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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MICHAEL D HIGGINS

I am delighted to extend warmest greetings and best wishes to the members, friends and distinguished honourees of the Shannon Gaels GAA Club, Queens, New York on the occasion of your 11th Annual Dinner Dance on Saturday, 23 November.

Your Club has travelled a great distance in a remarkably short period of time and I would like to recognise the special contribution of everyone involved in the Club, from the Committee members to the young players and their parents, who have played their part in your success.

In particular, I would like to extend sincere thanks to the members of the Club for taking such an active role in every facet of life in your community. You are an example of all that is best about the GAA. I wish you well with your redevelopment plans for Frank Golden Park.

I understand that many of your members were on the frontline in support of the communities affected by Superstorm Sandy and that your Club's colours were worn right across the Rockaways and Breezy Point in the days, weeks and months after the storm. Your work there, and that of the wider Irish community with the two Irish Days of Action, will long be remembered with pride.

I wish you all a great evening, as well as my congratulations on a successful season.

Guím gach rath ar gach duine agaibh ar an ócáid speisialta seo is don bhliain amach romhainn.

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