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The Grant as a Symbol of Love

The Society is 150 years old in 2016. Over all that time it has provided grants to those in need. In Ireland there have been crises and catastrophes, advances and recessions and a progression from the era of the workhouse through World Wars and Welfare State to the age of WiFi. Through all that time the Society gave grants. People changed, family circumstances altered and the amount of the grant changed over time. One thing however did not change. The grant has remained what it always has been – a symbol of Christian love and concern for others.

How the Presbyterian Children's Society helps

We give regular grants to families for their children and additional summer and Christmas grants to help at these peak expenditure times. Last year we gave £560,000 to Presbyterian children in need, helping around 385 families. 24 per cent of the children we help live in the Republic of Ireland and we estimate that we will spend approximately €100,000 on these children in 2016.

Helping through the ages

"I would like, through you, to thank the Governors for their long-continued help. It is now almost eleven years since four of my children enrolled in the Society, and it has pleased God to spare me to see the last of them out to business."

(a widow, 1900)

"The money is very acceptable, as I find it difficult to keep my children fed and clothed. They are now growing up, and at the most expensive age, when they can earn little or nothing."

(a widow, 1922)

"Mum, the Church did not fail us when we needed them."

(a child, 1987)

"Thank you for your efficient and compassionate ministry. I am very grateful for all your help, advice and support. Thank you for partnering in our gospel work here. Needy people helped, God glorified and the Church showing the love of Jesus. God Bless."

(a minister, 2015)

Backgrounds of Children (2015)

	%
Parents separated or Divorced	52
Parent deceased	17
Single mother	10
Other	21
(Number of Children 721)	100

Income (2015)

	%
Congregations and individual subscriptions	43
Investment income & other income	57
	100

Expenditure (2015)

	%
Grants to children and young people	74
Other childcare services	1
Administration	18
Other expenditure	7
	100



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