



**NPH IRELAND**  
OUR LITTLE BROTHERS AND SISTERS

The Principal  
CarrowKennedy National School  
Liscarney  
Westport  
Co Mayo

7th February 2022

To All the Pupils,

On behalf of our charity, which manages and raises funds for Gena Heraty's work in Haiti, I wish to say a very sincere thank you for organising the "no uniform" day. The money raised on this day will make such a difference to Gena and all her team.

Gena's home is within the walls of an orphanage that is home to over 500 children. The orphanage is based high up in the mountains of Haiti. Haiti is naturally a very beautiful island in the Carribean but sadly it is a very dangerous and volatile country.

All the children attend the school within the orphanage that is run by NPH. There are several large two storey buildings within the walls of the orhphange that is home to the children. All the children would share a dormitory within each house with children of a similar age. No child would have the luxury of their own bedroom. All the meals are served at the same time and all the children in the house eat together.

The children in these orphanages would live a very different life to Irish children. For example, there are no washing machines in the orphanage. There is a team of ladies who wash all the sheets, children clothes by hand every single day. Can you imagine the amount of bed sheets that have to be washed ? Children would not have the luxury of several different clothes, it really is the clothes they are wearing and a change of clothes when one set is in the wash.

Then in Gena's home there are 30 Special needs children & adults living with her. These children need 24/7 care so along with Gena, there is a team of local Haitian women helping her. The love and care that surrounds all the children in the orphanage is amazing and it really is one very large loving family.

Support such as yours is so important to Gena not just in practical terms but it gives her a real boost to know that she has such support from her home county. There are no words to describe what a remarkable lady Gena is, she is brave, caring and her whole life is devoted to those who cannot help themselves. Everyone in Mayo should be so proud of this remarkable woman.



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Many, many thanks to each and everyone of you for supporting Gena. I can assure you the money you have raised will make a difference in Haiti.

I hope that your school year is going well and I wish you lots of healthy and happiness in the year ahead.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Noeline Quirke".

Noeline Quirke  
OLBS Secretary



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Aideen McPaul  
The Principal  
CarrowKennedy National School  
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**Dear Principal,**

**Included is a letter to thank the pupils for their “no uniform” day which raised funds for Gena Heraty in Haiti.**

**Thank you to yourself and all the teachers for organising this. I hope the attached letter will give the pupils some idea of the challenges Gena faces in Haiti and just how important their support is.**

**Thank you for facilitating this day, in total just over €26,000 was lodged in donations from the Westport area, just wonderful generosity and SO important for Gena.**

**Thank you so much for your assistance, all the donations will really be well used by Gena. We are hoping Gena will be able to get home for a short break this year, she certainly deserves a break and a rest from her daily challenges.**

**Kind regards**

Noeline Quirke  
OLBS Secretary