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- ✓ INFORMATION
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- ✓ OUTREACH
- ✓ CONNECT

From our humble beginnings as a pilot project in Mulranny, Co. Mayo in 2000, Safe Home Ireland has evolved into a national charity with a global reach. We initially supported older Irish born emigrants to research and secure housing options back in their native areas and to date we have directly assisted over 2,100 people return home to secure accommodation.

Over the years our work has expanded and we now also provide an extensive information, outreach and advocacy support service to others, who may be considering moving/returning to Ireland, regardless of age or circumstances.



Safe Home Ireland has been directly supporting returning and returned Irish emigrants since 2000 and your monthly donation will allow us to continue offering vital services to people who need them most.

We can't do it without your support

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NO PLACE LIKE HOME

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One of the most famous lights in Ireland is the Tilley Lamp, the light that shines from an upstairs window at Áras an Uachtaráin. This is visible from the main road through the Phoenix Park and the light is a symbolic beacon, lighting the way for Irish emigrants and their descendants, welcoming them to their homeland.

WORDS FROM OUR CEO



As a returned emigrant myself, and a former Director of an Irish Centre in London, I know first-hand the challenges faced by some Irish abroad, in particular the emotional bond and the pull factor to 'come home for good'. I am one of the fortunate ones. However, I know that

life could easily have taken a different turn for me, so **I am reaching out to seek YOUR support to help those who are most vulnerable to return to their homeland once more.**

The Irish abroad is diverse and comprises of people of different experiences, different backgrounds, different beliefs and different reasons for living outside Ireland. While many of those who left Ireland, became financially secure, others faced many challenges, but continued to **support families at home, often at a great personal sacrifice.** What remains constant with all, is the desire to stay connected with home and for some to return "home" to live. **YOU can help us realise the dream for those who are unable to do that alone.**

Ireland was and still is hard hit by emigration, and would not have survived without the remittances from its own citizens. Approximately 10 million people left Ireland since 1800 and there are estimated that around 70 million people around the world claim Irish heritage or ancestry. A common theme with many is a desire to come home to live fulfilled lives, especially as they get older, to ensure they 'die in Ireland and are buried on Irish soil'. While this may sound morbid, we can relate to this, through the work of Safe Home Ireland, so with **YOUR support** we would like to ensure that people can return and live fulfilled lives in Ireland.

Now YOU have the opportunity to support Irish emigrants seeking to return home, but unable to do so without the help of Safe Home Ireland.

Karen Mc Hugh, Chief Executive Officer

CHANGING LIVES

John lived in an area of London that was very unsafe and he felt afraid a lot of the time. He had been mugged in the past and because his mobility was not good, he felt this made him a target so he didn't go out once it got dark. John found himself isolated, housebound and very lonely as close friends had either passed away, moved out of the area or returned home to Ireland so he applied for housing via Safe Home Ireland in mid-2019. Two years later John now lives in his own little bungalow, in a housing scheme for older people where he feels safe, has family close-by and feels part of a close-knit community once again. *"Coming back to Ireland is what I've always wanted. It is where my heart is and Safe Home Ireland were the people who helped me do this".*



Marie is a young woman who returned to Ireland from the USA with her two children, both of whom had been diagnosed with autism. Her reason for returning home was to be close to family after her partner had been tragically killed in a hit and run accident. Marie heard about Safe Home Ireland via the Citizens Information Service and our Outreach Officer worked with Marie over a period of months. One year later, Marie's children are attending mainstream school, have the supports they need and now live in a small town close to family and services for additional support. *"I owe so much to Safe Home Ireland. I have no idea how I would have coped without their support as my whole life had fallen apart in the US and now I can see a future for my children and I here in Ireland".*

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