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**DeCare International's Cork Employees Exceed  
Fundraising Goal, Raise €3,000 for Special Olympics  
*Company's Total Contribution to Special Olympics Now Tops €16,000***

**May 2, 2003 (Cork, Ire.)** — DeCare International, a leading US dental insurance provider, announced today that Sports and Social Committee at its Cork software development subsidiary, DDSI, successfully raised €3,000 — €1,000 above their fundraising goal, in support of the 11<sup>th</sup> International Special Olympics' *Support an Athlete* program . A cheque will be handed over to local representatives of the Special Olympics Committee at 4:00 p.m. today at DeCare's Cork office. This brings DeCare's total donation to the Special Olympics' *Support an Athlete* program to €16,000.

“The DDSI Sports and Social Committee organized a number of events and did a tremendous job in raising these additional funds,” said John Murphy, operations director at DDSI. “We’re delighted to support this worthy cause and excited to be a part of this event.”

In January, DeCare International announced a €10,000 donation to the Special Olympics' *Support an Athlete* program. This, together with €3,000 raised at DeCare's Cork subsidiary and another €3,000 raised at its Claremorris claims processing facility, brings the total donation to €16,000. This will be used to sponsor a total of 16 athletes through the *Support an Athlete* Program: The Cork subsidiary will sponsor eight athletes from Mexico and the Claremorris facility will sponsor eight athletes from Tanzania.

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According to Special Olympics' organizers, donations to the *Support an Athlete* program will go towards paying for athlete accommodation, transportation, medical supplies, venues and ceremonies connected to the Games. In return, the Claremorris and Cork facilities will receive a portfolio on each of the eight athletes they sponsor, including a detailed biography, photos and events that they will be entering. Sponsors will have the ability to track each athlete's progress at the Games via the Special Olympics Web site ([www.2003specialolympics.com](http://www.2003specialolympics.com)).

"We are pleased to play a role in supporting Ireland's effort to host the Special Olympics," said Michael F. Walsh, a native of County Mayo and president and CEO of DeCare International. "We are eagerly looking forward to the Summer Games."

An innovator in oral health benefit plans, Minnesota-based DeCare International and its family of companies provide dental insurance benefits and related services to more than 3.2 million individuals representing 12,000 companies in the United States. Through an exclusive partnership with Europ Assistance, DeCare now provides access to dental care for individuals outside the United States. DeCare's European operations currently include a dental claim processing center in Claremorris, Ireland and a software development company in Cork, Ireland. For more information on DeCare International, go to [www.decareinternational.com](http://www.decareinternational.com).

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