



Pictured: Staff and clients from RehabCare's Charleville Cottage in Tullamore, Co. Offaly, are presented with a new Ford Galaxy from management and staff at Covidien. The medical manufacturers are also based in the town and have supported Rehab for many years.



Happy Motoring from Covidien!

THE STAFF OF COVIDIEN provided a warm welcome to representatives of RehabCare's Charleville Cottage at the medical manufacturer's plant in Tullamore, Co Offaly, recently. There was great excitement among clients and staff alike when a sparkling new Ford Galaxy vehicle was presented to the Charleville Cottage respite care centre for use in transporting clients to and from the service and to activities in the community.

Covidien has been a supporter of Rehab for many years, both in the provision of employment opportunities to clients of RehabCare and as a valued customer of Rehab Enterprises. The generous donation of this vehicle provides excellent added value to the service, which offers after-school, weekend and mid-week respite care breaks to children and young people who have autism. Over 70 families in

Offaly, Longford, Westmeath and Laois benefit from the service, which was opened in 2002.

Angela Kerins, Rehab Group's Chief Executive was there to accept the keys. "Rehab has enjoyed a strong relationship with Covidien over many years, which we value very highly. It is a wonderful endorsement of Rehab when a global organisation such as Covidien, which is world-renowned for its quality standards, recognises the high quality of the work that Rehab does, by choosing us as a community partner in this way. We hope to continue to develop our relationship with Covidien and to build on it in the future."

Jim Clemmer, President, Medical Supplies and Rick Lytle, Europe, Middle East and Africa President of Medical Supplies, both spoke enthusiastically of Covidien's continued partnership with the Rehab Group in Tullamore and throughout Ireland.

"In addition to helping patients through our products, Covidien hopes to also have a positive impact on the communities where we live and operate. Identifying worthy projects and being in the position to assist organisations like Rehab is a real privilege," Jim Clemmer said.

After its starring role in photographs from every conceivable angle, the Ford Galaxy then began its road trip adventures, with a full complement of happy passengers and Mary Conroy-Thoms, RehabCare's Respite Care Manager, at the wheel.

All of the staff and clients of Charleville Cottage would like to say a big 'thank you' to everyone at Covidien. ■

