



**Helping the forgotten children of Ireland thanks to AIB
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Providing care to babies born with severe developmental delay is the aim of the Jack and Jill Foundation, which recently received funding in Letterkenny of €6,500 under the AIB Staff Partnership Fund.

The Jack and Jill Foundation helps alleviate the very distressful suffering experienced by babies born with severe developmental problems, and offers support and assistance to parents of the children, who, apart from the obvious trauma and exhaustion they suffer, also have to cope with many bureaucratic demands.

The AIB Staff Partnership Fund aims to help charity groups achieve their goals through the participation of AIB staff. AIB staff members can apply for funding to match any funding or personal time they have contributed to a group. And they can apply for double funding if the group focuses on one of the three designated causes of the AIB Better Ireland Programme, helping children affected by lack of education through poverty, drug/alcohol abuse, or homelessness.

Mark Crawford, AIB Bank, Letterkenny, said: "The AIB Staff Partnership Fund is a way of encouraging staff to get involved in local charities, but also recognises and rewards the efforts of staff who give so generously of their time".

Further details of the AIB Better Ireland Programme, the causes being addressed, and details on how to apply for funding - can be obtained by contacting your local AIB branch or visit the website www.aib.ie/betterireland.

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