
 Seamus Heaney HomePlace  
 Sensational Kids CLG  
 Shalom Centre for Conflict Reconciliation Ltd  
 ShoutOut  
 Siel Bleu Ireland  
 Social Entrepreneurs Ireland  
 Society Of The Friendly Sons Of St. Patrick In County Of Rockland Inc.  
 South Derry Down Syndrome Group  
 Special Olympics Ireland  
 Sports Across Ireland  
 St John of God Community Service  
 Dublin South East  
 St Kieran's College Kilkenny  
 St Mary's Church Drogheda  
 St. James's Hospital Foundation  
 St. Jarlath's Diocesan Trust  
 St. Mel's College  
 St. Patrick's Day Foundation  
 St. Vincent's Hospital-Dublin  
 Strathfoyle Women's Activity Group  
 Suas Educational Development  
 The Anne Sullivan Centre  
 The Hunt Museum  
 The Rory McDonagh Trust  
 The Shona Project  
 The Soar Foundation  
 Thomas F. Meagher Foundation  
 Thoor Ballylee Development Ltd.  
 Threshold Ltd  
 Tipperary GAA  
 Tournafulla Community Council  
 Trillick Arts and Cultural Society  
 Trinity Centre for People with Intellectual Disabilities  
 Trinity Foundation, Trinity College Dublin  
 Trocaire  
 Michael Smurfit School of Business, UCD  
 University College Cork  
 University College Dublin Foundation  
 Munster Rugby Club  
 University of Limerick Foundation  
 University of Notre Dame  
 West Cork Music Ltd  
 Wexford Festival Opera  
 Wexford GAA  
 Wicklow Hospice Foundation  
 Women in Business NI  
 WOMEN'STEC  
 Yeats Society Sligo  
 Youth Work Ireland  
 YouthAction NI

# Our Numbers

**Grants were made to 275 projects** across the island of Ireland as well as in the US and the UK.

**A total of \$14.6 million in grants and program services was distributed** thanks to our donors' generosity, love for Ireland and belief in our mission.

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31 IN US\$

	2019	2018
<b>Revenue and Support</b>		
Contributions	9,745,486	17,302,884
Fundraising Events, net	7,440,446	8,838,577
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	1,220,081	663,969
Net Gain (Loss) on Foreign Exchange	(50,825)	(220,210)
Subtotal Revenues and Support from Operating Activities	18,355,188	26,585,220
Contributions of Art and Literary Collections	15,000	62,500
Changes in Net Assets with Donor Restrictions: Contributions & Net Assets Released	(951,331)	981,323
Investment Income	2,925,634	(385,035)
Total Revenues	20,344,491	27,244,008
<b>Expenses</b>		
Grant Awards	12,700,672	20,153,964
Other Program Services	1,922,745	2,774,314
Total Program	14,623,417	22,928,278
Management and General Administrative	2,223,137	2,508,691
Fundraising	1,792,361	1,837,289
Total Expenses	18,638,915	27,274,258
Change in Net Assets	1,705,576	(30,250)
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	15,293,834	15,324,084
Net Assets at End of Year	16,999,410	15,293,834
% of Contributions Revenue from the largest single contribution received in each year	6%	40%
# of Organizations who received Grants from The Ireland Funds America in each year	275	295

*Grant Thornton, LLP, performed the 2013–2019 audits for The American Ireland Fund.  
To review our audited financial statements and IRS Forms 990, please visit [irelandfunds.org](http://irelandfunds.org)*

# Your legacy



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JOIN THE HERITAGE SOCIETY TO ENSURE THAT YOUR  
LOVE OF IRELAND BENEFITS GENERATIONS TO COME.

The Ireland Funds America can help you identify the best options to fulfill your philanthropic vision. Bequests are the most popular and flexible planned gifts. **We invite you to learn more about how to create a lasting legacy for Ireland.** Your legacy will be treated with care.

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