



Helping sick, disabled and disadvantaged children throughout Ireland since 1951.



Variety Ireland Chief Barker Doreen Smyth, Variety International Ambassador Derek O'Neill with pupils from Francis Street CBS – Derek's alma mater!

Variety Christmas Movie Screening

On 18th December 2013, Variety were delighted to invite 370 children from across Dublin to a special screening of Disney's new movie, Frozen, with our charity partners ODEON Cinema Group at the Point Village, Dublin. Treats were supplied by the ODEON and gifts were donated to each student by Insight Vacations, Captain Americas and Newsread. Schools attended included: St. Laurence O'Toole, GNS, Dublin 1, Francis Street CBS, Dublin 8, Pobalscoil Rosmini Community School, Dublin 9, St. Vincent's Centre, Dublin 7, St. Mary's School for Deaf Girls, Dublin 7 and St. Joseph's JNS, Dublin 11. It was a fantastic morning and a great opportunity to help Variety promote integration between mainstream and special school students.

Dickie Rock Receives Living Legend Award

Variety were proud to honour legendary Irish singer Dickie Rock at a Celebrity Luncheon at a star-studded event on Sunday 1st December. Guests at this sold out event enjoyed a four course lunch, followed by All Star entertainment from many famous Irish personalities who were in attendance. Performers included Paddy Cole, Sonny Knowles, Sil Fox and not to mention Helen Jordan and children from her stage school. Helen was instrumental in choreographing the entertainment for the afternoon. Following a humorous introduction by TV and radio star Ronan Collins, Dickie Rock was presented with the Variety Living Legend Award by Variety's Chief Barker Doreen Smyth. The event was organised by Betty Wall and her family. Thank You!



Dickie Rock and wife Judy pictured with Ronan Collins



Dublin Senior Footballer Bernard Brogan (right) Dave Mongan (left) (Captain Americas), Variety Chief Barker Doreen Smyth with children and staff from ChildVision

Captain Americas Donate to Variety

Variety the children's charity, were delighted to receive a donation of toys from Captain Americas, Blanchardstown. Toys were delivered to ChildVision, Drumcondra, Dublin 9 where Chief Barker Doreen Smyth received them on behalf of Variety. The toys were then distributed to schools attending the Christmas Movie Screening later that week including St. Josephs JNS - Ballymun, Francis St CBS, St. Mary's School for Deaf Girls – Cabra, St. Vincent's Centre – Navan Road, St. Laurence O'Tooles GNS, Dublin 1 and ChildVision. Dublin Senior Footballer **Bernard Brogan** made the presentation to Variety. In addition to the toys, Captain Americas also presented Variety with a number of family meal vouchers, to give some families in need the chance to bring their families for a nice meal over the festive season.

Liberty Swing Launch in St. Michael's, Baldoyle

On 11th October 2013, Variety was delighted to launch a new Liberty Swing in St. Michael's House Special School, Baldoyle, Dublin 13.

The sun came out as the ribbon was cut by Young Variety Spokesperson Kamal Ibrahim. The Swing was joint-funded by both Variety's SQ Foundation Programme and UPS.

St. Michael's House Special School, Baldoyle caters for pupils with severe to profound learning disabilities and associated difficulties.

Variety has launched 7 Liberty Swings so far across Ireland, & have scheduled the launch of several more for 2014!



Betty Wall, Zara Beasley & Variety Ireland Ambassador Kamal Ibrahim

Dates for your Diary

Annual Variety Mass

11am, 9th February in ChildVision, Drumcondra, Dublin 9

Proclamation Signing

10.30am, Mansion House, Dawson Street, Dublin 2.

Boat for Hope 2014

Following the success of our Boat for Hope events in 2010 and 2012, Variety is proud to announce that on Sunday 29th June 2014, Howth, Co. Dublin will once again play host.

In Brief...

Oracle Treasure Hunt

Thank You to all Oracle staff who braved the rainy weather to take part in a charity Treasure Hunt on behalf of Variety. They exceeded their target which means we will be able to provide an electric wheelchair to a little girl who needs it.

Book Donations

We have received many children's book, magazine and art supply donations from Newsread. These were distributed to many schools in time for Christmas.

ODEON Cinema Fundraising

We would like to say a big Thank You to all the staff at ODEON Cinema Group Ireland, who have fundraised on behalf of Variety throughout 2013. Events have included Bake Sales, Charity Quizzes, Family Fun Days and not to mention endurance challenges such as triathlons and hikes across the Scottish Highlands!

In Memory

To all Variety members who have lost loved ones during the year, we remember and pray for them at this time.

We also extend our Get Well wishes to all members who may be sick at this time.

Variety Archive

We are currently compiling an archive of all things Variety, going back to our establishment in Ireland in 1951.

We are currently seeking anyone who many have photographs or stories to tell. **Please Contact US with any information you may have!**

New Members

Variety Ireland is seeking new members to join up and become part of the Variety family.

Membership is only €50 per year, with a reduced price for under 35s.

Download an application form from our website or Contact Us for more details,



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