## RISH AMERICAN PARTNERSHIP

## INVESTING IN IRELAND'S FUTURE

t has been a busy few months for the IrishAmerican
Partnership, the Boston-based non-profit that has been
steadily helping to create a strong, healthy, peaceful Ireland by

supporting education, community development and peace initiatives for the past four decades.

This winter, the Partnership hosted stellar events in three cities, showcasing Irish women who are leaders in their respective fields. Moderated by leading journalists, the conversations featured former President of Ireland Mary Robinson talking with Samantha Barry, editor-in-chief of Condé Nast's Glamour Magazine in Chicago. U.S. Ambassador to Ireland Claire Cronin spoke with BBC correspondent Caitríona Perry in Washington, DC, while award-winning actress Geraldine Hughes paired with CNN correspondent Donie O'Sullivan in Boston.

The conversations were meaningful and enlightening, part of the Partnership's ongoing mission of deepening the connection between the people of Ireland and America.

The Irish American Partnership is embarking on a new season of celebration and conversation, as it hosts the **29th Annual St. Patrick's Day Breakfast Celebration** on March 13 at the InterContinental Boston hotel. A centerpiece of the city's robust St. Patrick's Day festivities, the Partnership Breakfast brings together more than 450 supporters and friends, including business, community, and political leaders, to celebrate their Irish heritage in support of the Partnership's mission – investing in Ireland's future.

This year, Ireland's Taoiseach Leo Varadkar, TD is the keynote speaker, here to update American audiences about Ireland's current

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policies and challenges. It is yet another way of strengthening the Ireland-U.S. relationship.

The effort is paying off. Since its inception in 1986, the Irish

American Partnershiphas raised more than \$53 million to fund over 650 schools and community organizations in Ireland. Partnership grants provide university access scholarships at every major Irish university, supports programs of peace and reconciliation, funds integrated education in Northern Ireland, creates education centers for homeless youth and promotes Irish arts, sports & cultural heritage programs.

The Partnership's efforts to invest in Ireland's future is paying meaningful dividends to the Irish people and has been endorsed by the Irish government, the Northern Ireland Assembly and the British government. The Partnership is proud to note that "100 cents of every dollar is

Invested in the people, culture, and ideas that build a peaceful and prosperous Ireland."

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