The Claddagh Fund is the charitable foundation of the Dropkick Murphys, founded by Ken Casey in 2009. Honoring the three attributes of the Claddagh Ring, Friendship, Love and Loyalty, the mission of the Claddagh Fund is to raise money for the most underfunded non-profit organizations that support vulnerable populations in our communities.

The Claddagh Fund hopes to transform the generosity and enthusiasm of our friends, family and fans into a financial resource to support charitable organizations which share our vision to provide struggling individuals and families with the support and tools necessary to enhance their quality of life.

Ken Casey and members of the band, their wives and families have generously supported charities throughout the history of the band. As a result of their collective desire to give back to worthy nonprofits that support their communities and the neediest individuals, the Claddagh Fund was created to organize and funnel the contributions of all of the friends and families interested in participating. The Claddagh Fund is a registered 501(c)3 organization.

The Claddagh Fund incorporates the qualities symbolized in the Claddagh Ring into the daily operation of our foundation. We seek to capitalize on our FRIENDSHIP with celebrities, athletes, families, friends, fans and corporations to fulfill our mission through fundraising. We share our good fortune and LOVE by granting funds to charitable organizations that champion the needs of those near and dear to us, children, veterans and individuals suffering from alcohol and drug addiction. And, we rely on the LOYALTY to the Dropkick Murphys, the commitment of our friends in Boston, Ireland and communities throughout the world to help us consistently give back to the most underfunded charities.
Children
The Claddagh Fund focuses on supporting child and youth-based non-profits, targeting organizations that support cancer research, support and recovery, youth sports, clubs and camps. Organizations which provide opportunity to vulnerable and disenfranchised youth populations, providing the background, education and outlets necessary for children to develop into successful, considerate adults, will be strongly considered.

Veterans
The commitment and sacrifice of soldiers and their families to our country is embodied in the values of friendship, love and loyalty—the core of the Claddagh Fund. Without their unbelievable sacrifice and loyalty, our country would be a very different place. It is an honor to, even in a minor way, pay tribute to these men and women and their families who humbly commit their lives to protect and serve others.

Alcohol and Drug Recovery
Financial support will be offered to aid successful programs throughout the country which provide resources, care and instruction to those struggling with alcohol and drug addiction. The Claddagh Fund will support programs that offer a comprehensive approach to alcohol and drug addiction, including education, training, housing and consistent social services and support beyond traditional short-term recovery methods.

Utilizing a grassroots approach to fundraising, The Claddagh Fund supports community-based non-profits, with a focus on children and veterans organizations and programs that support alcohol and drug rehabilitation in cities across the country and around the world.
Nearly $500,000 was raised in our inaugural year to help improve the lives of children, veterans, and the most struggling individuals in our communities. We continue to build on this achievement thanks to the extraordinary commitment and generosity of our many supporters including:
- Hundreds of attendees who help us raise funds by participating in our unique events and donate through our auctions and raffles
- Corporate partners and event sponsors
- Thousands of individuals who have contributed online
- The Dropkick Murphys and their fans who contribute through ticket sales around the world

Quotes from Benefitting Charities:
“The Claddagh Fund has helped My Brother’s Keeper bring comfort and joy to thousands of children and relief to their parents who would otherwise watch them go without. I have tremendous respect for Ken and all the guys from Dropkick Murphys for using their special gifts and talents to help those less fortunate. What a great example they are for the world and especially today’s youth.”
- Erich Miller, Executive Director, My Brother’s Keeper

“The Franciscan Hospital for Children is so lucky to be a friend of this organization. Thanks to the support of the Claddagh Fund, we have been able to expand our infant pulmonary rehabilitation program, which serves babies born at less than 26 weeks and less than 2.3 pounds.”
- Diane Newkirk, Director of Development, Franciscan Hospital for Children

“The Boston Bruins Foundation enjoys great synergy with the Claddagh Fund and we share in the mission to improve the quality of life of children in our community. We are thrilled with the partnership created with Ken and the organization and look forward to continuing to work together to support worthy charities.”
- Bob Sweeney, Director of Development, Bruins Foundation

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