

Special place in garden for bereaved families

Thirty families gathered together last week to remember their son or daughter who had died at a special remembrance event at the Circle of Life Garden in Salthill.

The annual event was organised by **Anam Cara** Galway, which supports bereaved parents and families in Galway City and County. This event was made all the more special by the unveiling of a beautiful stone bench for bereaved families designed and handcrafted by Denis Goggin.

The Circle of Life Garden is dedicated to organ donor families and is a peaceful sanctuary in the heart of Salthill. Now there is a little corner of it for bereaved parents and their families, where they can sit, reflect and remember their loved one who has died.

Anam Cara Galway Volunteer Caroline Flaherty commented, "This was a very special and gentle evening, uniting families who have experienced the ultimate tragedy - the death of a precious son or daughter."

She continued, "We are so grateful to Martina and Denis Goggin who have given us this special place in the Circle of Life Park where we can go and remember."

Anam Cara Galway meets monthly at Ballybane Enterprise centre between September and June each year. These evenings give bereaved parents a safe and comfortable place where they can meet with other bereaved parents. Their next meeting will take place on Wednesday 7 September.

Anam Cara is open to all bereaved parents, regardless of the age their child died or the circumstances of the death. To speak

to someone from **Anam Cara**, or to order a free Information Pack, call their information line on 085-2888888 or email info@anamcara.ie.

Donations of €2 can be made by texting REMEMBER to 50300. For larger donations visit www.anamcara.ie/donate



Anam Cara Galway volunteer Caroline Flaherty and her husband Paul Flaherty at the Circle of Life Garden in Salthill.