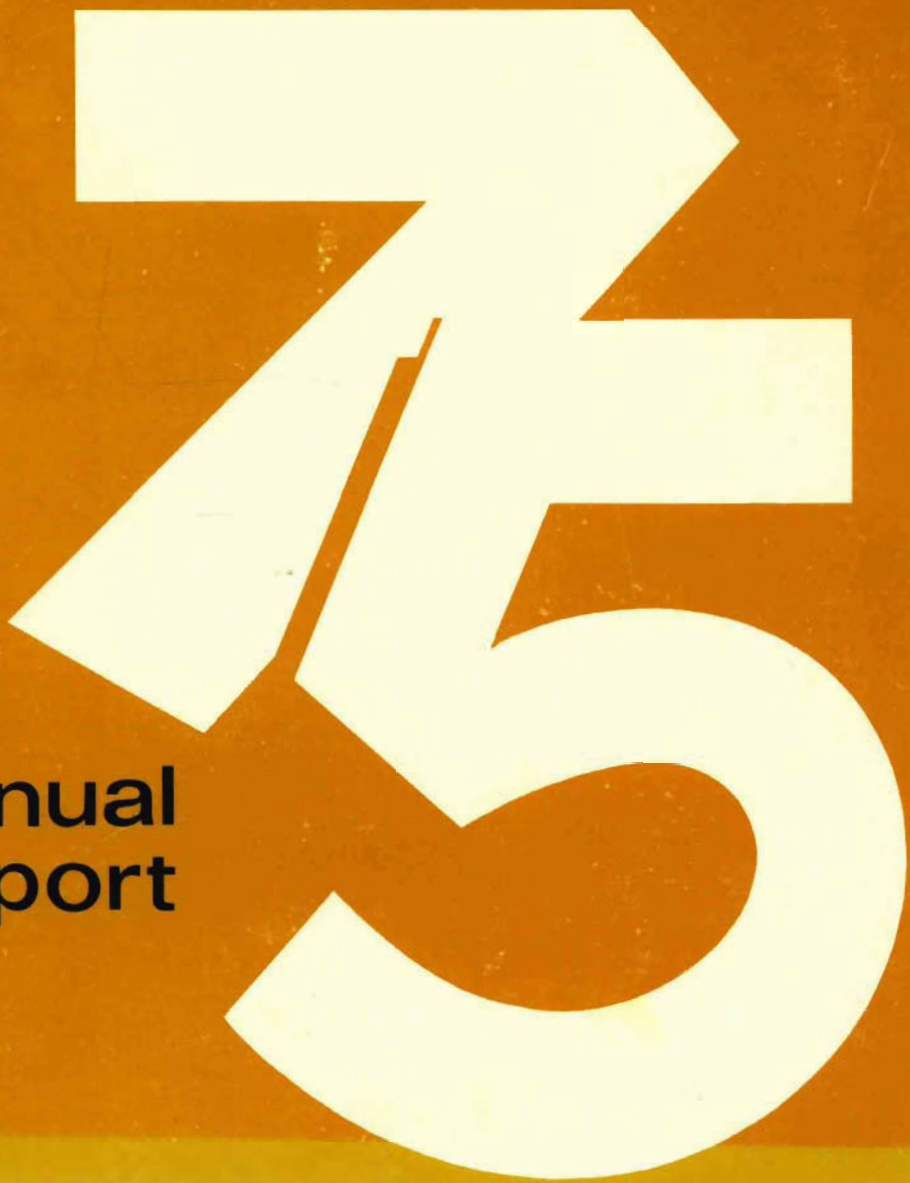


St. Michael's House

The Association of Parents
and friends of
Mentally Handicapped
Children

Annual
Report



ST. MICHAEL'S HOUSE

FOUNDED 1955
INCORPORATED 1968

Aims and Objects

To help mentally handicapped children and their parents by:

- studying modern curative methods, whereby what mental powers the children have, may be developed;
- assessing the degree of disability of these children, and advising on suitable training;
- providing special schools, special care units, training and sheltered workshops, hostels, child development and assessment clinics, etc. where education and treatments can be carried out by fully trained personnel;
- assisting parents of mentally handicapped people by means of lectures, study and by personal advice, to understand and help in training their own children.

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION

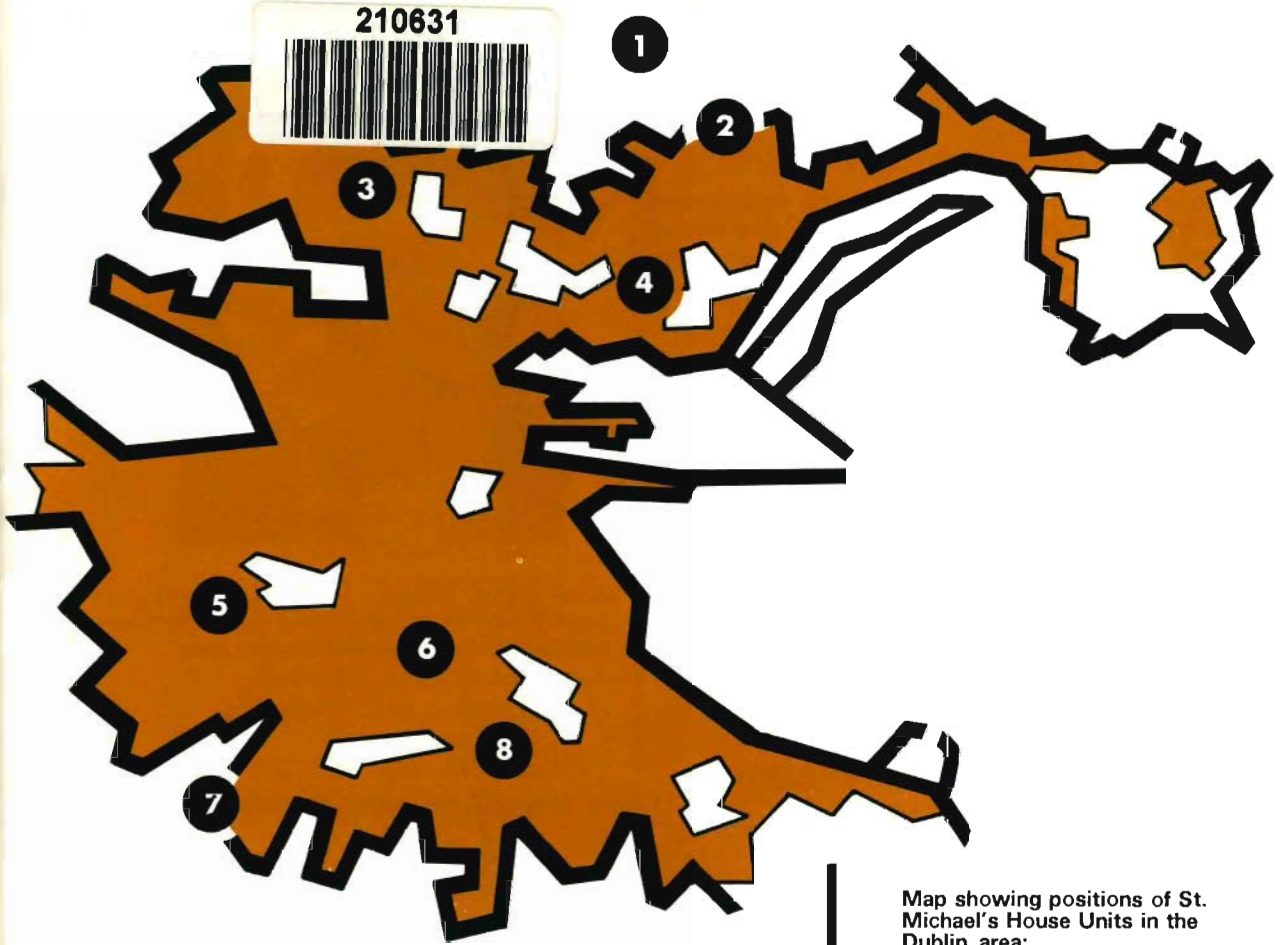
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ST. MICHAEL'S HOUSE

What could be more normal — a mother's wish for her child to live at home as part of the family circle, and to have available the educational and other facilities so essential for his normal development. Yet, if the year happened to be 1955 and the child happened to be mentally handicapped, no adequate facilities existed in this country.

The mother of one such mentally handicapped child decided the time was ripe for not only positive thinking, but also for positive action. This resulted in a letter appearing in the national press inviting all interested in helping to provide these essential facilities to attend a public meeting. The meeting was a success, very well attended, and from it a Committee was formed — resulting in the birth of St. Michael's House.

From that small beginning, has grown an organisation which to date consists of fourteen separate units, catering for over 700 mentally handicapped children and young adults, with over three hundred on our waiting lists.

Our child development clinics provide advisory and assessment services, making over 3,000 patient contacts yearly. Our services consist of adult and children's special care units for the severely mentally handicapped, short and long-term training centres, special national schools for moderately mentally handicapped, child development clinics and a group home.

Yet with all that has been achieved through the co-operation of voluntary and statutory agencies, there is still much to be done, with St. Michael's House continuing to play its part in the spirit which led to its foundation.

Map showing positions of St. Michael's House Units in the Dublin area:

- 1 BELCAMP**
Adult special care unit
long-term training centre and
adolescent group
- 2 RAHENY**
Group Home and children's
Special care unit
- 3 CLONTARF**
Special national school
- 4 BALLYMUN**
Child development clinic
Children's special care unit,
special national school and
short-term training centre
- 5 GROSVENOR ROAD**
Special national school
- 6 DRIMNAGH**
Children's special care unit
- 7 TEMPLEOGUE**
Cheeverstown Adult special
care unit
- 8 GOATSTOWN**
Administration
Child development clinic
Long-term training centre
and pottery

FOREWORD

The growth of St. Michael's House continues. In Ballymun, a new Child Development and Assessment Clinic and Training Centre, have been opened. In Templeogue, a new adult special care unit has been opened in Cheeverstown House, and a new Group Home at Raheny.

The Association looks after more than seven hundred mentally handicapped persons on a daily basis and through its clinics makes over three thousand patient contacts annually.

The needs of our mentally handicapped call for continued and greater effort. That effort must be directed towards ensuring that, when their disabilities permit it, our handicapped children and adults remain in the community. This means

more group homes, workshops and care units. And so, St. Michael's House calls for the continued help of its dedicated staff, members and friends, to assist in providing the services to which our handicapped are entitled.



A handwritten signature in orange ink that reads "Declan Costello".

Declan Costello, President, St. Michael's House

St. Michael's House is an Association of Parents and Friends of the Mentally Handicapped. We have clearly defined aims and objectives. We have now over one hundred and fifty full-time staff working in our units throughout Dublin city, and pressure to extend our services is being exerted on us all the time. Our primary concern is to assure that we give the best possible service to mentally handicapped persons, attending our centres and the maximum support to their families. We have been able to do this very effectively through the enthusiasm and dedication of our staff, and the support of our friends and benefactors. While we receive substantial grants from statutory sources, we still depend on income from voluntary sources to maintain services at a level acceptable to our Executive Committee.

I would like to pay particular tribute to the dedication of all those people who give so freely of their time and energy in organising fund-raising activities for our Association, and generating an interest which is an example and stimulation to our staff in their work for caring for the mentally handicapped. On behalf of our Executive Committee, I am pleased to have the opportunity of formally expressing thanks to our staff, friends, benefactors and to the other organisations with whom we have a most satisfactory and constructive relationship in the furtherance of the services for our mentally handicapped citizens.



A handwritten signature in orange ink that reads "J. P. O'Brien".

J. P. O'Brien, Chairman, St. Michael's House

SPOTLIGHT ON '73/4

**FEBRUARY
1973**

£1,200 donated by the Sutton /Howth Ladies Fund Raising Committee. Madame Yvonne Posternak, President of the International League of Societies for Mentally Handicapped, presided at the foundation ceremony for the commencement of the new Child Development Clinic at Ballymun.

**MARCH
1973**

Flag Days held, collection amounted to £4,478.

**MARCH
1974**

Flag Days held, collection amounted to £5,206.

Resignation of Mr. D. F. Hand, Executive Director from St. Michael's House, to assume new duties.

APRIL 1973

Visit to Brussels in preparation for grant from the European Social Fund.

APRIL 1974

Appointment of Mr. P. H. Moloney, Executive Director.

MAY 1973

Members of the Workshop Management Committee, visited Workshops in Holland.

MAY 1974

United Counties Organisation presented £2,500 to St. Michael's House.

**JULY
1973/'74**

Holiday Camps at our units in Drimnagh, Ballymun and Raheny.

**AUGUST
1973**

Organisation of Special Fund-Raising Research Committee.

**SEPTEMBER
1974**

£1,000 Donated by the Sutton/Howth Ladies Fund Raising Committee.

**OCTOBER
1973**

Official Opening of Hostel, Grangemore Estate by Mr. B. Corish, T.D. Tanaiste and Minister for Health.

**OCTOBER
1973/'74**

Annual Sale of Work held in the Mansion House, realising a profit of £10,000.

**NOVEMBER
1973**

Concert in the R.D.S. organised by United Counties Organisation, for the benefit of St. Michael's House.

**NOVEMBER
1974**

Official Opening of Child Development and Assessment Clinic, by Mr. B. Corish, T.D. Tanaiste and Minister for Health.

Official Opening of the Training Centre, by Mr. R. Burke, T.D. Minister for Education.

**DECEMBER
1973/'74**

Fund Raising Committee of United Counties Organisation held Christmas Fair. Christmas Matinee held.

FUND RAISING '74

Fund raising for the period August, 1973 to December 1974 realised £48,593 nett. This is the fruit of much untiring effort and generosity on the part of our parents and friends who despite the economic situation, supported our many fund-raising functions during this period.

The main contributions to the above figure were Club Dances, Flag Days, Sales of Work, 100 Club, Garden Fetes, Bingo and Christmas Matinee. The continued affiliation of the United Counties Organisation with St. Michael's House is invaluable, and their contribution to our funds, dedicated to the severely mentally handicapped was £2,500 which we acknowledged with gratitude.

As usual the staff were always willing to do that bit extra when required, and I am grateful for their contribution.

To the members of the many fund raising committees which have now been established I would like to express my sincere gratitude for a very successful eighteen months. Without the dedication and involvement of these wonderful people it would not have been possible to have had such a successful fund raising period.

In order that the work of our organisation will be second to none, may I appeal to all our friends and benefactors for their continued support at the many fund raising functions which will be organised during the coming year.

A sincere thanks to one and all.



Jim Daly Fund Raising Chairman

ADULT SPECIAL CARE UNITS

With waiting lists continuing to grow, the eagerly awaited move to the adult special care unit (previously sited at Goatstown) to its new home in Cheeverstown House, Templeogue, came about in January, 1975. Cheeverstown, with its beautiful house and gardens, provides an ideal setting for such a group of moderately and severely mentally handicapped young adults.

Belcamp House, our second adult special care unit, has been continuously adding to its facilities, both in the field of home comforts, equipment and extensions to its existing services in the form of an adolescent group, started in September, 1970. The purpose of this group, consisting of ten young people between the ages of ten and twelve (in charge of a qualified teacher, and her assistant) is to provide a long felt need for a group of young people who were deemed to be too advanced for our children's special care units, and yet too immature for adult special care, as it then existed. The group is proving to be a most worthwhile innovation and one can see it being extended in our programme for the future.

● St. Michael's House
Adult Special Care Unit,
Cheeverstown House, Templeogue,
Dublin 12. 905753
in charge: Mrs. E. Burrill.

● St. Michael's House
Adult Special Care Unit,
Belcamp Park, Belcamp Lane,
Balgriffin, Dublin 5. Tel: 314794
in charge: Mr. J. Clarke.



CHILDREN'S SPECIAL CARE UNITS



When you pass through the door of a children's special care unit, you are about to come into contact with all the varied aspects of mental handicap. You have entered the unchanging world of children with its simplicity, its happiness and trust, but also with its problems, in this particular case the problem of mental handicap.

One cannot help being moved by an extract from a report prepared by one of these units — "we are greatly saddened by the deaths of three children this year, and the loss to four children on the deaths of their fathers". The dark side of life is always with us. But thankfully, the sun will always shine for the majority of the little ones, and with help and encouragement they will progress to a useful and worthwhile life.

● St. Michael's House,
Junior Special Care Unit,
Ballymun Road, Ballymun, Dublin 9.
Tel: 377666
In charge: Miss E. Oldham

● St. Michael's House,
Junior Special Care Unit,
Curlew Road, Drimnagh, Dublin 12.
Tel: 506735
In charge: Mrs. M. Rooney.

● St. Michael's House,
Junior Special Care Unit,
Grange Park Grove, Raheny, Dublin 5.
Tel: 311261
In charge: Mr. P. Harris.



TRAINING CENTRES

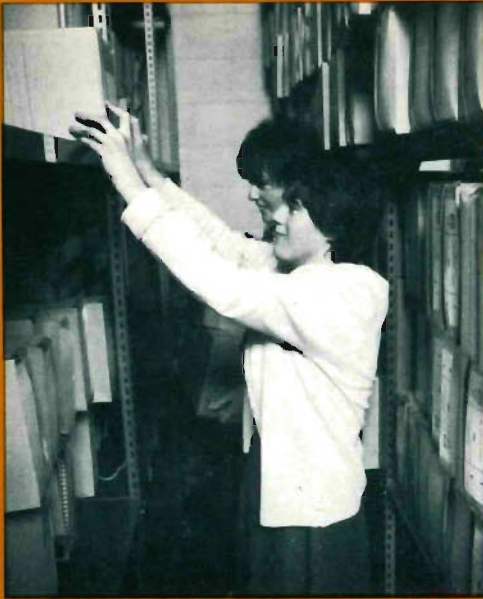
- St. Michael's House Short-Term Training Centre, Ballymun Road, Ballymun, Dublin 9. Tel: 376262. Principal: Mr. D. J. O'Leary.
- St. Michael's House, Long-Term Training Centre, Willowfield Park, Goatstown, Dublin 14. Tel: 987033. Manager: Mr. J. Walsh.
- St. Michael's House, Long-Term Training Centre, Belcamp Park, Belcamp Lane, Balgriffin, Dublin 5. Tel: 314794. In charge: Mr. T. Glavin.
- St. Michael's House, Pottery Section, Willowfield Park, Goatstown, Dublin 14. Tel: 987033. Manager: Mr. D. Synnott.

Short-term training centres

The short-term training centre instructs moderately and mildly mentally handicapped young people from our schools, and those who are presented from various outside sources; namely the National Rehabilitation Board, the various Health Authorities, and other bodies within the community who are also working in the field of mental handicap.

The programme of training is designed to hold what knowledge they have received from school, and add to that knowledge through the educational aspect of the programme, but considering their mental limitations, the emphasis is put on practical work training.





The daily programme is divided into one third educational and social training, the remainder being devoted to practical work training in the form of simple and varied contract work from business houses, thereby simulating the working conditions that are liable to be met within open employment. A full supporting service of medical, psychiatric, para-medical and psychological support is provided during the period of training, usually two years.

One aspect of training which is vital to their future progress is the use of public transport. The staff, with the co-operation and help of parents, have had a very high degree of success, and quite a number of the trainees are even able to cope with two or three changes of buses during their journey to and from the training centre.

Long-term training centres

The long-term training centres at present consist of two centres (one in the south side, the other sited on the north side of Dublin). The pottery is attached to the south side unit at Goatstown. They have a dual purpose — providing continuous and extended training for some, and a permanent working life for others who are unlikely to be able to cope with open employment.

They are run on business lines under the control of a Manager and supervisory staff.

Long-term training centres play a vital part in the life of all mentally handicapped people, and St. Michael's House hope to play their part in providing more units of this nature in the future.

Contract work section



Contract work is the life-line of our sheltered workshops. The work is varied, but mostly packing in all its forms, and simple assembly work. It includes collating printed material (many contracts are from Government Departments) packing and carding "handy-packs" — "lucky bags" assembling simple components for electrical trade, etc. The trainees of the long-term centres, and this includes the workers in the pottery, receive a weekly wage.



Pottery section



Working with clay has always given a great deal of satisfaction to the mentally handicapped, both children and adults, but a commercial pottery whose work force are mentally handicapped is a different matter.

The pottery, started in 1971 is a commercial concern forming part of our long-term training centre. It's products are original in design, and manufactured to the required commercial specifications, our only problem to date being lack of space. This we hope will be rectified in the near future. We are understandably proud of our achievements.



GROUP HOME

The original idea behind the Group Home was to provide temporary accommodation for a small number of mentally handicapped who through the development of a crises situation in their homes, (e.g. illness of a parent) required the provision of such a facility.

This type of accommodation also provides a permanent home, after parents die, for those attending long-term training centres where they may continue the normal pattern of living. The group home is a specially designed unit consisting of two semi-detached houses with a bungalow type structure extending from the rear, providing self-contained accommodation for the house parents.



The unit is pleasantly situated facing a small park surrounded by lovely trees, which will in the near future be the site of a church and recreational facilities consisting of tennis and squash courts. The neighbours at Grangemore are mostly young married couples who are both friendly, helpful and most anxious to learn about the problems of mental handicap.

- St. Michael's House Group Home,
343/344 Grangemore Estate,
Raheny, Dublin 5.
Tel: 316222
House parents: Mr. & Mrs. P. Duffy.

SPECIAL NATIONAL SCHOOLS

The first day special national school for moderately mentally handicapped was recognised by The Department of Education in 1957, at Northbrook Road.

St. Michael's House now has three special national schools in the Dublin area, and we are building a new school in Raheny.

In all units there is a continual extension to the existing facilities in the form of new classes and aids to development, such as our **Toy Library** which is proving a great success. The particular toy on loan to the child is selected by one of our psychologists who attend during library hours. Apart from the usual special school subjects, educational emphasis is laid on social training, adaptability and the teaching of special skills which will be of use in adult life.



The arts and recreation are not forgotten, and an important part of the curriculum is devoted to classes in art, ballet, music, physical education and home economics.

● St. Michael's House
Special National School,
17 Grosvenor Road, Rathgar,
Dublin 6. Tel: 978995
Principal: Mrs. B. Morrin.

● St. Michael's House
Special National School,
Ballymun Road, Ballymun,
Dublin 9. 376901
Principal: Mrs. E. O'Driscoll.

● St. Michael's House Special National School,
"Sunnyside", Blackheath Park,
Clontarf, Dublin 3. Tel: 331637
Principal: Mrs. D. Cummins

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CLINICS

As anticipated, the case load from the north-side of the city increased steadily during 1973-1974. The child development and assessment clinic was housed temporarily in a rented domestic house, proving very satisfactory and acceptable to parents.

With the agreement of the Eastern Health Board and the Daughters of Charity, St. Michael's House now sees cases referred from the north-eastern area of Dublin, as far west as Finglas on the north-side. On the south-side, the work is confined to the assessment of cases presented as suitable for our existing south-side services, and to a small number of paediatric cases.

Co-operation in the zoning of assessment services has been rewarded by the building and furnishing of our very successful new child development and assessment centre, situated at Ballymun, financed by the Eastern Health Board and the Department of Health. Our grateful thanks to both bodies.

This clinic has two play rooms, one of which houses the Toy Library, and one designated garden playroom is equipped with fan, water, plants, budgerigars, wendy house and the invitation to "make a mess". A large fully equipped physiotherapy room and remedial teaching room are now fully in use. The clinic also contains offices for Social Workers; Psychologists; Psychiatrists; Paediatrician, Clinic Secretary and her staff; waiting rooms, cloakrooms and kitchenette—it is already too small.

Staff has increased and there is still a work load sufficient for additional appointments, should finance permit.

The team approach to the mentally handicapped has developed most satisfactorily and our grateful thanks to consultants of other organisations who have generously visited us to discuss, share problems, and help in placements. The provision of day schools for the moderately mentally handicapped, at present inadequate, should be helped by the promised building of a new St. Michael's House school at Raheny in 1976. During 1973 and 1974, provisional classes were still being run at Phibsboro and also for a period at Ballygall Road, with additional classes in the general purposes room at Ballymun School.

An innovation during the period was a successful attempt at parent group

PERSONNEL

ST. MICHAEL'S HOUSE C.D.C.

Ballymun and Goatstown

MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Dr. B. M. Stokes

VISITING CONSULTANTS

Dr. M. Walsh *Psychiatrist*

Dr. P. Sheehan *Speech Neurologist*

Dr. N. J. O'Doherty

Consultant Paediatrician

Mr. J. J. Walsh *Ophthalmologist*

Dr. N. V. O'Donohue *Neurologist*

Dr. P. J. C. Barry

Consultant in Phys. Medicine

Dr. D. J. Cotter *Consultant Psychiatrist*

PSYCHOLOGISTS

Mr. M. J. Murphy

Miss L. O'Hanlon

Miss J. Crowley

Miss A. Halliday

Mr. D. Kenefick

SOCIAL WORKERS

Mrs. M. Ó Morain

Mr. P. O'Loughlin

Mr. G. Hayes

Mrs. M. T. Nolan

Mrs. E. O'Higgins

PHYSIOTHERAPISTS

Mrs. D. Bracken

Mrs. J. Leonard (part-time)

Mrs. A. Sherwin (part-time, units only)

REMEDIAL READING TEACHERS

Miss J. Herbert

Miss E. Scanio

CLINIC SECRETARIES

Mrs. M. O'Donnell

Miss F. Allen

therapy, conducted by our senior psychiatric social worker, to ensure acceptance of the reality of mental handicap. We consider we have failed, if parents are still denying this fact, once the children reach school age, leading to false expectations, fault-finding and unnecessary anxiety.

Many members of staff organised and attended parents meetings, with an accent on early intervention, with organised parent involvement in the extra training and stimulation necessary for the handicapped child. This appears to be of great benefit to the families.

During the latter period, research work was planned and is now to be developed more fully, with funds from the United States of America.

Dr. Patricia Sheehan published:- "A STUDY OF LIP READING AND HANDICAPPED ASSOCIATION WITH RUBELLA DEAF GIRLS" — *Developmental and Child Neurology*, 1971, Vol. 13.

"A PILOT STUDY — CEREBRAL DYSFUNCTION IN THE NEWBORN" A follow-up study to five years. *Irish Medical Journal*, Vol. 67, No. 21, 1974 (joint publication with Dr. Ciaran Barry and Dr. Niall O'Brien) and papers were presented to the Medical Officers of Health, to post-graduate nursing centres in mental handicap, and at the Annual General Meeting of the Medical Union.



● *At the official opening of the new Child Development and Assessment Clinic, Ballymun on November 20th, 1974. From left: Mr. R. Burke, T.D. Minister for Education; Dr. Barbara Stokes, Medical Director, St. Michael's House; Mr. B. Corish, T.D., Tanaiste and Minister for Health; Mr. J. P. O'Brien, Chairman St. Michael's House and Mr. Declan Costello, T.D., President, St. Michael's House.*

● **BALLYMUN**

St. Michael's House,
Child Development and
Assessment Clinic,
Ballymun Road, Dublin 9.
Tel: 375817/376237
Secretary: Mrs. M. O'Donnell.

● **GOATSTOWN**

St. Michael's House,
Child Development and
Assessment Clinic,
Willowfield Park,
Goatstown, Dublin 14.
Tel: 987033
Secretary: Miss F. Allen.

REMEDIAL CLASSES

Remedial classes are part of the services provided by our Child Development Clinic. Their purpose is to provide means by which young people (between the ages of six to fourteen years) may be helped with their reading problems. This is achieved by group, and where possible individual sessions, under the direction of a qualified remedial teacher.

The original class at Goatstown has been on a full-time basis for the last five years and has been most successful, and a considerable inroad has been made into the extensive waiting list.

The Class in the Ballymun Child Development Clinic (a new building) has not been long in existence but is progressing satisfactorily. It has quite a considerable waiting list due to the numbers awaiting admission in this area. Owing to a Department of education ruling, children may only attend remedial classes after their normal school hours, and understandably many (particularly the younger age group) are tired at this stage. To help this group in particular, in addition to the main emphasis on Reading, additional subjects are included in the session namely, Drama, Painting and Artwork, which help their motor and mental skills as well as increasing their self-confidence and motivation — so many are lacking in these attributes.

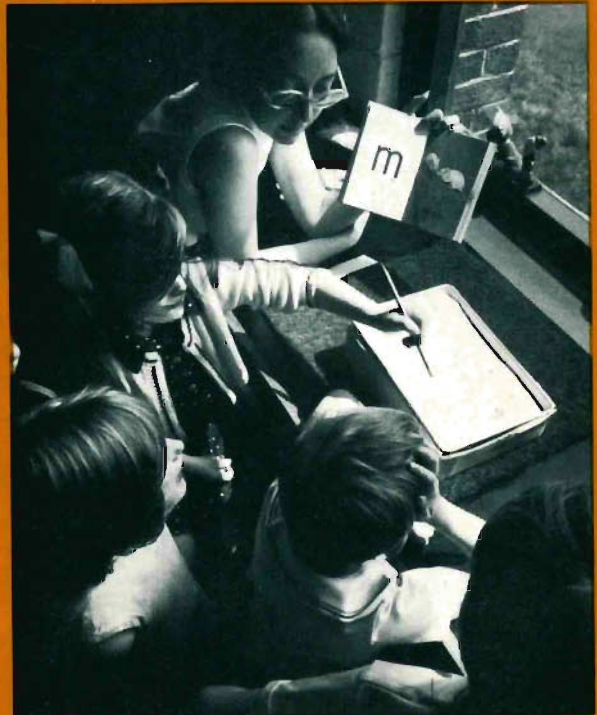
After a year (in some cases longer) those attending do progress, gain confidence and are able to continue successfully at school having completed their remedial course.

● GOATSTOWN

St. Michael's House,
Remedial Reading Classes,
Willowfield Park,
Goatstown, Dublin 14.
Tel: 987033
Teacher: Miss J. Herbert.

● BALLYMUN

St. Michael's House,
Remedial Reading Classes,
Ballymun Road,
Ballymun, Dublin 9.
Tel: 375817/376237
Teacher: Miss E. Scanio.



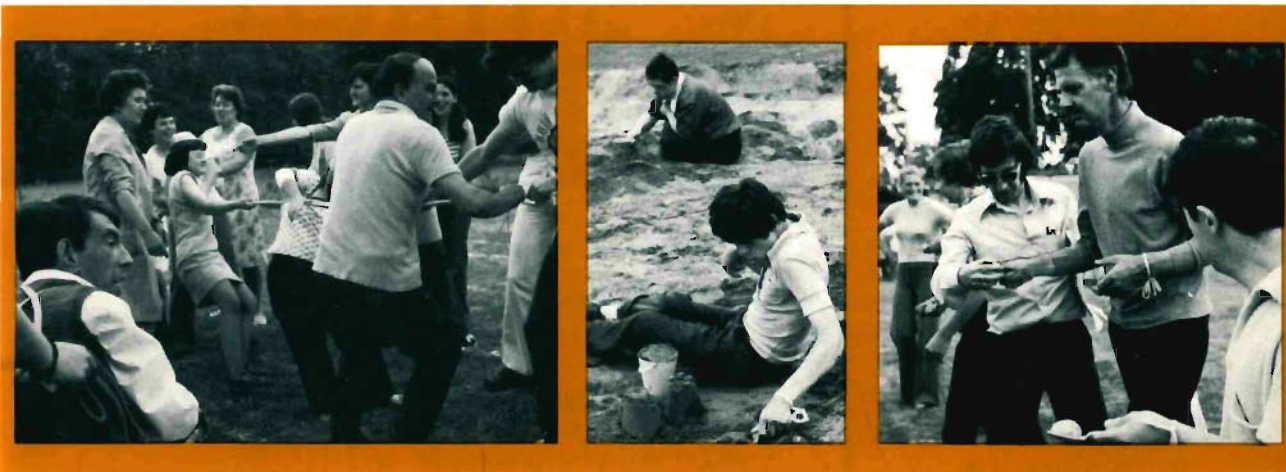
SOCIAL OUTLETS

One of the problems of mental handicap is you are in many cases cut off from social outlets normally associated with childhood and young adulthood. Difficulty of communication, lack of consideration and understanding, lack of suitable facilities for recreation — these are only some of the problems that face young people.

We at St. Michael's House have always been very conscious of the lack of facilities, and have endeavoured to try and at least provide some of these needs in the form of clubs held on Saturday afternoons at Grosvenor Road and Ballymun special national schools, mainly for the younger age groups. The adults have their own weekly club held at the short-term training centre, as well as a monthly dance held at the special national school, Ballymun. Other events include outings, summer camps, sports and educational tours.

We know that our present programme, although being added to all the time is inadequate and efforts are being made to develop our facilities as fast as our resources allow.

We are particularly proud of our Grosvenor Road Club which is now nearly twenty years old.



● SOCIAL CLUBS FOR CHILDREN

Held on Saturday afternoons between 2.30 p.m. — 5.30 p.m. at Grosvenor Road and Ballymun special national schools.

The clubs provide in many cases the only opportunity for young mentally handicapped to meet socially.

The programme includes every kind of play-activity and creative work such as drama, story-telling, arts and crafts and music is encouraged. Membership is open to all handicapped children and their siblings.

● SOCIAL CLUB FOR ADULTS

The Club is held weekly (except during holiday periods) at the short-term training centre, Ballymun between 8.00 p.m. — 9.30 p.m. It provides a means of social contact for the people attending the training centres. The programme consists of hobbies, discussions, sporting activities, i.e. table tennis, etc.

● MONTHLY DANCE

The dance held at Ballymun special national school on Friday between 8.00 p.m. — 10.45 p.m. is run by a voluntary committee, and has been an outstanding success over the years.

It is an adult social occasion following the accepted pattern of such events, i.e. parents and the older members of the families are encouraged to attend.

● OUTINGS, SPORTS & HOLIDAY CAMPS

All units within St. Michael's House arrange their own special outings at Christmas and during the summer. They include parties, all-day outings by the sea and visits to places of interest.

Many of the more severely mentally handicapped attend our summer camps — for so many the only holiday they have ever had.

The annual sports held by individual units, and in competition with other organisations in the field of mental handicap, prove to be an enormous success.

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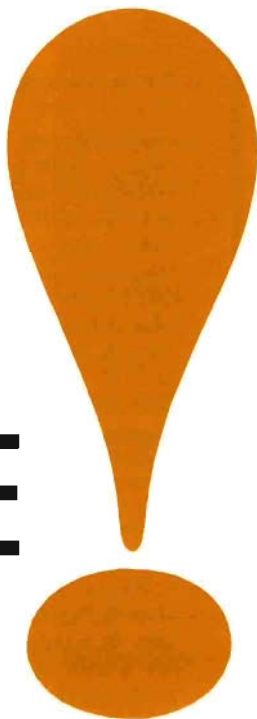
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PLANS FOR THE FUTURE



The pressures on the Association to extend its services are considerable, and while we have a number of specific projects in mind, the provision of these developments will depend on the availability of finance from voluntary and statutory sources.

Plans are being developed for the extension of our services for adults in the following areas —

- SHELTERED WORKSHOPS
- SPECIAL CARE UNITS
- HOSTELS AND SOCIAL CLUBS

In addition, the need for a Training Centre on the south side of the city is now an urgent necessity. The problem of multiple handicapped children is also being considered and the Association in conjunction with the Department of Education are discussing the provision of a pilot programme to cater for this particular group.

The need for residential care on a short-term basis and on a permanent basis is constantly before our minds, and in conjunction with the Eastern Health Board, and other voluntary organisations, plans are being discussed to meet this need.

The Association is very conscious of the necessity for residential care for many of the cases seen by our Child Assessment teams. The Association is conscious of the standards of care that it has established over the years, and in an attempt to maintain these standards and evaluate the quality of the programmes in its Units, it is initiating a programme of Research. This Research Programme under the direction of the Medical Director, Dr. B. M. Stokes, will commence in 1975. Results will be made available as they arise.

The extent to which the association can develop its services depends on the availability of finance from voluntary and statutory sources, and the Executive Committee is confident that immediate and pressing needs will be met, and that support will be forthcoming from interested people as in the past.

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By joining the Association, you are taking part in its activities and helping us to provide for the many needs of the mentally handicapped. We urgently need new members, so perhaps you can also get some of your friends to join.

You can become a Patron for an annual donation of £10.00

If you require further information, please contact our office at Goatstown, Telephone 987033.

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I wish to become an Associate Member of St. Michael's House.

Signature

Surname (block caps)

Christian names

Address

.....

Date

APPLICATION FOR ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP

I, the undersigned, hereby apply for membership of St. Michael's House, and, if admitted by the Executive Committee, I consent to become a member pursuant to the provisions of the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Dated this day of 19

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Note: This form can be used for monthly or annual subscriptions.

To (Name of Bank)

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on the day of and

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(When signed, this Order should be sent to the Executive Director, St. Michael's House, Goatstown, Dublin 14.)

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The following clause may be used by those wishing to benefit St. Michael's House in their Wills:

"...I give and bequeath free from all death duties to St. Michael's House (Association of Parents and Friends of Mentally Handicapped Children) Willowfield Park, Goatstown, Dublin 14, the sum of

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to be applied for charitable purposes in Ireland, and I declare that the receipt of the Honorary Treasurer of St. Michael's House shall be a good discharge for such legacy."

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