



# THE DONEGAL ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA

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**The Donegal Association of Philadelphia is proud to honor Ciara Travers Paquet as the 2025 Donegal Ball Grand Marshal.**



From an early age, Ciara was immersed in the Irish community of Philadelphia. She danced with the McDade-Cara School of Irish Dance and played Gaelic football with the Delco Gaels. Ciara has been a dedicated member of the Donegal Association of Philadelphia, serving in leadership roles as Vice-President and Donegal Ball Chair for several years. A proud highlight of her journey was being selected as the 2015 Philadelphia Mary from Dungloe, where she represented both the City of Philadelphia and the Donegal Association of Philadelphia at the international festival in Ireland.

Beyond her community involvement, Ciara has devoted her career to pediatric oncology nursing at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Her compassion, strength, and commitment shine through in the lives of the children and families she serves.

Ciara has cherished the summers she spent in Ireland, especially in Donegal, where she created lifelong memories with family and friends. Those experiences deepened her love for Ireland and her roots, blending treasured traditions with joy, laughter, and lasting bonds.

She continues to value her Irish community, recognizing it as both a source of lifelong friendships and a living connection to her heritage. Growing up among families whose parents emigrated around the same time as her own, and learning from older generations who paved the way, she has witnessed firsthand the strength, support, and spirit of the Irish community. She deeply appreciates how the community always comes together—whether to support, to celebrate, or simply to share a cup of tea.

Ciara is the daughter of Marie and Seamus Travers and the second of their five children: Aisling, Peter, Seamus, and Kevin. She and her husband, Joe Paquet, live in West Chester, PA with their soon-to-be one-year-old son, Michael. Family has always been at the heart of Ciara's life.

In Ciara's own words: *"I am so thankful to have been raised surrounded by this community. It has given me countless memories, lifelong friendships, and a deep sense of pride. I look forward to continuing this tradition by raising my own children within this community so that they too can grow up with the strong connections, memories, and joy that I have been blessed with."*

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