

New charity partnership is launched

ONE of Ireland's largest providers of community-based services for individuals with intellectual disabilities, St Michael's House, has announced a new charity partnership with Dundrum Town Centre.

The partnership will directly benefit the St Michael's House unit in Goatstown.

The partnership highlights Dundrum Town Centre's long standing tradition of charitable support and their commitment to supporting individuals with complex needs.

To increase the accessibility of the centre and as part of their Autism Friendly Initiative, Dundrum Town Centre have introduced a Quiet Room, which is situated on Level 2M.

The room is equipped with calm lighting, cushions, blankets, toys and bean bags and offers people a place to go during their visit if they find the main mall overwhelming or if they

need to take some time to relax.

Commenting on the announcement, Debra Smith, Environment & Community Coordinator of Dundrum Town Centre said: "At Dundrum Town Centre, we feel it is extremely important to support our local communities and charities.

This is why we have chosen St Michael's House Goatstown as our charity partner for 2019. We admire the work that they do and are glad that we can support this amazing organisation.

"We are delighted that so many of their service users visit Dundrum Town Centre which is testament to the accessibility of the centre.

"We are looking forward to this partnership and hope that we can make a really positive impact on the services that St Michael's House provide."

To mark the launch of the partnership, local unit linked carers were treated to a 'Tea Party Surprise'

by Dundrum Town Centre to celebrate National Carer's Week 2019.

The coffee morning took place in House of Fraser

Café Zest, to honour the carers and reward them for the hard work that they do to enrich the lives of others.

Complementary massages were generously provided to all carers from the expert staff at Boots Pharmacy.

Barbara Wiseman, Head of Communications and Fundraising for St Michael's House said: "We are extremely grateful to Dundrum Town Centre who have been kind enough to show their support for the vital role our services play in the community.

"The first event celebrating carer's week was a big success and we want to extend our gratitude to Dundrum Town Centre and the staff of Boots Pharmacy who got involved and pampered the well deserving carers on the day."



Don Nugent is pictured with Carla Paisley, Gerry Cahalin, Patrick O'Callaghan and Debra Smith in Dundrum.
