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Compassion meeting costs

In 2024, the Society supported 877 children and their families. Overall, our total grant expenditure for the year increased against the previous year to £680,236. However, as the impact of increasing costs (particularly food) continues to bear down on many Presbyterian families, the Society anticipates an increased demand for its help.

Doing something practical lies at the heart of the Christian gospel and our mission. This is reflected poignantly by a mother about to receive a grant: *"I had no idea that there were people who cared."* Positive about the future, and confident in God's promises, the Society demonstrates practical care and compassion to those in financial need within our Presbyterian family. We get alongside those struggling with the cost of everyday living to help ease their financial burden, and to lighten their load.

A summary of our support

- A total of £680,236 in grants was provided to Presbyterian families throughout Ireland.
- 122 Exceptional Grants were given to support families experiencing short-term emergency needs.
- 24 families were helped financially to attend the Presbyterian Family Holiday.
- 21 congregations were supported with small grants from the Society to deliver educational workshops for parents, carers and leaders on a range of topics.

Grace-fuelled generosity

Giving to support the needs of others is a vital feature of our Christian discipleship, clear evidence that God's grace is at work in our lives. By supporting the work of the Society, Presbyterians generously express their persistent commitment to children and young people and their futures. Last year, local Presbyterian congregations and individuals raised a staggering sum of almost £389,000 to support our work.

This year, aware of the growing financial hardship among Presbyterian families, the need for sustaining income to the Society to meet the demand for help, is essential. Your giving helps children have a brighter future. As one child remarked: *"Mum, the Church did not fail us when we needed them."*

Income (2024)

	%
Congregations and Individual Subscriptions	34
Investment income & other income	66
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The Society is sincerely grateful to its supporters for their contributions. Your consistent and generous support enables us to respond quickly to challenging life events and circumstances, and to make a difference to the lives of so many Presbyterian children and young people.

Expenditure (2024)

	%
Grants to children and young people	76
Other childcare services	2
Administration	15
Other expenditure	7
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For every £1 of income received, excluding legacies and donation, almost 80p was spent on the core work of the Society.

This represents the Society's careful management of its operational costs to ensure maximum help to Presbyterian families.

Show your compassion for children, by making a donation to the Society.



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