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Dear Friends and Supporters,

THANK YOU for joining in with our **"Lots of Socks" Day for World Down Syndrome Day 2025**. Our Lots of Socks campaign is a fun easy way for children and young people to learn about Down syndrome and help them understand the importance of equality and inclusion in society.

We really are so delighted that so many places joined in with the internationally recognised awareness campaign, but also that you chose to use it as a fundraiser also. In total over **108** preschools, schools, businesses and individuals joined in with the day and so far, together you have all raised **€21, 847.07** (*and we generally receive more funds after we announce the total*!) We have loved the photos and videos that you have shared with us, and hearing from the families that perhaps attend, or previously attended, your services, all the extra efforts and touches you made to truly make the day special and memorable.

We want to let you know how your support will make a difference to the children and families in Cavan, Louth, Meath, and Monaghan and surrounding areas, that attend **The Down Syndrome Centre North East.**

The Down Syndrome Centre North East (DSCNE) is a parent-led charity, set up and run by parents in response to a recognised need for services in the North East region but we are reliant on donations which continue to make it possible for us to offer free and heavily subsidized therapies and activities for children with Down Syndrome, and their families. The only people who profit from DSC North East are the children and families who benefit from our centre, and it's supports. Your generosity makes a difference to all the children and families that attend DSCNE, and we are delighted to share with you some of their testimonials:

The DSCNE is like a home from home. My son loves going to the sessions each week, seeing all his friends & of course all the girls! He loves the range of activities especially the projector!
Parent a child that attends our Early Intervention School Readiness classes

My daughter absolutely loves going to the centre for Smart club, the 2 hours fly by. The teachers are fantastic at what they do, and they work to her needs. And I love catching up with parents over a cuppa while she's at the class.
Parent a child that attends our School Age SMART Club programme.

My son loves attending music therapy. It has helped him to develop his concentration, listening skills and turn taking.
Parent of a child that attends weekly Music Therapy.

My son really enjoys the activities and the friendships he gets from attending these sessions.
Parent a teenager that attends the fortnightly Sports and Social Club

Please accept our heartfelt thanks on behalf of the families and children who benefit from your generosity. It's very much appreciated and makes a real difference.

All at the Down Syndrome Centre North East

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