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DECARE INTERNATIONAL ROAD RACE RAISES €13,550

Companies in Western Ireland participate in fundraiser for Mayo-Roscommon Hospice

Claremorris, Ireland. (Nov. 6, 2003) — U.S. dental insurer DeCare International announced today it will be presenting a €13,550 cheque, the proceeds of the DeCare International Five-Mile Road Race and Walk, to Mayo-Roscommon Hospice Foundation. The media is invited to attend the event at 10 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 7 at The Old Woods in Balla.

Many organizations came together to support the DeCare Road Race and Walk, which was held on Sept. 20 in Claremorris. Volunteers from various organizations included staff from DeCare, Mayo Roscommon Hospice, SUPERVALU, The Eat Inn Cafe, Green's Stores and Tipperary Water. Also, local radio stations and press promoted awareness of the fundraiser while individuals donated spot prizes.

Hollister, a health care product manufacturer located in Ballina, took the initiative to organize a group of 29 employees to walk and raised nearly €3,500.

“We’d like to thank the walkers and participating companies as well as everyone that donated their time and money to this worthy cause,” said Maureen Walsh, general manager of DeCare Operations Ireland, Ltd, (DOI) the company’s Claremorris facility. “We’re excited to see the collective dedication that companies in the West made to ensure this effort was a success.”

The race and walk is part of a Summer Road League organized by the Mayo Athletic Club and sponsored by DeCare. There were almost 500 participants led by Aoife Beston, a local Special Olympics walker, who started the race.

The Mayo-Roscommon Hospice Foundation offers palliative care to both Mayo and Roscommon Counties in the West of Ireland, serving a population of more than 167,000 people. Primarily, the Foundation assists with the provision of home-care services and assisted more than 500 families last year.

For more information on DeCare International, you can visit our Web site at www.decare.com.

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