



# Chicago Irish Brotherhood

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## C.I.B. Then, Now, Next

The **Chicago Irish Brotherhood** was a fairly simple idea that developed out of a quest for fun and a way to help out those less fortunate.

In 1996, a group of friends and family created the membership base and simple events generated modest rewards. There were boxes of canned goods delivered to local churches and “pass the hat” nights that provided small checks for small groups like “Thumbuddy Special.”

Then tragedies hit, like the murder of Terry Madden, brother of **C.I.B.** member Mike Madden. It was a call to action and the organization hosted a 3-on-3 basketball tournament with all the proceeds going to the Madden children.

Unfortunately, adversity and bad news are a constant part of life.

“At this point in our lives,” **C.I.B.** Chairman Tim Egan said, “if you are on the phone with a friend or relative and you’re not talking about someone who is sick or dying... you’re sick or dying.”

One of the critical elements of membership of the organization is a good sense of humor.

Anyone who has been to one of our events over the last sixteen years knows that charity is the price of admission and you always walk away with a belly full of laughter. Yet every once in a while, there is a tear.

One of the most significant losses we’ve had is when **Terri Ann Fester** was called from this world. **Terri Ann**, who at 19 years of age suffered more than anyone should ever have to, kept up a spirit like no other. At our Annual Day at the Races, the forever-to-be-remembered **Terri Ann** moved the whole room to tears when she gave back the winnings of a 50/50 raffle for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

We’ve lost **C.I.B.** Board members **Tim Whalen** and **John McPartlin**, but you’ll still see their names on our Board listings... because even death won’t get you off this Board.

Yet we’ve gained more than we lost as the lives of our dearly departed members and friends will live on in our work. We’ve granted



wishes, eased the burden of tragedy, come to the aid of the less fortunate, and made the difference in lives across the Chicagoland area.

We’ve had a pretty damn good time doing it all.

And we *ain’t* done yet!

Our organization is made up of family, friends, men, women, Irish and non-Irish.

Membership has its privileges because we host fun events that have been a benefit to others, such as: Make-A-Wish Foundation, Illinois Fire Safety Alliance Camp I Am Me, Misericordia, Special Olympics, the former Boys Town of Chicago, Team Fox, and many others.

“Helping others through friendship” is our mission and it has stood the test of time, loss of lives and we all look forward to helping causes in the future that can use our unique brand of fundraising... a fun at all costs way of life in service to others.



## A Message from C.I.B. Chairman Tim Egan...

Dear C.I.B. Members & Friends,

In 2011, we suffered the loss of some friends and welcomed some new **C.I.B.** members including the birth of twin sons, Connor Chance and Cormac Conran, for my wife Marlena and I. Now just a little over a year old, I can tell they will make incredible contributions to our organization when they're older... neither sleeps between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. and they love Irish music.



In 2012, the C.I.B. will be going through our own rebirth of sorts by creating a brand new website and recommitting our time and energy into our mission of "Helping Others Through Friendship."

Every organization endures its own ups and downs, but our happy little charity has never really had any bad times. Certainly the funds that we've been able to donate have gone up, down and up and down again; but the commitment has never waived. We are bonded by friendship, dedicated to supporting others in need and who cannot fend for themselves.

There have been so many people who have made their mark on our organization it is too hard to list their names, but I am hoping we'll be adding more to our legacy during the rest of 2012 and beyond.

All the best,

**Are You a Member in Good Standing (MIGS)?  
Please become a 2012 MIGS by paying your  
annual \$25 C.I.B. dues.**

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Established Oct. 6, 1996  
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The C.I.B. is a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit organization.

## Helping the Emergency Fund

For the fifth straight year, the **C.I.B.** supported the Emergency Fund Christmas Food Distribution Program. Over 12,500 hams and turkeys were delivered to senior citizens and low-income families.

Many of the **C.I.B.** faithful were on hand to present a \$500 check to Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White, who is the Chairman of the Emergency Fund's Chairman's

Council.

Included in the crowd were Bill Barry, Dan Benson, Adalbert Bielski, Lenny Cannata, Brian & Dawn Dolan, Brian Farley, Denise Keiper, Carmen Olmetti, Hector Rodriguez, Chris Ryan, and



**C.I.B. member Brian Dolan with wife Dawn**

Chris Vandenberg, to name a few.

The Emergency Fund, established in 1973, provides immediate financial assistance to help low income Chicago area individuals and families through a crisis or

transition. We look forward to helping next Christmas too.

## Sheilah A. Doyle Foundation

Marlena Miglin-Egan was brought to tears last fall when visiting the Comfort Zone Camp, hosted in part by the Sheilah A. Doyle Foundation.

This amazing

*Giving  
children of  
murdered  
parents hope  
for a  
brighter  
future*

organization was founded by Sheilah's son Kevin, who through the grief of his mother's murder created an important mission.

By partnering with Comfort Zone Camp and through scholarships, the

"SAD" Foundation attempts to transform a child's tragedy into a bright future.

The **C.I.B.** is committed to supporting the "SAD" Foundation so please take a look at their website when you can:

**[www.sadfund.org](http://www.sadfund.org)**

## McKenna's Gold

Seems like you could not turn around in Chicago in the last few weeks without hearing some golden news about the McKenna Family. A member from the **C.I.B.**'s start, Johnny McKenna and his wife Kathy are the proud parents of five children. Their daughter Kelley is part of the St. Patrick's Day Queen and Her

Court and son Jack is playing Division I football at Butler.

Then Johnny himself grabbed the spotlight with an appearance on the **TODAY SHOW**. Coach McKenna has lead another daughter's basketball team to four straight undefeated seasons, claiming national honors. The team name? **Celtics**, of course.



# 2012 Paddy's Day Warm Up for Autism Speaks

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## Update on Terry Egan

Our brother Terry Egan, who was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease in 2007, underwent a series of surgeries through the month of February and is recovering well.

The procedure he went through is called Deep Brain Stimulation.

Asked why Terry wanted to wait until the first week of February to have the first surgery, he told the doctor that he wanted to watch the Super Bowl.

The 2012 Terry Egan Golf Outing will be held in August and the Event Committee is in

formation. If you would like to help organize this year's event, please contact Co-Chairs Tom Egan III at 630.689.3963 or Pat Hynes at 708.927.5525.



**Annual Terry Egan Golf Outing**

## Shamrocks for Kids!!!

Celebrate Paddy's Day-Month by donning a "Shamrocks for Kids" lapel pin that benefits the Mercy Home for Boys & Girls.

MERCY HOME FOR BOYS & GIRLS



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