**St. Michael’s House Announces New Sponsor for Club Draw 2019**

*- St. Michaels House continues its tradition of prize offerings thanks to Water Babies*

**July 2019:** St. Michael’s House, one of Ireland’s largest providers of community-based services for individuals with intellectual disabilities, is delighted to announce that Water Babies has signed on as the official sponsor for the Club Draw 2019. The winner of the Club Draw 2019 was recently announced as Therese Carroll from Glasnevin. Therese, who worked in St. Michael’s House for over ten years, received a brand new Citroën worth nearly €15,000.

Water Babies is the world’s leading baby swim school, teaching more than 50,000 babies every week through a network of family-run businesses across Ireland and the UK. With the best trained baby swimming teachers in the world, every lesson is carefully structured to nurture children’s physical and emotional development, through skills and activities taught in the pool.

**Carol McNally, Company Director of Water Babies Ireland said: “***We are delighted to be a sponsor for the St. Michael’s House charity prize draw. We celebrate 10 years in business this year and it seems fitting to mark it by supporting St. Michael’s House. Through the use of our hydrotherapy pools we have provided our classes to hundreds of local families over the years. We know the huge benefits water play and swimming has for everyone especially those with special needs so we welcome the opportunity to support St. Michael’s House continue to provide these services to their families.*”

The Club Draw has been supporting St. Michael’s House services for over thirty years. The funds raised directly support the purpose built Leisure Centre in Belcamp, Dublin which contains Ireland’s first wheelchair accessible pool for the disabled. An average of 720 children and adults with intellectual disabilities attend the Leisure Centre each month.

Following the announcement **Barbara Wiseman, Head of Communications and Fundraising for St. Michael's House** *“The money raised from club draws is a vital source of funding for the House and continues to support the vital work done here throughout the year. We offer our sincere gratitude to Water Babies both for their generosity in sponsorship of our own and other worthy causes but also for the ongoing work they do to enrich the lives of our service users through their classes.”*

A weekly donation of €3 secures entry into the monthly draw for cash prizes of €1,000, €600 and €400 and the annual car prize draw. Entry can be completed online at [www.smh.ie](http://www.smh.ie) / [fundraising@smh.ie](mailto:fundraising@smh.ie) or by phone (01) 8840345.

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**About St Michael's House**

St. Michael's House is a community-based voluntary organisation. Founded by parents in 1955, the organisation has grown to become one of the largest providers of services to people with an intellectual disability in Ireland. Today St. Michael’s House provides a range of specialised services to over 1,900 children and adults with a learning disability and their families through 170 community-based centres in the greater Dublin area.

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