EVERYONE HAS A RIGHT TO A PLACE THEY CAN CALL HOME
Support ... the Key to a Home

More than 4,000 people presented as homeless to our Open Access Service this year. Our staff are working harder than ever trying to address the complex needs of everyone who crosses our doors from the youngest to the oldest. The effects of homelessness are far reaching leading often to children missing school, young children bearing too much responsibility for the care of younger siblings, young people with a history of State care ending up homeless and single adults finding it harder to access low cost accommodation, resulting in them ending up living for long periods in hostels and other forms of emergency accommodation. What we are seeing is significant changes in the work required to support those who are homeless. Never knowing what it is to have a proper home leads to difficulties in maintaining a home, small things like paying the bills, budgeting and cooking can seem like insurmountable obstacles for many of our customers.

Thankfully our work along with the work of other agencies has resulted in significant inroads being made to reduce the numbers homeless. Currently there are fewer families homeless and less young people are presenting to our services. Sadly, single adults remain the largest homeless group. A large element of our recently launched Strategy focuses on the need to settle people, to provide them with homes and to provide them with the support they need to keep their homes. We are committed to acquiring 800 new homes over the next five years. In addition our Tenancy Support and Settlement Team has been doubled to ensure that our staff are there to help our customers out of homelessness and into their new accommodation, where they will receive the support they need to sustain a home of their own. The Team will also work to support households who are at risk of losing their tenancy.

Focus Ireland has long since recognised that a partnership approach is key to the elimination of homelessness once and for all. Following our review in 2002 of the national homeless strategies; with the Simon Communities of Ireland, The Society of St. Vincent de Paul and Threshold, the same group have now formed an alliance which will serve to campaign to achieve a shared vision – to end homelessness by 2010. In addition we are working with the Centre for Urban and Regional Studies in Trinity College in relation to developing a unitary rental model that would both provide greater choice and improve access to rental accommodation for lower income households. We are also actively exploring the potential of the emerging Rental Accommodation Scheme [RAS] to provide secure, quality homes for our customers.

To understand the issues and the extent of the problem of homelessness is key to providing the solutions. Research has always played a key role in our strategic
development and influenced all areas of what we do and indeed how we do it. “Building for Inclusion?” our most recent research examined the effectiveness of Part V – legislation introduced as part of the Planning Act 2000, which allowed for up to 20 percent of land in most new developments to be reserved for social and affordable housing. The research indicates a disappointingly low output of only up to 30 percent in 2004 and up to a slight increase of 35 percent in 2006. I would recommend that the recommendations of this report are taken on board and I will reiterate what Focus Ireland has said many times over the past years; that is, if we are truly committed to the elimination of homelessness, then it is not enough that legislation is introduced, what is needed is consistent monitoring and consistent commitment. If this legislation is to be implemented properly then the resources must be put in place to ensure success, and avoid delays that worsen an already miserable situation for so many.

Whatever we attempt to do we want to do the best we can. Having won the Published Accounts Award for our Annual Report in 2003 we were fortunate enough to be short-listed again in 2004. Our Christmas Doordrop won a silver at the Irish Direct Marketing Awards. We have received great help with much of what we attempt, many of our current corporate relationships provide us with professional advice and practical support; on an ‘in-kind’ basis; allowing us access to advice, expertise and practical support that ensures that the calibre of what we do remains high, which in turn allows us to provide the highest quality support to our customers.

Finally, I want to say a sincere ‘thank you’ to all of you, whose support has, in no small way helped make a home a reality for hundreds more this year.

Yours sincerely

Declan Jones
Chief Executive
The Concept of Home

Home is a place in which to feel safe and secure, warm and dry. A place to rest, eat, sleep and entertain, find solitude, pray, love, laugh, argue and cry. A place to read a book, share a meal, watch a television programme, play an instrument, do a bit of gardening, play with the children, get the housework done and the bills paid, be at ease with oneself and with friends and family, in safety and security without fear of interference or intrusion.

The need for a place like that is deep and urgent in all of us. The desire for a place called home is the deepest need in every human heart and perhaps the least recognised. And yet for many people, home is elusive, unattainable, beyond their grasp, because something has happened in their lives, some catastrophic event has separated them from home and they find it impossible to come home again, to secure a place of their own.

People who find themselves homeless are people who are going through a transition in their lives. Perhaps they are moving from one home to another and have somehow got stranded in between; perhaps they are in transition from family home to independence, and something has gone wrong for them; perhaps they have been mentally ill and are in transition to healing but they haven’t yet found their new place in the community; perhaps they are fleeing violence or abuse and are trying a place where they can be safe and secure.

The danger is that people can sometimes get trapped in this transition state and never get to the other side, the place they set out for. What begun as a phase in their lives, an unfortunate event where they managed to slip through the net of provision for people at risk, can quickly develop into a state of life, a way of being in the world; homeless, friendless, isolated, marginalised, and insecure. If there is no one to give them a helping hand at this crucial time in their lives, they can slip into a whole way of life that is without hope, those who are weak can get destroyed, those who are mentally insecure can slip into insanity; those who are young can easily get sucked into a life of crime and violence, those who are sexually vulnerable can be exploited and end up living a life of prostitution and degradation.

Homeless people have no possessions or security. Before long they have no self-respect either and if they are not helped to come home they end up bitter and resentful maybe destructive towards themselves and others.

It is with people who are out of home that we in Focus Ireland have the privilege to work. All of them have something beautiful in their hearts, they may be a good bit troubled but they can be made whole again if someone looks, notices, pays attention to them and helps them.

Thank you for your support.

Sr. Stanislaus Kennedy
Life President
“He thinks every room is a house”
Our customers are a diverse group, young people, families; adults and children, each with their own individual needs. Our services have been developed with these specific groups in mind. We have identified three different stages to homelessness and provide services that will help people move on whatever their stage. Not everyone who comes to us will experience all three stages. Those in crisis are either already homeless or threatened with homelessness. At this stage we provide them with a place to go and someone to support them and help them plan a way forward. Typically the second stage, is a stage of transition and focuses on stabilisation whether it is in short-term accommodation, participation in transitional programmes, in training or in education. The third stage concentrates on settlement it’s at this stage that our customers are offered a long-term home whether it is with Focus Ireland, the local authority or in the private rented sector. Support is often key to the successful transition from homelessness to home. All our tenants are provided with support in our housing projects. Customers who are housed in local authority or private rented accommodation are linked in with our Tenancy Support and Settlement Teams who provide them with the emotional and practical support they need to help them to settle into their new homes and communities, the Team also supports households who are finding it difficult to sustain their tenancy.
“When I think about home it’s my mum I think about”

Help for Anyone in Crisis
Our Housing Advice Centre and Coffee Shop is a haven for many adults who find themselves without a place to go during the day. Inexpensive meals, advice, information and support as well as a programme of activities are available to everyone who crosses the door.

Almost 4,000 people used the coffee shop this year, of which 76 per cent were male, more than 56 per cent were over 26 years of age.

The Outreach & Extension Team works both on the street and in the Extension day service. The Outreach Workers work with people who are sleeping rough, building relationships with them and helping them to move away from the streets by encouraging them to use other services that will help them out of homelessness. The Extension Service provides support and practical facilities including laundry and showers for young people aged between 16 and 25 years. Each person attending the Extension is linked in with a keyworker who will help them address their problems so they can move out of homelessness.

The Spokes Programme is based in the Extension and offers young people the chance to take part in education, employment and training programmes. Many of the training programmes offered in SPOKES are Further Education Training Attainment Courses (FETAC) accredited and a number of our customers received their FETAC certificates this year in courses including computers, photography and childcare.

“In you own home you’re safe”

David became homeless when he was asked to leave his home after he had, as a result of his alcoholism become violent towards his wife.

“I have been in hostels for the last six years. I was an alcoholic and when the rents started to rise I couldn’t afford the rent on the place I was living in. I started living in hostels, and stayed in them for 6 years.

I met a woman, but I knew that my drinking would destroy the relationship. I realised I had been given something good and it was me that was destroying it. I was afraid that I would become violent again so I went to get help with my drinking. I stayed in the hostel and was on the local authority waiting list for a place of my own. I heard about Focus Ireland and went to the coffee shop to get a meal. I was given a keyworker and she helped me to find a place of my own. You get a great feeling of help and support when you come to Focus Ireland. They keep you up to date with progress reports and there is always movement, progress. Focus Ireland will go the extra 9 yards for you, they kicked the system into life on my behalf there is no doubt about that.

My keyworker organised for me to see 19 flats, I went to see them on my bicycle. I have moved in now, and my friends helped me to paint the place. My mother came to visit me I told her not to mind the corridors they’re a bit worn, but to wait till she saw my flat. Having your own home means having four walls, your own key, somewhere to wash, being able to turn on the heat when you’re cold. It means having a fridge to keep some bread and milk in so you can have a cup of tea when you want.

The hostel would get very cold and you had nowhere to put your things, it dangerous out there. In you own home you’re safe.”
The Loft is a day centre for young people between 12 and 18 years of age. Each young person is assigned a keyworker who links them to the Health Service Executive’s Social Worker Service, and helps them access training, education and accommodation. The Loft provides young people with a place where they can have a hot meal, shower, wash their clothes and talk to their friends.

The numbers of young people accessing the Loft has reduced steadily over the last year. Focus Ireland in partnership with the Health Service Executive’s Crisis Intervention Service is working on the introduction of a new combined Youth Response Team, which will replace the Loft. This service will seek to engage with young people and to prevent youth homelessness through a multi-disciplinary assessment and intervention process.

The Caretakers is a partnership project with The Society of St Vincent de Paul. This project provides hostel accommodation for young people aged between 16 and 21 years, who are using drugs and are currently living out of home. Caretakers is a drug free environment. Staff working in the Caretakers have a background of working with people who have substance abuse issues. Many of the young people who come to Caretakers have typically come from chaotic family lives and have a history of State Care preceding youth homelessness. During the year 49 young people used the Caretakers, many of them had a history of State Care. Sadly 2 young people one of whom was under 18 years of age died of drug overdoses. This year there was a 50 per cent increase in the rate of bed occupancy in the Caretakers. Many of the young people opted to stay for longer periods of time, allowing the staff the opportunity to work with them in a more structured manner, towards more positive outcomes.

“When I think about home it’s my mum I think about”

Eleanor is 19 years of age, and is originally from Ringsend. Eleanor became homeless as a result of an abusive home life. She regularly uses our Caretaker’s Hostel.

“I had a fight with my brother, he bit me on my back, things like that happened to me before it was mad, my father used to hit my mother with a hammer. I started to hang around and take drugs, other people started giving them to me when I was about 11, then I started begging to get the money. I’m on detox now. One night when I was in bed my father hit me on the head with a poker, I was 13 at the time. After my brother bit me I left, I still go there I don’t see them for a while then I miss them. My father left with another woman. I just go to see my mum and my sisters. When I think about home it’s my mum I think about. I stay here most of the time and then go home for a couple of days. Being here stops me from going to get drugs. I feel lonely sometimes.”
“He thinks every room is a house”

Sinead is currently living in private rented accommodation with her 3 year old son Kevin. Before that she was homeless. Sinead and her son are in the process of returning to their home town hoping for a better life.

“We spent a lot of the time walking the streets. Kevin was in his buggy most of the time, everything was in his buggy, eating, sleeping and playing. The place we were put into was very rough. The door would get kicked and frighten the wits out of the child, he’d cling to you. We were in one room, when he got older I couldn’t let him play I used to get so stressed because people would complain of the noise. I used to give out to him for playing with his toys in case we got asked to move. I never let him out of my sight the landings were where most kids played, but there were syringes and everything on them. He had to have a shower, there was no bath... he was terrified of the shower. Every time we had to move, we had to leave some of his toys behind. He thinks each room is a house; he doesn’t understand that a house has more than one room. I heard about the Focus Ireland crèche, no matter where we are living and how far away we are I take him there every day, it’s the only bit of normality he has. We’re in private rented now, I can’t really afford the rent they give you €950 but the landlord wants €200 more on top, I use the child allowance to pay the rest. We’re moving back to my hometown, I'll be staying with my sister. I’m really looking forward to teaching him things like swimming and riding his bike.”

The Childcare Centre provides care for young children of families who are homeless. Trained staff work to ensure that each child is given the chance to play, make friends and explore in a warm caring environment. It’s a place of fun, learning and development for many little children who previously had little structure in their young lives.

Generous sponsorship by IAWS has resulted in a brand new play area for the children using our Childcare Centre.

Capital funding has been approved for the expansion of the Childcare Centre in Waterford. A response is awaited regarding the revenue funding.

Schoolmate Project as part of their Better Ireland Programme, AIB sponsor the Schoolmate Project in Focus Ireland. This Project works to ensure that children of homeless families do not miss out on their education, or indeed on the fun and play activities that are fundamental to most children’s development. Children are supported to stay in school despite the disruption of homelessness. Help is given with homework, tutors are provided to help children catch up if they’ve missed school and a School Liaison Officer works with the school and the family helping to resolve any difficulties the child may be having, either settling into a new school, or after a period of absenteeism from school. After the homework is done, fun is had by all whether it’s African drumming, drama, swimming or art, the children need little encouragement to get into the spirit of it all and express themselves in a safe and carefree environment.

This year the Project was moved from our John’s Lane West site to a purpose built space in Stanhope Green. This new space has allowed for the extension of the Project from 3 to 5 evenings a week.
“I miss not being able to come and go as I please, the kids not being able to make noise like proper children.”

Maureen is in her late 30s and has 5 children; her youngest Laura is 5 years old. Her house burned down and she was homeless for 4 years. Maureen is currently living in emergency accommodation where she has a self-contained flat. She has been offered a house by the council and is waiting to move-in. She is linked in with Focus Ireland’s Crisis Team and the children are participants in our AIB Better Ireland Programme Schoolmate Project.

“I am from Cabra, I had my first child when I was 19, we had 5 children together I left 5 years ago because of domestic violence, my husband drank but he went into rehab and gave it up for 8 years. I found out he had other children with someone else, he went back on the drink and the abuse started again. I threw him out and tried to get my life back together, but then he started harassing the kids, following them and roaring at them across the street. We moved to England and he moved back into the house. I didn’t like England and came back after a few years, I got him out of the house and me and the children moved back in, there was a fire and the house burned down. We stayed with family we were all scattered, I didn’t like that. We moved into a homeless place in town it was horrible everyone in it was on drugs. I walked in that day with my kids and they were all sitting there stoned. I just cried, we were there for 6 months. Our Community Welfare Officer got us this place, we have been here for 3 years. It’s only in the last 6 months that I’m not sad about the house burning down anymore. I miss not being able to come and go as I please, the kids not being able to make noise like proper children. This place is well run John the Caretaker is good. One day just after I moved in 2 girls from Focus Ireland knocked on the door. They came in and talked to me. My eldest girl was out of school for 2 years, she had problems with learning, they got her a tutor, you’d want to see the way she came on, they got her into a special school in the Phoenix Park. She still gets one-to-one with Michael Ruddy from Focus, he’s great the whole team are. My kids have diplomas and everything because of them. The children go to the Schoolmate Project. They help them with school work there and take them out in the summer. They are the only ones who have been around my family and helped us. My daughter is doing so well in school now that she’s going back to normal school after the summer. The kids come in from school get their dinner and wait for the Focus mini-bus to get them. They go swimming together on Monday and the club helps them with homework and gives them tutoring. I can see beyond my house burning down now. There’s always something worse out there. I can ring any one of the girls in Focus and they’ll help me out, they’re buddies now really. I’m moving into a council house soon, they’re more excited about the house than me.”

B&B Case Management Programme a new pilot programme working to address the needs of families who are living in B&Bs was established in 2004 with a dedicated resource from the Anna Liffey Project, Barnardos, the Health Service Executive and Public Health Nurse Teams. The aim of this programme was to help families address their issues and to move on into transitional or long-term accommodation.

Regrettably, a significant issue for this project was that many of the families had been blocked from accessing local authority accommodation due to anti-social issues. A decision was taken by the Health Service Executive to close this project in September this year.
“The worst thing about not having a home is that you can’t have visitors”

Noreen and Shay are currently homeless with their 2 teenage sons. They are living in Focus Ireland’s emergency accommodation in Finglas. They have been together since they were in their teens and are waiting to be housed in the Finglas area.

“We’re from Finglas, my mother is an alcoholic, I started drinking when I was 13. Our daughter died at 3 weeks, she was a victim of cot death. We were in one room for two years with the children. Living in one room with two kids was a disaster. We watched TV, cooked and slept in one room. We have been here for over a year. We’re waiting for a house. The support here is brilliant. The boys are involved in everything here. They love football and play for the school in the Gaelic. We always had a telly to watch the sport on. They go the homework club here and on Thursdays they do swimming. They have the ‘golden hour’ after they have finished their homework in the homework club, they do other stuff like art and plays and things then. John is brilliant at art he won a computer for his school in an art competition. When we came here the keyworker helped get me into detox. I went to the Simon for three weeks on detox. I have had a drink problem since I lost my daughter. The worst thing about not having a home is that you can’t have visitors. Our friends are all gone, I go every day to see my mum in an old folks home. We just want a place a key to turn, a place we can decorate in our own way.”

Aylward Green, Finglas provides families in crisis with short-term accommodation. Families can stay in the accommodation for nine months and are given the support they need to help them address their issues. Crèche facilities are available to families with young children, whilst the AIB Better Ireland Programme Schoolmate Project provides school going children with the opportunity to get help with their homework, as well as participate in activities including swimming and drama. This year extra resources were put in place to expand the programme providing more staff and resources to the children attending the programme.
“Living here it was like a home for me”

Teaching the Skills to Keep a Home
“I need to live somewhere that feels right for me”

Louise is 28 years of age. She has been in and out of homelessness since she was a teenager. Louise is currently living in our transitional housing in Limerick.

“My father was a child abuser he sexually abused both me and my half-sister and beat my mother, my mother hit him with a shoe when she found out about the abuse. There was a custody battle between my parents for us, my mother suffered with mental health problems… with her nerves; we were placed in a care home in Essex. I nearly got fostered by a family, I was disappointed when she got custody. When I was 18 I left home, I had enough of the control and craziness of my mother so I left, she wouldn’t let me have a TV, she censored what I read, she would accuse me of things that I hadn’t done she’d wake me in the middle of the night until I gave in. I went to a homeless service at 18. When I was 20 I met a guy in a hostel we moved in together he was psychologically cold, a control freak, made me feel bad about myself. We were together for 4 years, in the end he became physically violent and after 6 months of that I left. I had two violent relationships in the UK one was outright violent, the other was going that way in the end and I nipped it in the bud. I am in the only normal relationship I have ever had in my life with someone who is normal, who didn’t hit me. I came to Ireland to get away, I was working in a hotel in Ennis for a year and a half as a waitress, I didn’t particularly like it but it was a way to survive. I was sharing a house I couldn’t afford the rent in the house share. The landlord asked us all to leave, so I went to Ennis homeless unit, who said I hadn’t a hope in hell cos I hadn’t been homeless long enough, so I crashed on a friend’s floor. I couldn’t stay there for too long so I went to Clare Haven refuge – a women’s refuge. I had stayed there before because I was transferred there from a refuge in London. They referred me to the women’s hostel in Limerick, it was grand, my roommate was nice I was lucky. I applied to Focus and went for an interview. I got a place, Louise is my keyworker, it’s the best structure that I have ever come across I missed out on this type of structure in London. Louise helps me with everything when I’m in floods of tears, just to have someone smile at you is great, she’s a patient person the backbone of everything. I tried to get my life together over the years, but I couldn’t do it I was homeless, but now I’m taking my life in my own two hands, I’m not letting them hold me back anymore. The support here I never got in London when I was homeless. I need to live somewhere that feels right for me.”

Transitional Programmes – many people who come to us after a period of homelessness need to do some groundwork work before moving-on to a home of their own. Education, training, practical skills and self-development are key to a successful transition from homelessness to home. We have developed a number of short-term residential programmes tailored to suit young people, adults and families. These programmes aim to prepare people for a time when they are ready to move on to a home of their own.

- **Families** – programmes for families take place over a period of 12 months, and are supported by childcare facilities and homework clubs.

- **Single Adults** – single adults typically spend 9 months in our transitional programmes. Our Waterford, Limerick and George’s Hill housing projects provide programmes for this group.

This year a decline in the number of families using the transitional programmes in our George’s Hill and Stanhope Green developments, lead to their closure as well as the closure of the associated Childcare facilities for these programmes.
“At home my ma would have tried to look after me but it’s my responsibility”

Brian is 28 years of age, he’s had a drug problem since he was a teenager, He’s taking part in Focus Ireland’s Step-Down Programme – a programme developed to help recovering addicts to move on with their lives.

“I always had problems when I was a child I couldn’t talk I was so frustrated, my father was the same, he didn’t talk much either; my mother said he had a terrible life, he was beaten alive by his mother and father. My family were annoyed when I got addicted to drugs. In the end me ma asked me to leave. When I was homeless I slept in an old school. I used to sneak back home in through the back door when my father left in the morning, I had a shower and got something to eat, I think he knew but he never said anything he always left the back door open. When you’re on drugs you’re around people you don’t like. Nobody trusted nobody. I took them because I was so quiet and I thought I was no good. My mother used to say they were plastic confidence.

The drugs wrecked my head, I was always thinking what other people were thinking. Keltoi helped me with all that they’re a detox centre. I knew if I was to get better it was better not to go back to home where all the gang were. Keltoi recommended me for this programme. So I moved in here to Focus Ireland, Scarlett is my key worker and I’m near all my meetings, I go to Narcotics Anonymous. If I’d stayed at home my ma would have tried to look after me but it’s my responsibility. I have to look after myself, they teach you that here, they teach you self-confidence and how to look after yourself. I pay my own bills, do my own cooking. They teach us all about keeping a home, what to expect as a tenant, I know I have family but if you’re someone who doesn’t, they really need the charge of that. I’m studying addiction skills; I want to become an outreach worker. I always hated school but now I actually enjoy it.”

The Step-Down Programme – early this year Focus Ireland launched its new Step-Down Programme – a residential programme for men and women who have been drug users and who have completed a rehabilitation programme. The programme provides the skills and education required to enable these men and women to move on to independent living in a home of their own.
“Living here it was like a home for me”

Laura is 17 years of age, there were problems at home and she was put into State Care. She came to Focus Ireland and was living in our Off-the-Streets programme. She has since moved on to a residential unit for young women.

“I was 14 when I first went into Care, I was in two Foster Care places. My ma couldn’t control me, I had 2 brothers and 3 sisters I was the 2nd youngest, my father and mother divorced when I was about 5. I adored my dad I think I thought that if I went a bit wild my da would take me in, but eventually I copped on that it wasn’t going to work, but I was gone over the top my ma couldn’t cope. I remember going into Care like it was yesterday, she brought me down to the social workers one morning, she went for me in front of them, they sent me ma home to pack my stuff, when I went back home she said to me ‘I’ll always love you I just can’t hack it any more’. The foster family had 2 other foster children and 2 sons of their own, I loved it there, they made me feel so at home and tried to do as much as possible for me. I was only to be there for a short while but it got longer and longer, they were going on holidays so I was moved, the new family were grand but I didn’t really like them so I caused trouble, never coming back always coming in late, but the family wouldn’t kick me out. I told my social worker I didn’t want to stay with the family so she put me into Parkview. I got in with the wrong crowd, I ran away and stayed in Inchicore with a friend. I rang my dad but there were problems with him and his wife so I tried living my sister and her two kids, We fell out so I went to Lafroy Hostel, it was all right I didn’t have to share a room. I know people think they are all junkies but they’re not, they look out for you they’re all your family. I was only to be there for a short while but it got longer and longer, they were going on holidays so I was moved, the new family were grand but I didn’t really like them so I caused trouble, never coming back always coming in late, but the family wouldn’t kick me out. I told my social worker I didn’t want to stay with the family so she put me into Parkview. I got in with the wrong crowd, I ran away and stayed in Inchicore with a friend. I rang my dad but there were problems with him and his wife so I tried living my sister and her two kids, We fell out so I went to Lafroy Hostel, it was all right I didn’t have to share a room. I know people think they are all junkies but they’re not, they look out for you they’re all your family. I came to Off-the-Streets (OTS) I had been using the Loft and my social worker referred me here. I had come to OTS before through the Garda stations. Kerry and Annemarie were my keyworkers, when I first came I told them I didn’t want to be here I didn’t want them to do anything for me. But when I got to know the staff and the people living here it was like a home for me. Kerry was like me ma you could talk to them about anything. I was on a FAS course in Manor Street, a catering course, I am doing a ECDL course now in the Northwall. I am living in Goldenbridge long-term residential they teach you how to budget and cook for yourself, its for under 18s. I still come back to OTS and visit, the staff here are great you can come back and talk to them. I’m getting on better with me mam now that I’m not living with her. I see my father regularly. Now me and me mam can talk about anything things I wouldn’t have felt like talking to me mam about now we can just talk about. I’m going to stay in Goldenbridge until I can get my own place.”

- **Off-the-Streets** offers a residential programme to young people between 16 and 18 years of age.
- **Aftercare Programmes**
  - residential support for young people who have left State care is provided in our housing projects in Limerick, Waterford and Dublin.
  - The Young Women’s Aftercare Project is a residential programme offering support to young women both during their time in the project and after they move-on.

In agreement with the plan to develop an After-Care Hub in North Dublin. A partnership with Stepping Stones Housing Association was established in 2005 that was to allow the expansion of The Young Women’s Aftercare Project. However, planning difficulties necessitated that we pursue an alternative property. The partners involved remain committed to the development of this very necessary programme for young women.
“I’m from around here; all my friends are here my sister is across the road. I feel I’m home now”
The importance of support

Undoubtedly homelessness is a time of misery and stress. However, for those who have never known what it is to have a proper home moving into a permanent home can bring with it uncertainty and anxiety. An unknown area, a different community, loneliness and isolation can, without the proper support lead to them becoming fearful and sadly for some, returning to homelessness. Focus Ireland provides long-term housing in Dublin, Waterford and Limerick. All our housing projects provide full support to the tenants who live there. Customers who move into local authority or private rented accommodation are linked in with our Tenancy Support and Settlement Team. The Team helps them move into their new home and links them into services including schools, health centres and employment agencies, that they will need to settle successfully into their new community.
to provide high support to families who have been living in B&Bs and other emergency accommodation to move on to a long-term home in the community.

Corbrac House – towards the end of the year Focus Ireland acquired 9 units of accommodation in Corbrac House for single men and women in the Limerick area.

Planning permission was granted for 16 units of accommodation in Waterford.

Oaklee Housing Trust – Focus Ireland in partnership with Oaklee Housing Trust acquired 14 units of long-term accommodation for single adults.

Community Settlement Teams – in light of the increase in the number of families who were moved into long-term accommodation this year, Focus Ireland doubled its Community Settlement Teams in both Dublin and Waterford.

Tenancy Support Programme – a pilot Tenancy Support Programme was launched in Waterford. The Programme aims to work with tenants who are at risk of losing their tenancy, preventing them from becoming homeless.

Intensive Family Support Programme – in an effort to move on families who have high support needs Focus Ireland introduced a new Intensive Family Support Programme this year. This programme aims to provide high support to families who have been living in B&Bs and other emergency accommodation to move on to a long-term home in the community.

Donna left England with her 5 children to get away from domestic abuse. She was homeless living in hostels and emergency accommodation. She is now living in a permanent home in Ballymun.

“We were in England for years, we came home my partner he was a drinker I couldn’t hack it so I left him. Being homeless the worst thing was living in the hostel, we were all in one room, we had to share a kitchen, you had to buy the food every day or eat out of the chippers, the baby was one and the oldest was 16. I used to walk with the kids all the way from James’s St. to Ballymun. I put them in school there because it’s where I was from. Lorraine from Focus came to the hostel, we saw other children going to the Homework Club. Because the older ones weren’t in school, Lorraine took them out, did homework with them and helped them catch up. Lorraine asked me did I want a keyworker so she put me in touch with Natasha she used to come and see me in the hostel; she’d ring up the Corporation and helped me that way. She helped me with our local counsellor and they worked together to get me a house.

I used to stay in Ballymun all day until the kids were done school. I used to stay in friends and my sisters houses. The kids went to the After School Club in Focus and they took them swimming on a Monday. I used to go to the Focus Coffee Shop and get decent food for the kids. We came back to the hostel one night and the girl upstairs was on drugs, her kids were running wild. The manager kept saying there was no one there on drugs, but we often saw the pushers and junkies coming in and out. I told the girl in Wellington Quay that I was going to leave the hostel, if they didn’t get me out of there I was going to live on the streets with the kids. We were moved to a place in Mountjoy Street, it was really nice, they ran it well, the owner even dressed up as Santa for the kids at Christmas. I was there for over a year, and then moved here to Ballymun it has 4 bedrooms. My partner came back, he’s from Liverpool, we decided to make a go of it again, he was getting up out of bed one day and died of a massive heart attack, he was 49. I was linked in with Sandra from Focus she helped me get settled here and get the kids into clubs and things. I’m here 2 years I feel I’m home now. I’m from around here, all my friends are here my sister is across the road; I’m better on my own.

We’re finished with Focus now but sometimes I will ring up for advice and if I ever win the lottery I’d give them half the money they really help people. The got my dad a job and a place to live. I know loads that are still in hostels and go to the Focus Coffee Shop every day."

“I’m from around here; all my friends are here my sister is across the road. I feel I’m home now”
“The desire for a place called home is the deepest need in every human heart and perhaps the least recognised”

Working for Change
2005 has been a year of change within the Advocacy Unit. The Unit was renamed from Research, Education and Development to Advocacy in 2005. A number of new staff joined the unit – the Director of Advocacy was appointed in June 2005, a new Research Officer took up post in November 2005 and an Information Officer was employed at the close of 2005.

**Education and Training**

Education remained a key focus of work for the Advocacy Unit in 2005. Our education pack remains a popular resource for secondary schools, offering modules for Civic Social and Political Education and the Leaving Certificate Applied programmes. The pack aims not only to raise awareness about homelessness, but also offers practical advice to young people at risk of becoming homeless.

Focus Ireland also offer a school talk service to secondary schools. The talks support our modules for schools and continue to prove an extremely useful tool in raising awareness around the issues of homelessness. During the year we delivered school talks to 84 schools, reaching over 2,600 young people.

Focus Ireland continued to provide training to over 500 Garda Trainees in Templemore Garda Training College in 2005. The training consists of workshops whose aim is to help the trainees gain a better understanding of the issues surrounding homelessness and to offer a platform for discussing positive, effective policing procedures for dealing with people who are homeless.

**Research**

In 2005 we initiated research on Part V of the Planning and Development Act that is due to be published early in 2006. The Research is examining the extent to which Part V is, or can improve access to social housing.

Focus Ireland was also an active member of the Steering Committee on the Homeless Agency Assessment of Homelessness in Dublin research.

As part of Focus Ireland’s commitment to provide quality services to people out-of-home evaluations of Grange Cohan in Waterford and the Research, Development and Education division were carried out in 2005.

The success of 2004s ‘Eat Well Be Well’ week following the publication of our research study ‘Hungry for Change: Social exclusion, food poverty and homelessness’ was repeated in 2005 with a three week agency wide programme of events. The programme provided an opportunity to publicly highlight issues of food poverty for people out of home. Focus Ireland continue to lobby to improve access to community nutrition services and to influence access to affordable food options for people out of home.

**Influencing Change**

The Advocacy Unit continues to work to influence the social and political environment in which Ireland operates. In 2005 Focus Ireland contributed through the Children’s Rights Alliance to the submission of a shadow report on children’s rights to the UN. In addition to contributing to the core report, Focus Ireland has also worked to facilitate the voice of young people personally experiencing social exclusion in contributing directly to the report.
Focus Ireland also worked very actively during the year to influence homeless policy and provision. This work was informed by a submission early in the year to the review of homeless policies. In addition to the submission Focus Ireland lobbied successfully to ensure that people with direct experience of homelessness were consulted as part of this review.

Preventing homelessness is central to achieving Focus Ireland’s vision and during 2005 the Advocacy Unit was actively engaged in the advisory group on the development of a homeless preventative strategy.

Focus Ireland made a joint submission on the development of the third National Anti Poverty Action Plan in 2005, based on a detailed and critical review of national, European and UN based reports to date. The submission is a very strong articulation of the need for a rights based framework to underscore housing and anti-poverty strategies.

Focus Ireland also represents the interests of people out of home by sitting on the Dublin City Council Strategic Policy Committee on Housing, Social and Community Affairs and also participated in the Homeless Agency.

Public Awareness

Focus Ireland works continuously to create a greater public understanding of the issues of homelessness. We aim to raise awareness of homelessness but also to provide comment and analysis on current social and political news issues in relation to homelessness. Focus Ireland believes that change is possible for the individual and for society and we work to affect change.

To this end Focus Ireland published a public document in advance of budget 2005 that was distributed to all public representatives in the country. Post budget comments were also issued by Focus Ireland and will form the basis on which to negotiate detailed policy positions with political parties at local and national level in the coming months.

As an active member of the End Child Poverty Coalition, Focus Ireland are part of their on-going campaigning work, including their pre-budget submission that was launched as part of a parliamentary briefing in November.

In 2005 Focus Ireland were also part of a coalition of organisations led by the National Consultative Committee on Racism and Interculturalism that lobbied the Department of Social and Community Affairs for changes to the social welfare regulations and specifically the operation of the Habitual Residency Condition. This lobbying work was informed by the experience of Focus Ireland services in meeting with and providing services to non-Irish nationals.

Information Provision

The Advocacy Unit continues to provide information to college students, school students, professionals working in the area and the general public, enabling us to further raise awareness around the issues of homelessness in Ireland. In 2005 we responded to approximately 200 requests for information.
“Focus Ireland will go the extra 9 yards for you, they kicked the system into life for me”
In 2005 the transition process was completed and the Services Directorates have evolved to meet the demands of emerging customer needs. In support of this, our training and development programme has been integrated to capture on-the-job practice and develop managers to new levels of capability in the area of people management and HR practice.

In 2006, training and development will be further evaluated to ensure that training needs throughout the agency are captured and are addressed in order to encourage and support continuous learning and to add value. Our energies will be concentrated on enabling management to develop the necessary mechanisms to apply continuous learning and growth to their own people management practices.

Human Resources will continue to work in partnership with all our customers to ensure a professional level of service is provided and to support the achievement of the agency’s objectives and strategy in line with the values of the organisation.
“I have to look after myself, they teach you that here, I pay my own bills, do my own cooking”
Continuing support from our donors meant we were able to make a very real difference to the lives of the thousands of men, women and children who accessed our services during 2005. Without this support we would not have achieved this level of progress or been able to deliver the many services we provide. It is the support of people, companies and Trusts that ensured we were there to help as many people as possible who experienced homelessness in 2005.

Each year we are privileged that so many people and organisations entrust us with the funds to carry out our work. In 2005 yet again we were overwhelmed by your generosity which saw Focus Ireland receive over €4.7 million in response to our fundraising activities. Everything contributed helped achieve the advances, and provide the vital services you’ll read about in this report.

Supporters

The commitment and trust our long term, direct debit and standing order supporters place in us gives our staff fantastic encouragement knowing that so many want to help fund their work each month. This year our direct debit and standing order supporters entrusted us with over €1.2 million which ensured our projects could confidently plan for the future, secure in the knowledge of this committed and regular support.

In addition our many regular supporters who donate to our appeals provided us with funds at key times throughout the year. Most notably at Christmas time where almost 5,000 supporters who took up our request and added a person who is homeless to their Christmas list, raising a fantastic €500,000.

Company Fundraising

In 2005 the corporate sector contributed 22% of the €4.7 million raised. We have a number of long term supporters as well as new companies who have joined Focus Ireland in working to eliminate homelessness. Some of the companies who supported us in 2005 included:

AIB’s Better Ireland Programme supports the Schoolmate Project in our Stanhope Green and Aylward Green projects in Dublin. AIB Better Ireland Programme works closely with Focus Ireland to offer this Project, which helps young children out of home benefit from continued education and offers one-to-one educational support when required.

Anglo Irish Bank offers ongoing unrestricted support which allows us to develop new services in the face of the changing needs of our customers.

permanent tsb generously sponsored our 2005 Christmas Radio Campaign. This campaign supported our overall fundraising activity targeted at the general public during the Christmas period and raised a record donation level for our Christmas fundraising campaigns.

Hibernian Insurance enabled Focus Ireland to make significant progress in a variety of areas including Human Resources, IT, Organisation Risk Management, Services Development and Fundraising by
collaborating on these areas of development and sharing their experience and learning.

**Coca Cola Bottlers Ireland** funded our first Spokes Summer Programme which offered our young customers a range of activities that they would not normally have access to, increasing their opportunities for social interaction and thereby benefiting their self esteem and confidence.

**Vodafone Ireland Foundation** completed the fit out of 14 apartments in James Street for Focus Ireland customers and one apartment in Thomas Court. This valuable contribution enabled us to provide 29 people with homes of their own.

**Marks and Spencer** – we are extremely grateful to Marks and Spencer who again in 2005 donated a proportion of the proceeds from the sale of their Christmas Cards.

Media companies provided much needed support in 2005 through the provision of free advertising to promote our appeals and events. **Today fm**’s media partnership of the Four Peaks Challenge each year since 2000 has helped develop this event into one of our main Fundraisers. In 2005 Today fm helped make the 2005 Challenge the most successful yet through their media sponsorship. **Spin 1038** also offered support in establishing our new schools fundraising event, The Schoolmates Sleepover in October.

Our Christmas Tree 2005 proved a great success with many companies generously supporting this appeal by purchasing a star on our Christmas Tree, at the top of Grafton Street raising over €272,000. In particular we would like to thank **Pfizers** for sponsoring the Christmas Star worth €20,000 and The **Irish Independent** for providing free advertising.

In addition many other companies some of which are listed at the end of this report have generously donated unrestricted funding to help us to deliver and develop our services with significant support given by **Anthony Donnelly and Sons Fruit Ltd, Sonic Payday.com** and the **SCS Young Chartered Surveyors**.
Fundraising Events

2005 proved to be our most successful year in Event Fundraising. The enthusiasm and energy of people of all ages who partake and fundraise both in our events and in events they organise themselves continues to overwhelm us.

The 2005 Four Peaks Challenge was the most successful to date with 64 team of climbers and drivers successfully conquering the four highest peaks in Ireland: Carrauntoohil in Kerry, Mweelrea in Mayo, Slieve Donard in Down and Lugnaquilla in Wicklow and raising a record €474,000. This record total included a donation to the Jacobs Fruitcakes Team of €100,000 from the Jacobs Fruitfield Food Group.

2005 also saw the successful introduction of two new Events to our calendar The Focus Ireland Triathlon in August and the Schoolmates Sleepover in October. The Triathlon held at Golden Falls Lake in Blessington attracted over 200 participants, raised over €100,000 in corporate and participant sponsorship and firmly established itself on the Focus Ireland Fundraising event calendar. This event was kindly sponsored by Whitewater Shopping Centre.

The Schoolmates Sleepover saw over 1000 primary and secondary school students take part in a sponsored sleepover in their own or a friend’s home. The students raised over €28,000 with sponsorship being provided by AIB whose partnership ensured that the event was a great success and has become established as an annual schools fundraising event.

The Focus Ireland Annual Golf Classic Tournament held at Powerscourt Golf Club in Wicklow during July is now established in the corporate entertainment calendar and in 2005 successfully raised over €74,000.

The GAFF Committee was joined by some new members in 2005 and held a wonderful Ruby Slippers Ball in October with ticket sales and raffle raising €10,000. Music on the evening was provided by the Camembert Quartet with revelers enjoying a great night.

Many community groups, schools and sporting clubs held events and fundraised to support our work throughout 2005. There was no shortage of imagination and energy as people of all ages: ran Marathons; held Concerts, Race Nights, Tables Quizzes, Christmas Swims, non uniform days and flag days; sang carols; played golf or bridge; auctioned paintings or sold hotdogs to name just a few of the many different ways people dreamed up to raise funds to support our work. To all groups and individuals sincere thanks and particularly to the pupils and past pupils of Belvedere College whose annual Christmas Fast and Sleep-Out in the run up to Christmas, raised a staggering €30,000.

Fundraising Breakdown

![Fundraising Breakdown Chart]

- Individual supporters: 52%
- Company fundraising: 22%
- Fundraising events: 15%
- Community and schools fundraising: 4%
- Tax reclaim: 4%
- Bequests and Trusts: 3%
“I need to live somewhere that feels right for me”

New Developments in 2006
**Dublin**

**Youth Response Team** – a partnership project with the Health Services Executive’s Crisis Intervention Service for young people between the ages of 14 and 18 years will open.

**Aftercare Hub** – planning restrictions have resulted in the re-scheduling of this project for young people who have left State Care and are homeless.

**Innovative Housing Development** – Under the Rental Assistance Scheme (RAS) in partnership with Dublin City Council, the DoE and a private partner. Focus Ireland is developing an innovative pilot scheme of 24 homes for families, single people and couples who are living in emergency accommodation.

**Housing for Single People** – long-term accommodation for 24 single people will be launched in October.

Focus Ireland is currently engaged in negotiations about a number of projects in the Dublin area which we hope will result in the delivery of a further 20 homes.

**Education**

Our education modules for secondary school will be updated and re-designed.

In 2006 we plan to further develop a non school based education and training programme for young people who are at high risk of homelessness in partnership with key organisations and community groups with the aim of preventing youth homelessness.

The development of a module for primary schools in partnership with Mary Immaculate Training College in Limerick is underway and is expected to be piloted this year.

**Staff Development**

Training and development will be further evaluated to ensure that training needs throughout the agency are captured and addressed in order to encourage and support continuous learning and to add value. Our energies will be concentrated on enabling management to develop the necessary mechanisms to apply continuous learning and growth to their own people management practices.

**Limerick**

The launch of 10 new homes in the Limerick area will take place during the year.

**Waterford**

A number of projects are in progress in Waterford including:

- 20 units of accommodation in Waterford City.
- 21 social and affordable homes in Dungarvan.
- The purchase of 9 units in Waterford City.
- Funding approval has been sought for an additional 16 units in Waterford City.
“To understand the issues and the extent of the problem of homelessness is key to providing the solutions”
## Services for anyone in crisis

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- support  
- advocacy  
- information  
- advice  
- low cost food  
- referrals | Dublin |
| **Single Adults** | Adult Programmes | **Drop-in Service:**  
- education & social activities | Dublin |
| **Young People** | The Loft | **Drop-in Service:**  
- case management  
- links with HSE’s Social Workers  
- meals  
- shower facilities  
- education facilities  
- recreational facilities  
- referral | Dublin |
| 18 – 25 years | The Extension & Outreach Service | **Drop-in service:**  
- keyworking  
- meals  
- shower  
- recreational facilities  
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**Streetwork:**  
- builds trust  
- helps people move off the streets  
provides: sleeping bags, socks etc. | Dublin |
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Directors’ Report and Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 December 2005
Finance Director’s Report

2005 was a year which saw many changes in the homeless environment. The launch of our strategy document focuses on our response to the changing needs of our customers and much of our 2005 accounts echo this change.

We had an excellent year in fundraising taking in €4.7M (representing 31% of total income), an increase of 22% on 2004. We have designated €0.75M of this for future planned projects. We are very grateful for the continued statutory funding that we receive. This year it was €9.9M (down from 2004 due to the closure of some services) and represented 64% of our Income. The remainder of our income (5%) came from rents and food sales in our Coffee Shop.

The declining needs for some services, which were subsequently closed resulted in our costs in 2005 presenting as slightly lower than the previous year. We introduced some new services in the latter part of the year in direct response to the changing needs of some of our customer groups. Some of these new services are funded from our fundraising income and we have set aside monies from this year to fund them on a pilot basis.

The Charities recommended practise (SORP 2005) recommends that charities hold an unrestricted reserve equal to 6 months of its general expenditure budget. We currently hold 2 weeks. This is a concern should there be a downturn in income streams. We are however holding restricted and designated funds which are earmarked for specific work in the future and allows the charity to take advantage of opportunities for new projects.

To ensure successful outcomes for many of our customers, a high level of support is required; this support relies heavily on highly trained staff, which in turn increases salary costs. This constantly puts upward pressure on us in matching market salary rates in order to attract and retain good calibre people. We are constantly striving towards streamlining our costs to ensure that the maximum percentage of our expenditure is spent on services to our customers; our commitment has paid dividends and we are proud to report that 89% – an increase of 25% in 5 years, of our expenditure in 2005 was spent on the provision of direct services to our customers.

The remaining 11% is broken down as follows: 6% is spent on raising funds for service. Fundraising income is shown gross and the 6% includes all the costs associated with raising those funds. A further 2% was spend on market rent for our premises and 3% for Management and Administration costs.. Providing the best services we can to our customers has been facilitated by our investment in technology and systems to streamline our financial and linked information systems between our services. In addition we have invested in management training and the security of our IT systems. We are currently developing our HR systems and installing a new HR database to further automate our work processes and maximise our efficiencies whilst at the same time maintaining our standards.

The 2005 accounts are presented in line with Accounting Standards and the Charities SORP 2005. This has resulted in changes to the presentation of some items. We are delivering a lot of our services from very old buildings some of which are listed, and we have set aside monies to fund a programme for the structural upkeep of these properties. These Funds which have in previous years been shown as Long Term Liabilities are now reclassified in the Balance Sheet as Designated Reserves. They are included in designated cash within our cash balance.

We look forward to our planned housing expansion and development of our services in 2006, which promises to be an exciting and rewarding year for our customers and our staff.

Evelyn Fitzpatrick
Director of Finance and Administration
About Focus Ireland

Mission/Focus Ireland aims to advance the rights of people out-of-home to live in a place they call home through quality services, research and advocacy.

Vision
Focus Ireland believes that everyone has the right to a place they call home.

Objectives
Focus Ireland’s objectives are to:

- respond to the needs of people out-of-home and those at risk of becoming homeless, through a range of appropriate high quality services
- provide emergency, transitional and long-term accommodation for people out-of-home
- campaign and lobby for the rights of people out-of-home and the prevention of homelessness

Values
Focus Ireland’s models of service provision are dictated by the needs of our customers. We believe that the quality of service delivery is as important as the kind of service we provide. There are eight primary values that underpin our models of service delivery, both to our staff and our customers:

- respect
- safety
- accessibility
- empowerment
- stewardship
- quality
- partnership
- integration
Directors and Other Information

Current Directors
Sr Stanislaus Kennedy (Life President)
Mr Desmond Byrne (Chairman)
Ms Trudi Devereux
Mr Patrick Griffin
Dr Valerie Richardson
Mr John O’Haire
Mr Bill Nowlan
Mr Paul Finnerty
Mr Matthew Walsh

Trustees
Sr Marie Helen Hicks
Mr Dermot Hussey
Mr Donal Nevin

Chief Executive
Mr Declan Jones

Secretary and Registered Office
Ms Evelyn Fitzpatrick
9-12 High Street
Christchurch
Dublin 8

Registered No:
106149

Charitable Status No:
CHY 7220

Solicitors
Arthur Cox
Ferrys Solicitors

Bankers
Bank of Ireland
Allied Irish Banks plc
Permanent TSB
Anglo Irish Bank Corporation
Ulster Bank Limited
Bank of Scotland (Ireland) Ltd

Auditors
PricewaterhouseCoopers
Chartered Accountants and
Registered Auditors
Wilton Place
Dublin 2
Ireland

Architects
Gerry Cahill
CJ Falconer & Associates
Directors’ Report
The directors present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Company and of the Group for the year ended December 31, 2005.

Principal activities
The Company is a registered charity and hence the report and results are presented in a form which complies with the requirements of the Companies Acts, 1963 to 2005 and although not obliged to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) as issued by the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales in 2005 the Group has implemented its recommendations where relevant in these accounts.

The main activities of the Group are charitable.

Legal status
Focus Ireland Limited is a company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital, incorporated in Ireland on March 7, 1985 under the Companies Acts, 1963 to 2005, registered number 106149.

The objectives of the Company and of the Group are charitable in nature with established charitable status (Registered Charity No. CHY 7220). All income is applied solely towards the promotion of the charitable objectives of the Group.

Results for the year and review of operations
The results for the year as set out on page 66 are considered satisfactory by the Board.

Statutory funding represents 64% of our total income. We had a very successful year in Fundraising with donations and contributions up 22% on 2004 and representing 25% of our total income.

We opened the following new Services in 2005:

- Intensive Family Support Programme
- Expansion of our Tenancy Support and Settlement Services

We have increased our Reserves to ensure the continuity of our Services in the event of a temporary down turn in funding. We have also designated funding towards the predicted statutory funding shortfall of our planned growth in Housing and the funding of 2 pilot programmes and additional research in 2006.

Despite net incoming resources arising in the year, the Group holds only sufficient reserves to accommodate 14 weeks operational costs but are working towards holding the SORP recommended 6-months operational costs in reserve.
Housing Properties
The Board is conscious of the continuing need for accommodation for the homeless and disadvantaged and is fully committed to playing its part in meeting those needs. To that end we have ambitious plans for significant expansion of our housing stock through the acquisition and development of suitable accommodation. In addition there is a need for major expenditure on structural upkeep and refurbishment of our existing housing stock, to maintain it in good order and to modern accepted standards.

Over the past few years we have set aside provisions from operating surpluses to ensure we can commit to these projects as appropriate and finance them in the most cost effective manner. These amounts which were previously shown as provisions under Long Term Liabilities viz, (a) provision for funding deficit in housing expansion and (b) provision for structural upkeep of housing properties – have now been reclassified as designated reserves for the same purposes and shown as such in the financial statements.

Implementation of FRS 17 Retirement Benefits
The Accounting Standards Board (ASB) issued Financial Reporting Standard 17 (FRS 17) Retirement Benefits on 30 November 2000. While in previous years full disclosures on the performance of Focus Ireland Pension Scheme (the Scheme) were included in Focus Ireland’s Financial Statements, this year, for the first time, as required by the standard, the financial effect of the standard is implemented in full. FRS 17 deals with the treatment of pensions and other retirement benefits in an employer’s accounts and abandons the use of long term actuarial values for assets in a pension scheme in favour of a market based approach for valuing both assets and liabilities.

On an FRS 17 basis the scheme disclosed a deficit of €1.1M as at December 31, 2005 whereas on the basis of the funding programme recommended by the scheme’s actuaries, Watson Wyatt (Ireland) Limited, disclosed a surplus of €0.4M. In placing a cost on the liabilities, FRS 17 dictates that the discount rate/investment return should be a corporate bond yield (4.35%) whereas the actuaries use a rate determined by the actual investment strategy being pursued by the fund (5.9%). All other key assumptions used in determining the financial commitment of the company in respect of retirement benefits are identical under the FRS 17 and actuarial funding determination.

The deficit as at December 31, 2004 under FRS 17 amounted to €0.87M. The deterioration in the FRS 17 funding position over the year was due wholly to a fall in these bond yields over 2005. The pension expense for the year amounted to €0.39M. The scheme met the statutory minimum Funding Standard as at December 31, 2005.

Corporate Governance
The Directors are committed to maintaining the highest standard of Corporate Governance and they believe that this is a key element in ensuring the proper operation of the Company’s activities. Although the Company is not a listed company and therefore not subject to the “Principles of Good Governance and Code of Best Practice” (as adopted by the Irish Stock Exchange), the Board nevertheless has determined that the Group should, at the very least comply with the basic principles of Corporate Governance as outlined in this code. As part of this policy an effective Board and a competent Executive team head the company.

The Board is responsible for providing leadership, setting strategy and ensuring control. It comprises of 9 non-executive directors including one employee director. The Board’s non-executive directors are drawn from diverse backgrounds in business and professions, who bring to Board deliberations, their significant business and decision-making skills achieved in their respective fields together with a broad range of experience and views.

There is clear division of responsibility at the company with the Board retaining control of major decisions under a formal schedule of matters reserved to the Board for decision, with the Chief Executive responsible for devising strategy and policy within the authorities delegated to him by the Board.
The Company has a comprehensive process for reporting management information to the Board. The Board is provided with regular information, which includes key performance and risk indicators for all aspects of the organisation. The Board meets regularly as required and met 6 times during 2005 (6 in 2004).

On appointment directors receive briefing sessions and comprehensive briefing documents designed to familiarise them with the company's operations, management and governance structures. All non-executive directors are appointed for an initial 3-year term, which may be renewed for one further 3-year period, giving a maximum of six continuous years for any director. The employee director is appointed for a term of 3 years following a nomination and election process among the staff.

One-third of directors are required to retire annually by rotation and if eligible may offer themselves for re-election. During the year Mr Patrick Griffin, Mr Matthew Walsh and Mr Paul Finnerty retired from the board and were re-elected. The role of Chairman and Chief Executive are separate and all directors are independent of the management of the company.

Board Committees

Committees of the Board are established for good governance under the code of practice as follows:

1. **Audit committee**
   The function of the audit committee is to review internal financial controls and risk management processes. It liaises with external and internal auditors and reports directly to the Board. The Committee has met 3 times in 2005 (3 in 2004).

2. **Nominations committee**
   Assists the Board in ensuring that the composition of the Board and its Committees have the appropriate skills, knowledge and experience. It also ensures that there is effective succession planning. The Committee met 4 times in 2005 (3 in 2004).

3. **Remuneration committee**
   Established in 2004, it determines and approves remuneration for the senior management of the organisation. The Committee met 3 times during 2005 (3 in 2004).

Sub-committees established for good governance including but not confined to Board members are:

1. **Finance committee**
   Monitors and reviews the financial performance of the group. It provides an independent review of the annual budgets, monthly management and financial accounts and makes recommendations to the Board where relevant. The Committee met 6 times during 2005 (6 in 2004).

2. **Property committee**
   This Committee is charged with considering key policy decisions relating to the acquisition, holding and use of property by the Group. The Committee met 8 times during 2005 (3 in 2004).
Internal controls

The Directors acknowledge their overall responsibility for the Group’s systems of internal control and for reviewing its effectiveness. They have delegated responsibility for the implementation of this system to the Executive Management. This system includes financial controls, which enable the Board to meet its responsibilities for the integrity and accuracy of the Group’s accounting records.

The Board has also established a process of compliance which addresses the Board’s wider responsibility to maintain, review and report on all internal controls, including financial, operational and compliance risk management.

The key elements of internal control systems

1. The Group has strict policies and procedures in place for the receipt, recording and control of Donations received from private individuals and the corporate sector. These procedures are regularly reviewed and independently audited.

2. The Board has set up a risk management programme with the assistance of external advisers designed to identify, evaluate and minimise the impact of potential risks across all areas of the Group. The Group Risk Manager is responsible for annually evaluating the risks and reporting the findings to the Board. IT security was identified as a risk area. During the year the company commissioned a review of its IT Security. The scope of this review included both process-based and technical controls around Focus Ireland’s information systems, and the recommendations arising from the report are currently being implemented.

3. An independent internal audit is conducted annually to evaluate the internal financial controls and assessment of business risk. They submit their report to the Audit Committee.

4. An Audit Committee reports independently to the Board on all aspects of controls and risks.

5. Procedures and control systems are formally documented in a series of service level agreements, which were implemented in 2003 within each area of the Group. These are continuously monitored and updated.

6. There is a formal organisational structure in place with clearly defined lines of responsibility, division of duties and delegation of authority.

7. Detailed budgets are prepared annually, which are reviewed by the finance sub-committee and further reviewed and approved by the Board. Actual results are compared regularly against these budgets and appropriate action initiated where necessary.

Organisational structure

The Group includes the Holding Company, its wholly owned Subsidiary – Focus Housing Association Limited, and its joint venture undertaking – The Caretakers Project Limited. The Holding Company is principally concerned with the provision of support with services to homeless people and the conduct of research and advocacy. The Subsidiary Company provides accommodation in Dublin, Limerick and Waterford and the joint venture undertaking provides overnight accommodation and support to young people in Dublin.

The Board of Directors who meet approximately six times annually retains overall responsibility for the strategic development of the charity in close liaison with the executive officers.

Mr. Declan Jones, Chief Executive, manages the operation of the charity with delegated divisional responsibility to the following:

Services
Orla Barry

Finance, HR and Admin.
Evelyn Fitzpatrick

Fundraising
Mark Mellett

Advocacy
Caroline McGrath
Services provided

Support services
1. Drop-In Coffee Shop and Housing Advice Centre – this open access service is often the first port of call for people in crisis. In addition to providing a Case Management service it is also our central referral point and refers customers to either Focus Ireland or other Agencies’ services. The coffee shop is a popular social meeting place for people who are homeless and serves high quality hot nutritious meals 365 days a year.

2. The Extension & Street Outreach Service – is a day service for young people aged between 16-25 years who are out-of-home. It provides practical facilities including showers, laundry and cooking facilities 365 days a year. Each person is assigned a key worker who helps them to identify their needs, provides them with support and also acts as an advocate with organisations on their behalf. The team also provides a day and night street outreach service making contact with young people who are sleeping rough or begging in Dublin city.

3. The Loft – is a place for young people under 18 years of age to go during the day, providing a safe environment away from the streets where young people can eat, shower and participate in recreational and educational activities. The Loft is part of the network of HSE Crisis Intervention Services for young people out of home.

4. Child Care Centres – in Dublin and Waterford provide a safe, developmental learning environment for babies, toddlers and pre-school children. Support is also offered to their parents. Children’s nutritional and health needs are provided for and families have access to Health professionals, including GPs, Public Health nurses and Speech and Language Therapists.

5. Education – The pilot education programme brings together the existing Spokes and Schoolmate programmes which focus on the benefit in breaking cycles of homelessness. The Spokes programme offers FETAC qualifications and preparation for work and training for adults who are experiencing homelessness. Schoolmate, supported by the AIB better Ireland programme, provides after school programmes, one to one tuition and advocacy with schools for the children of families who are homeless.

6. Tenancy Support and Settlement services – provides a preventative tenancy support to single adults and families who are at risk of homelessness and post settlement support to those who have recently acquired secure accommodation following a period of homelessness. The service is delivered in the customer’s home and the customer is given practical assistance and support in managing their home and in accessing local services and facilities.

7. Family Services – the intensive Family Support programme providing a high level of support to families with multiple needs, who are settling in a new home is being piloted.

Housing and accommodation
1. Emergency accommodation – The Aylward Green project provides 13 units of emergency accommodation for families with high support needs. Families are supported to stabilise their lives and enable them to move on to long-term accommodation.

2. The Caretakers project – provides overnight accommodation and daily support services to young people (16-21 years of age) who are drug using and homeless in Dublin City.

3. Off the Streets – operating as part of the network of HSE Crisis Intervention Services, Off the Streets provides a short-term residential programme for young people aged 16-18 who are out of home. The young people are supported to stabilise their lives; engage in education, training or work and to move on to more stable accommodation.

4. Transitional accommodation – Focus Ireland’s transitional programmes assist participants to make decisions about their future, address personal issues that have contributed to their homeless status and provide them with skills to sustain a home.
5. Young Women’s project – is an aftercare programme for girls who have experienced homelessness or are leaving the care of the HSE, each of the young women has her own apartment and is supported to gain the skills and confidence to live independently.

6. Long-term accommodation – our long-term accommodation provides good quality, secure and supported accommodation. The level of support required by single people and families varies depending on individual needs. Focus Ireland has long-term housing developments in Dublin, Waterford and Limerick.

Advocacy
The Advocacy Unit within Focus Ireland contributes to the work of the organisation through the following activities:

- Campaigning and lobbying for the achievement of Focus Ireland’s vision through the coordinated use of research, policy analysis and public awareness. This includes work directly undertaken by Focus Ireland and work in collaboration with related organisations through such alliances as the End Child Poverty Coalition.

- Carrying out research, providing information and policy input that will assist in the development of quality services provided by Focus Ireland.

- Preventing homelessness through education and training programmes that directly and indirectly target people at risk of homelessness.

The Caretakers Project Limited
The Caretakers Project Limited was incorporated on April 3, 2003 (Company No. 369456 CHY 15489) as a company limited by guarantee, for the purposes of operating short term emergency accommodation and social services to young people (16-21 years of age) from a property made available to the Company by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. All operational and financial activities are administered by Focus Ireland Limited and the Company is controlled jointly by the Group and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to reflect their joint participation in the project. The Company prepares separate statutory audited financial statements, which are filed at the Companies Registration Office as required by law.

Relationships with other charities
The Group has entered into a joint venture with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, known as The Caretakers Project Limited, as disclosed above. The Group also works with other charitable institutions in pursuing common objectives.

Management and staff
We acknowledge with appreciation the committed work of our staff and volunteers. The success and achievements of our work is due to their dedication and tremendous contribution. We are committed to the development of our staff and we allocate resources annually towards their training and development. Focus Ireland is an equal opportunities employer and recognises the need to attract the best staff and volunteers to achieve our vision.

Dividends and retention
The Company is precluded by its Memorandum of Association from paying dividends either as part of normal operations or on a distribution of its assets in the event of a winding-up.

Upkeep of housing properties
The Group’s policy is to maintain its housing properties (some listed buildings) in a state of good repair. In order to provide for this expenditure, which is not grant-assisted, we have set up a designated fund for the structured upkeep of housing properties based on condition audits carried out by the Group’s architects.

Based on these reports there is a rolling programme in place to carry out structural repairs on our buildings.
During the year €40,000 has been added to the fund for outstanding upkeep and major structural repair of certain properties (2004: €201,552). In 2005 €57,741 of the fund was utilised on the refurbishment of properties (2004: €369,289). As at December 31, 2005, the aggregate designated fund amounted to €1,441,037 (2004: €1,458,778).

**Future developments**

The directors intend to develop the existing activities of the Group in pursuit of its established charitable objectives. We have an ambitious programme to further expand our housing stock over the coming 5 years. We have set aside a designated housing fund to fund shortfalls in the statutory funding of these developments. In this respect an additional €300k was transferred to the designated housing expansion fund in 2005 (2004: €300k).

In 2005 we opened 15 housing units in Dublin and purchased 9 housing units in Limerick which will open in 2006.

**Post balance sheet events**

There were no significant events affecting the Company or the group since the year-end.

**Companies (Amendment) Act, 1986**

The reporting requirements of the Companies (Amendment) Act, 1986 relating to financial statements do not apply to the Company, as it is a company limited by guarantee not having a share capital.

**Pensions**

The Group operates a defined benefit pension scheme, of which the Company provides two-thirds of the contribution and the employees one-third. The pension scheme assets and liabilities are administered and held independent from the Agency assets under an approved trust.

**Health and safety**

It is the policy of the group to ensure the health and welfare of its employees and clients by maintaining a safe place and system to work. This policy is based on the requirements of the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005 and is achieved with the appointment of safety officers at each location and the implementation of a full programme of staff training in Health and Safety in regard to all aspects of their duties and responsibilities.

**Environment**

The Group has a proactive approach to assisting all personnel to conduct our business in a manner that protects the environment of our customers, employees and the community. The Group recycles where possible and is compliant with relevant environmental legislation.

**Statement of directors’ responsibilities**

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable Irish law and Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland including the accounting standards issued by the Accounting Standards Board and published by The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland.

Irish company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.
The directors confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

The directors are responsible for preparing books of accounts which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting standards generally accepted in Ireland and comply with the Irish Companies Acts, 1963 to 1983 and 1990 to 2005. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Books of account

The measures taken by the directors to secure compliance with the Company’s obligation to keep proper books of account are the use of appropriate systems and procedures and employment of competent persons. The books of account are kept at 9/12 High Street, Dublin 8.

Auditors

The auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers were appointed during the year and will continue in office in accordance with the provisions of Section 160 of the Companies Act, 1963.

On behalf of the board

P Finnerty

D Byrne

31 May 2006
Independent auditors’ report to the members of Focus Ireland Limited and Subsidiaries

We have audited the group and parent company financial statements (the “financial statements”) on pages 66 to 81. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out in the statement of accounting policies on pages 70 and 71.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors’ responsibilities for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable Irish law and the accounting standards issued by the Accounting Standards Board and published by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland (Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland) are set out in the Statement of Directors’ Responsibilities on page 61 to 62.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). This report, including the opinion, has been prepared for and only for the Company’s members as a body in accordance with Section 193 of the Companies Act, 1990 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this opinion, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland, and are properly prepared in accordance with Irish statute comprising the Companies Acts, 1963 to 1983 and 1990 to 2005, and the European Communities (Companies: Group Accounts) Regulations, 1992. We state whether we have obtained all the information and explanations we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit, and whether the company balance sheet is in agreement with the books of account. We also report to you our opinion as to:

- whether the company has kept proper books of account;
- whether the directors’ report is consistent with the financial statements; and

We also report to you if, in our opinion, any information specified by law regarding directors’ remuneration and directors’ transactions is not disclosed and, where practicable, include such information in our report.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgments made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the group’s and company’s circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view, in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland, of the state of the group’s and the company’s affairs as at 31 December 2005 and of its surplus and cash flows for the year then ended; and
have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Acts, 1963 to 1983 and 1990 to 2005 and the European Communities (Companies: Group Accounts) Regulations, 1992.

We have obtained all the information and explanations which we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit. In our opinion proper books of account have been kept by the company. The company’s balance sheet is in agreement with the books of account.

In our opinion the information given in the directors’ report on pages 55 to 62 is consistent with the financial statements.

PricewaterhouseCoopers Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors Dublin 2

31 May 2006
Where Our Money comes from

- Fundraising & Donations: 31%
- Revenue based grants: 64%
- Rent and food: 5%

How we spend your money

- Services for people experiencing homelessness: 50%
- Supported housing and resettlement services: 35%
- Administration and management: 5%
- Advocacy: 4%
- Fundraising: 6%
### Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities

*For the year ended 31 December 2005*

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Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses
For the year ended 31 December 2005

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<td>Net incoming resources for year</td>
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<td>Total recognised gains and losses relating to the year</td>
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<td>Total recognised gains and losses since last financial statements</td>
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<td>-828</td>
<td>2,811</td>
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There is no difference between the surplus for the period and the surplus retained for the period and their historical cost equivalents.

Incoming resources and net incoming resources arose solely from continuing operations.

On behalf of the board

P Finnerty

D Byrne
### Consolidated Balance Sheet

**As at 31 December 2005**

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<td>Cash in bank and at hand</td>
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<td><strong>Creditors - amounts due within one year</strong></td>
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<td>Creditors, accruals and deferred income</td>
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<td><strong>Net current assets</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Total assets less current liabilities</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Long term liabilities and provisions</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Net assets including pension liability</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Capital and reserves</strong></td>
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<td>Capital grants and donations</td>
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<td>Accumulated funds - restricted</td>
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**On behalf of the board**

P Finnerty

D Byrne
## Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

For Year Ended 31 December 2005

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<td><strong>(Decrease)/Increase in cash</strong></td>
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<td>1,055</td>
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<td><strong>Reconciliation of net cashflow to movement in net funds</strong></td>
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<td>(Decrease)/increase in cash in the year</td>
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<td>-916</td>
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<td>Cashflow from changes in borrowings</td>
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<td>Movement in net funds in the year</td>
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<td>Net funds at 1 January</td>
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<td><strong>Net funds at 31 December 2005</strong></td>
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On behalf of the board

P Finnerty

D Byrne
**Accounting Policies**
The significant accounting policies and estimation techniques adopted by the company are as follows.

**Accounting convention**
The financial statements are presented in Euro (€) under the historical cost convention. The Group, in common with many similar charitable organisations, derives a proportion of its income from voluntary donations and fund raising activities held by individuals/parties outside the control of the Company. The income from these sources are necessarily accounted when received.

**Basis of consolidation**
Focus Housing Association Limited became a Subsidiary by alteration of its Memorandum and Articles of Association on March 5, 1998. These Articles provide that Focus Ireland Limited shall at all times hold voting control of the Subsidiary Company.

The Caretakers Project Limited is treated as a subsidiary and the full financial results of the Company are incorporated in the Group accounts as the Group has control of the management and administration of all the financial activities of the entity.

**Fixed assets**
Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided on a straight line basis to write off the cost of the assets over their estimated useful lives at the following annual rates:

- Housing properties (refer below) nil
- Leasehold improvements 5%
- Office furniture and equipment 25%
- Housing furniture and equipment 10%
- Motor vehicles 20%

Assets are eliminated from the balance sheet when fully depreciated.

**Housing properties**
Depreciation is not provided on housing properties on the basis that these properties have been financed by way of capital assistance loans which are repayable in full for twenty/thirty years. Expenditure on these properties is capitalised as incurred and depreciated on an annual basis.

**Capital assistance scheme loans**
Loans under capital assistance schemes have not been amortised on the basis that they remain repayable in full for a twenty year period from the date of advance. On completion of the loan period, provided certain conditions are met, the loans and interest, if applicable, are relieved in full and will be released to reserves.

**Recognition of income and capital contributions**
Items of income, principally revenue based grants and rents, are recorded on an accruals basis. Restricted contributions and donations are recorded in or deferred to the period in which the related expenditure is charged.

In accordance with best practice, Fundraising Income is shown gross without deduction of any overhead costs involved in raising such funds. Fundraising and Event costs, shown separately in the financial statements, include staff, direct and indirect overhead and Event costs.

Contributions received towards capital projects are taken directly to Capital Reserves.

**Grants**
Grants received to fund housing properties are deferred and not amortised to income. Grants received to fund other capital expenditure are deferred and amortised to income over the estimated useful lives of the related fixed assets. Grants and assistance to fund non-capital expenditure are credited to income and expenditure in the period in which the related expenditure is incurred.

Grants and assistance due but not yet received are included as “Grants receivable” in the balance sheet. Grants and assistance received which relate to the funding of expenditure not yet incurred are deferred and included under “Grants received in advance” in the balance sheet.
Leases
All operating lease rentals are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis.

Income
All unrestricted income and donations are included in the financial statements on the basis of amounts received and receivable.

Retirement benefits
Defined benefit pension scheme assets are measured at fair value. Defined benefit pension scheme liabilities are measured on an actuarial basis using the projected unit credit method and discounted at the current rate of return on a high quality corporate bond of equivalent term and currency to the liability. The excess of scheme liabilities over scheme assets is presented on the balance sheet as a liability.

The defined benefit pension charge to operating profit comprises the current service cost and past service costs. The excess of the expected return on scheme assets over the interest cost on the scheme liabilities is presented in the profit and loss account as other finance income. Actuarial gains and losses arising from changes in actuarial assumptions and from experience surpluses and deficits are recognised in the statement of total recognised gains and losses for the year in which they occur.

In previous years, the defined benefit pension charge to the profit and loss account comprised the regular cost calculated by the actuary, as adjusted by the effect of allocating any variations from that regular cost over the expected remaining service lives of employees in the scheme. Such variations from regular cost arose from changes in actuarial assumptions and from experience surpluses and deficits.

Changes in accounting policies
The financial statements have been prepared using the same accounting policies as set out in the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2004 with the exception of the accounting policy on retirement benefits following the adoption of FRS 17 “Retirement Benefits”. The adoption of this standard represents a change in accounting policy and the comparative figures have been restated accordingly.

The effect of the change in accounting policy on retirement benefits was to decrease profit by €6,000 (2004: €179,000), and to recognise an actuarial loss in the statement of total recognised gains and losses of €238,000 (2004: €402,000). The 2004 adjustment of €179,000 has been reflected in the prior year adjustment of €872,000.

The effects of these changes in accounting policies on reserves at 1 January 2005 are set out in note 15.

Please refer to note 15 for an explanation of the prior year adjustment to Provision for structural upkeep and housing expansion.
Notes to the Financial Statements

1/Ownership and operations

The Company is limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital.

The Company is precluded by its Memorandum of Association from paying a dividend either as part of normal operations or on distribution of the Company’s assets in the event of it being wound up. All income must be applied solely towards the promotion of the charitable objectives of the Company.

2/Fundraising income and costs

Fundraising income represents the gross money raised including all gross income from events held. Fundraising costs cover all costs incurred in raising funds including staff and event costs. These costs are 19% of funds raised.

3/Revenue based grants

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<td>City of Dublin Youth Services Board</td>
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<td>Dept. of Environment, Heritage &amp; Local Government</td>
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<td>Dept. of Community, Rural &amp; Gaeltacht Affairs</td>
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<td>Dublin City Council</td>
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<td>Limerick City Council</td>
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<td>HSE</td>
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<td>Waterford City Council</td>
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<td>9,894</td>
<td>10,463</td>
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In 2005, the Homeless Agency authorised and approved statutory funding of €4,061,429 (2004: €5,503,077), which is included under grants from Dublin City Council and HSE.
4/Resources expended

Included in resources expended are wages, salaries and pension costs comprising:

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<td>8,192</td>
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<td>Wages and salaries – Staff administration and Management</td>
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<td>Wages and salaries – Fundraising</td>
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<td>250</td>
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<td>Social Welfare</td>
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<td>865</td>
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<td>Pension</td>
<td>214</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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<td><strong>9,901</strong></td>
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The average number of persons employed by the Group during the year was 278 (2004 - 292).

The Group operates a contributory pension scheme which provides defined benefits for its employees. The assets of the Scheme are held separately from those of the Company under a Trust.

Amounts outstanding at year end were €26,588 (2004: €28,493) and were paid within thirty days of the year end.

No salaries or fees are payable to the directors of the Company. An employees' representative to the Board is remunerated for employment only.

5/Net incoming resources

The net incoming resources for the year is stated after charging:

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<td>Depreciation, net of capital grant amortisation</td>
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<td>136</td>
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6/Taxation

The charitable status of the Holding Company and its Subsidiaries has been approved by the Revenue Commissioners.
7/Financial assets

On March 5, 1998 the Company acquired control of Focus Housing Association Limited for €Nil consideration. The net assets acquired have not been treated under the equity basis of accounting as it is considered inappropriate to the operations of the Company and, accordingly, the provisions of FRS 2 have not been applied. The assets acquired by the Company are included at cost, namely €Nil, in the Company balance sheet.

The Caretakers Project Limited was established as a joint venture to manage a project under which Focus Ireland Limited would provide all the administrative and financial management into the Company and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul would make available the property from which the Company would operate.

The effect of the results of this joint venture (which is treated as a subsidiary) on the Group are summarised as follows:

### Statement of financial activities

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<td>833</td>
<td>798</td>
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<td>Finance and administration</td>
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<td>Reorganisation of premises</td>
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<td>Surplus/(deficit)</td>
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### Balance sheet

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<td>Creditors, accruals and deferred income</td>
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<td>Net Assets</td>
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<td>Reserves brought forward</td>
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<td>Reserves for the year</td>
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8/Housing properties and capital assistance scheme loans

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<td>Finglas</td>
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<td>Basin Lane</td>
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<td>Parnell Street, Limerick</td>
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<td>Ballytruckle, Waterford</td>
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<td>Corbrac House, Limerick</td>
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The title deeds of the properties at Stanhope Green, George’s Hill, Buckingham Street, Ballybough, Finglas and Basin Lane are held by Dublin City Council. The title deeds of the properties at Parnell Street, Limerick and Ballytruckle, Waterford, are held by Limerick City Council and Waterford City Council respectively. In regard to certain properties legal charges are registered against the properties by the local authorities.

Loans advanced by municipal (housing) authorities to the Subsidiary company have a twenty year repayment period. However, the Subsidiary company will be relieved in full of repayments of capital and interest so long as the housing authority is satisfied that the accommodation continues to be properly maintained and to be let to eligible categories of persons at reasonable rent levels.

In the event of the accommodation not continuing to be let in accordance with the terms of the scheme, the Subsidiary company will become liable for repaying the outstanding balance of the loan together with any accrued interest. In the event of default of repayments, the housing authorities may take appropriate steps to secure redemption of the loan. The Subsidiary company may not, if there is any balance outstanding on the loans, dispose of the accommodation without the consent of the housing authorities.
### 9/Other Fixed Assets

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<tr>
<th>Group</th>
<th>Freehold buildings</th>
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<td>At beginning of year</td>
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<td>216</td>
<td>610</td>
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<td>Additions</td>
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### Depreciation

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<td>At beginning of year</td>
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<td>272</td>
<td>195</td>
<td>504</td>
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### Net book value

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<td>At 31 Dec 2005</td>
<td>32</td>
<td>441</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>At 31 Dec 2004</td>
<td>32</td>
<td>480</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>107</td>
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### Holding company

All of the other fixed assets above, with the exception of housing furniture and equipment, are held within the holding company, Focus Ireland Limited. The housing furniture and equipment is held in the subsidiary company, Focus Housing Association Limited. The NBV of other assets in the holding company at 31 December 2004 and 2005 was €537,122 and €476,091 respectively.
10/ Cash at bank and in hand

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<td>3,094</td>
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<td>2,341</td>
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<td>Restricted</td>
<td>760</td>
<td>1,102</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>5,339</td>
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Restricted cash represents unspent monies received from donors who have specified certain conditions for use. Designated cash represents monies fundraised in advance for future specific purposes as identified by the Board.

11/ Debtors

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<td>Amounts owed by subsidiaries</td>
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<td>Other debtors</td>
<td>36</td>
<td>84</td>
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<td>Prepayments and accrued income</td>
<td>61</td>
<td>32</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>97</td>
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12/ Creditors, accruals & deferred income

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<td>Term loan (note 13)</td>
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<td>51</td>
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<td>Trade creditors</td>
<td>105</td>
<td>222</td>
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<td>Accruals and other creditors</td>
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<td>Deferred income</td>
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<td>PAYE/PRSI</td>
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<td>Amounts owed to subsidiaries</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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### 13/Bank loan

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The term loan from Permanent TSB, which is repayable by annual instalments over a period not exceeding ten years on a non-interest bearing basis, is secured by a guarantee from the HSE. The HSE agreed to fund the repayments by a grant amount equal to each annual loan repayment.

### 14/Capital grants and donations

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<td>Transfer to subsidiary</td>
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<td>Elimination of grants fully amortised</td>
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<td>Amounts received during the year</td>
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<td>Elimination of grants fully amortised</td>
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<td>Released during year</td>
<td>71</td>
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Net book amount

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### 15/Reserves - Group

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<td>Unrestricted €K</td>
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<td>- Provision for housing expansion</td>
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<td>At 1 January 2005 as restated</td>
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<td>Actual loss in respect of pension scheme</td>
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<td>Total recognised gains and losses relating to the year</td>
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<td>-52</td>
<td>567</td>
<td>2,811</td>
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**Prior year adjustments**

(a) **FRS 17 Retirement Benefits**

As explained in the accounting policy for Retirement Benefits a prior year adjustment was required on implementation of FRS 17.

(b) **Provisions for Structural Upkeep of Housing Properties and Housing Expansion**

Amounts set aside for Structural Upkeep of Housing Properties and Housing Expansion have been restated as a designated fund in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting by Charities and FRS 12 – Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets. These were previously treated as a provision in the FY04 balance sheet. The effect of this adjustment has been to increase reserves by €2,058,778 and reduce long term liabilities and provisions by €2,058,778.

**Designated Funds**

The Net designated funding in the year of €752k is broken down as follows:

- €470k has been designated towards the funding shortfall for pilot programmes and additional research in 2006.
- €300k is designated to fund the predicted statutory funding deficits in our Housing expansion strategy.
- €58k of previous year’s designations for structural upkeep of housing properties was spent in 2005, and the Group have provided an additional €40k towards this in the year.
16/Analysis of net funds

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<td>2005</td>
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<td>Cash in hand and at bank</td>
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<td>-916</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>5,338</td>
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<td>Overdrafts</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>Total cash on demand</td>
<td>6,254</td>
<td>-916</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>5,338</td>
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<td>Debt due within one year</td>
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<td>Debt due after one year</td>
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<td>-255</td>
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<td>Total term finance</td>
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<td>Net funds</td>
<td>5,899</td>
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<td>5,033</td>
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17/Reconciliation of new incoming resources to net cash inflow from charitable activities

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<td>Net incoming resources</td>
<td>1,046</td>
<td>545</td>
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<td>Depreciation, net of amortisation</td>
<td>42</td>
<td>136</td>
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<tr>
<td>(Decrease)/increase in provisions</td>
<td>-6</td>
<td>201</td>
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<tr>
<td>(Increase)/decrease in debtors</td>
<td>-208</td>
<td>6</td>
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<tr>
<td>(Decrease)/increase in creditors</td>
<td>-755</td>
<td>472</td>
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<tr>
<td>Net cash inflow from charitable activities</td>
<td>119</td>
<td>1,360</td>
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18/Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

a) Capital commitments
The Board have approved a strategy of a housing expansion to be carried on over the next five years to meet the growing needs of homeless people.

There were no contingent liabilities outstanding at December 31, 2005 (2004: Nil).

b) Leasing commitments
The Company occupies a leasehold premises at 9/12 High Street, Dublin 8 for 15 years from August 1, 2003, subject to five yearly reviews at a current rent of €260,000 per annum.

c) Contingent liabilities
There were no contingent liabilities at December 31, 2005 (2004: Nil).
19/ Pensions

This year full disclosures on the Focus Ireland Pension Scheme (the Scheme) were provided by Watson Wyatt (Ireland) Limited for inclusion in the Agency accounts. The Accounting Standards Board (ASB) issued Financial Reporting Standard 17 (FRS 17) Retirement Benefits on November 30, 2001. The Standard deals with the treatment of pensions and other retirement benefits in an employer’s accounts. The Standard has replaced SSAP 24 Accounting for pension costs and is now implemented in full for all accounting periods commencing on or after January 1, 2005.

FRS 17 abandons the use of long term actuarial values for assets in a pension scheme in favour of a market based approach for valuing both assets and liabilities. This is consistent with global practice under both International and Financial Accounting Standards IAS19 and FAS87.

The Standard also seeks to ensure that the operating cost of providing pension scheme benefits to employees are recognised in the accounting period in which the benefits are earned by the employees. The related finance costs and any other changes in the value of the assets and liabilities are also recognised in the accounting periods in which they arise.

On an FRS 17 basis the scheme disclosed a deficit of €1,104,000 as at December 31, 2005. This compares with a deficit of €872,000 as at December 31, 2004. In placing a cost on the liabilities, FRS 17 dictates that the discount rate should be a corporate bond yield. The deterioration in the FRS 17 funding position over the year was due wholly to a fall in these bond yields over 2005. The pension expense for the year was €394,000.

The scheme met the statutory minimum Funding Standard as at December 31, 2005. The full detailed disclosure of FRS17 is disclosed in the Statutory Accounts 2005.

20/ Reconciliation of movements in capital and reserves

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<td>Prior year adjustments</td>
<td>1,187</td>
<td>1,589</td>
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<td>Opening shareholders funds as restated</td>
<td>4,772</td>
<td>4,919</td>
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<td>Total recognised gains and losses for the year</td>
<td>809</td>
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<td>Movement on capital grants and donations</td>
<td>-71</td>
<td>10</td>
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<td>Closing shareholders funds</td>
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21/ Approval of financial statements

The financial statements were approved by the directors on 31 May 2006.
Appendix

5 Year Financial Summary €K

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<td>Fundraising &amp; Donations</td>
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<td>3,210</td>
<td>2,635</td>
<td>2,228</td>
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<td>Rents &amp; Tenant Income</td>
<td>467</td>
<td>480</td>
<td>474</td>
<td>416</td>
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<td>Other Income</td>
<td>286</td>
<td>354</td>
<td>268</td>
<td>219</td>
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<td><strong>Total Income</strong></td>
<td>15,379</td>
<td>15,156</td>
<td>14,078</td>
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<td>729</td>
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<td>120</td>
<td>120</td>
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<td>Customer Activities</td>
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<td>558</td>
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<td>136</td>
<td>169</td>
<td>273</td>
<td>208</td>
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**Administration**

| Post, Print & Stationery | 106    | 116    | 109    | 110    | 70     |
| Telephone                | 195    | 188    | 235    | 159    | 116    |
| Insurance                | 102    | 212    | 203    | 145    | 109    |
| Interest / Financial charges | 2      | 9      | 4      | 2      | 14     |
| Depreciation / Amortisation | 42     | 136    | 175    | 116    | 134    |
| Fundraising Costs        | 677    | 682    | 543    | 272    | 331    |
| Audit Fees               | 16     | 18     | 18     | 16     | 15     |
| IT & Systems Development | 60     | 320    | 15     | 58     | 24     |
| Professional fees        | 214    | 246    | 183    | 87     | 74     |
| Subscriptions            | 33     | 15     | 11     | 15     | 2      |
| Recruitment Training & staff development | 171    | 312    | 211    | 261    | 158    |

**Premises Costs**

| Rent                     | 298    | 189    | 74     | 74     | 73     |
| Repair / Maintenance / Security / Cleaning | 1,125  | 1,251  | 1,664  | 1,137  | 1,028  |
| Energy                   | 159    | 101    | 124    | 102    | 74     |
| Provision for Planned Housing Expansion Programme | 0      | 300    | 300    | 300    | 0      |
| **Total**                | 14,332 | 14,911 | 13,814 | 11,026 | 8,568  |

| Surplus / (Deficit)      | 1,047  | 245    | 264    | 286    | 121    |

**5 Year cost trend**

![5 Year cost trend chart](chart_image)
Focus Ireland would like to thank all those who generously supported our work during 2005. The following lists all contributions or donated goods to the value of €1,000 or above:
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Bank of Ireland Corporate  
Bank of Ireland Credit Operations Staff  
Bank of Ireland Operations Centre  
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Binchys Solicitors  
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Bord Na Mona  
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Brohooon & Associates  
Bruce Shaw Partnership  
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C & C (Ireland) Ltd.  
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Callaghan Engineering  
Calor Gas  
Calyx Group Plc  
Capital Insurance Brokers  
Carlisle Security Plus Ltd.  
Casey Trailers  
Castlethorn Construction  
CB Richard Ellis Gunne  
Charlestown Finglas  
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Clarian  
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Construction Industry Federation  
Country Manor Bricks  
David Megan  
D P L Group Ltd.  
Dalton & O’Donnell Architects & Interior Designers  
Davis Langdon PKS  
DBFL Consulting Engineers  
Depfa Bank  
DIAGEO (Ireland)  
Distrupol Ireland  
Dorville Homes Ltd  
Douglas Newman Good  
Dublin Airport Authority  
Dublin Shipping Agencies Ltd.  
Ellier Developments  
Energia  
ESB Staff Insurance Schemes  
Executive Travel Group  
P & C Ireland Limited  
Felicity Fox’  
Felton McKnight & Co. Solicitors  
Fleishman-Hillard  
FM104  
Friends First  
Fujitsu  
Gandon Solicitors  
GJ Maloney Solicitors  
Glanbia Plc  
Gore & Grimes Solicitors  
Gotham City Café  
Grafton Architects Ltd.  
Grand Hotel  
Grays of Rathmines Auctioneers  
Great Outdoors  
Greenstar Ltd.  
Griffin Personnel  
Grundfos Ltd  
Hamilton Osborne King  
Harcross Securities  
Henry J. Lyons & Partners  
Hewitt Associates Limited  
Hibernian Insurance Co  
HKR Architects  
Home Managers  
Homecraft Const. Ltd.  
Hooke & MacDonald  
Houseworks Limited  
IAWS Group plc  
IE Domain Registry Ltd.  
Indecon Economic Consultants  
Initiative Dublin  
IPS  
Irish Food Processors  
Irish Independent Newspapers  
Irish Life & Permanent plc  
Irish Pride Bakers  
Irish Recruitment Consultants  
IrishJobs.ie  
John Cradock Ltd
John G. O’Donnell
John Paul Construction
John Sisk & Son Ltd.
Jones Lang LaSalle Ltd.
 Jury Doyle Hotel Group Plc
K & M Evans Trading Ltd
KCC Door Hardware
Kildare County Council
Killarney Telecommunications
KPMG
Krystyna Rawicz Associates
Lafferty Design and Development
Leisureplex
Lennon Heather & Co. Solrs
LPS Direct (Ire) Ltd
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Mahoney Architecture
Maplewood Development Limited
MarCon Computations International Limited
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Mark John Limited
Marks & Spencer
Mary B Cremin Recruitment Ltd
McCann Fitzgerald
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McNamara Construction
MeasurIT Technologies Ltd.
Mellon Fund Administration Ltd
Mercer Human Resource Consulting
Mercury Engineering Ltd
Meritec
Michael McNamara & Co
Michael Tynan Motors
MKN Property Group
NAI Mason Owen & Lyons
National Standards Authority of Ireland
NCB Group Ltd
Network Dublin
New Horizons Ireland
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Noonan Services Ltd.
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Pegasus Trust
permanent tsb
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Pyramid
R.N Murphy Consulting Engineers
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Rohcon Ltd
Rotoform Ltd.
Rott Systems
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Stafford Holdings Limited
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Storefit Shopfitters Ltd
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Swedia Networks IRE
Systems Solutions Ltd.
The Irish Times
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Today fm
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Community Fundraising

2nd Year Students of De La Salle College
Abbey Community College
Abbey Community College
Act One
Aer Lingus Ladies Fundraising Committee
Alexandra College
Ard Scoil Eanna
Ashbourne Community
Ballyduff National School
Bective Lawn Tennis Club
Belgrove Girls National School
Belgrove National School (6th Classes), Clontarf
Belvedere College
Blackrock College Staff
Blakestown Community School
Brian Keaney
Burren Walk
Caritas College
Civil Service Credit Union Ltd.
Clondalkin Credit Union Limited
Colaiste Lognoid
Colaiste Raithean
College des Irlandais
College of Further Education
Community
Convent of Mercy
Custom & Excise Enforcement Staff
Cypress Ward, Blanchardstown Hospital
DCU Students’ Union
Dental Clinic
Dominican College
Dr Steeven’s Day Treatment Centre
Dun Laoghaire College of Further Education
Elaine, Maeve, Aoife & Gwen Mooney
Fingal Community College
Fitzsimons Pub
Gaelscolaistí Reachrann
Gaelscoil Inse Chor
Gaelscoileanna
Gateways Festivals & Events
Griffith College
Halston Street Credit Union Ltd.
Hollywood Lakes Ladies Club
Holy Faith Clontarf
Hoover Candy Dublin Office
Jenny, Molly, Hannah & Sophie
Joe May’s Pub
Joseph Rogers
Josh Finegan
Judith Kinsella
Keane’s Bar
Knockadesan Hill Walks
Ladies Club, Lucan
Ladies of Monkstown Church of Ireland
Parish
Laura Stephenson
Leinster Society of Charted Accountants
Liam Lawton
Lloyd Odhran

Loreto Foxrock
Loreto Secondary School Balbriggan
Loreto Secondary School Dalkey
Margaret Aylward Community College
Margaret Norris
Martin & Patrick Kerih
Mary Tuohy
Maura Flannery
Mercy College Coolock and Scoil Catriona
Mexico to Rome
Moss Landman
Mount Carmel Hospital
Noelle’s Montessori
North Dublin Doctor’s Golf Association
On the Verge & Roach Records
Our Lady of Bethlehem Abbey
Our Lady of Mercy College, Beaumont
Our Lady’s Secondary College, Castleblaney
Our Lady’s Terenure
P & T Club
Paul Scannell
Pobalscoil Naasáin
“POPPETS”
Projects Arts Centre
Rachel Gargan
Ratoath Garden Club
Rehabilitative Training Centre
Rosemont School
Sacred Heart School
Scoil Mhuire
Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra
Sligo Musical Society
St Dominic’s High School
St Josephs Lucan
St Josephs N.S.
St Louis High School
St Mary’s Boys National School, Rathfarnham
St Patrick’s Community College
St. Brigid’s School
St. Colmcille’s Community School, Knocklyon
St. Joseph’s School Leitrim
St. Mary’s CBS, Ennisclorcy
Swords Senior Citizen
Templeogue & District Active Retirement Association
Templeogue & District Credit Union Ltd.
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