



## Tournament scores for suicide prevention

FOUR Cork-based suicide prevention groups came together to organise a celebrity soccer tournament and dinner dance recently.

The first Rebels Unite In Hope event saw the staging of a thrilling soccer tournament at Turner's Cross followed by a dinner dance at the Ambassador Hotel.

The Mayfield Action on Suicide, Let's Get Together Foundation, Midleton; SAFE, Glanmire, and Breaking The Silence, Cobh, all joined forces for the very successful event.

The soccer tournament was fantastic with each group represented by a host of Cork GAA, soccer and local celebrities.

Cork GAA's Donal Óg Cusack, Graham Canty, Kieran (Fraggy) Murphy, Michael Cussen, Michael Shiels, Alan Quirke, Paul Kerrigan and many others were involved.

Glanmire won the tournament after beating Mayfield in the final, with Mi-

chael Cussen accepting the trophy on behalf of his team.

The dinner dance was officially opened by Cork's Deputy Lord Mayor Cllr Michael Ahern, who spoke about the importance of suicide prevention and the after-dinner speaker was **Joan Freeman**, founder of **Pieta** House, a wonderful organisation providing free support to people who are suicidal.

Joan's vision is to have a **Pieta** House ([www.pieta.ie](http://www.pieta.ie)) within 60 kilometres of every single person in Ireland.

Cork's RedFM provided extensive promotion of the event in the weeks leading up to it and Dave Mac from the RedFM team was MC for the dinner dance. He spoke of the need to address suicide at a national level.

Signed GAA, Munster and Cork City jerseys are currently being auctioned in addition to Roy Keane's jersey from the 1996 FA Cup Final.