



KDYS pays tribute to the late Maeve Spring RIP.

It is with great sadness that we receive the news of the death of KDYS Board Member, Maeve Spring. Kerry Diocesan Youth Service wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Maeve's children, James and Mary; to her siblings Dick, Arthur, Donal and Noelle; to all the members of the Spring family and to her many friends.

Maeve was a very caring and capable woman who had a huge commitment to young people and community. Her work as a KDYS Board Member, since joining in 2004, was of enormous value and is deeply appreciated by all of us. KDYS was very fortunate to have someone with such a combination of kindness and compassion coupled with the highest standards of professionalism and drive.

As a Board Member, Maeve contributed to significant advances in responding to youth needs in Kerry. KDYS established new programmes, including Youth Cafes (drop-in & specialised supports), Mentoring, Family Support & Crime Diversion. These are providing services to 1000s of young people and their families in communities around Kerry. In 2008 we established a new Youth Centre in Killorglin – this is proving to be an invaluable resource for young people throughout Mid-Kerry. Strong partnerships were formed with a range of organisations including KES, HSE, & Gardai and these alliances continue to provide responses to needs all over Kerry.

While this represents a sample of the achievements accomplished while Maeve served as a KDYS Board Member, it is her commitment to young people that we will remember and cherish. Her thoughts always lay on what we can do for others and she helped to inspire a great deal of continuing work.

Young people, volunteers and staff of KDYS are indebted to Maeve for her very worthy voluntary commitment.

May she rest in peace.

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