

50 friends swim in 17 counties in 38 hours to raise money for injured friend



A group of 50 friends of Padraig Schaler, who was critically injured in an accident in Cape Cod in America
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A GROUP of 50 friends of Padraig Schaler, who was critically injured in an accident in Cape Cod in America, completed an epic charity swimming task yesterday evening.

Padraig (23) was knocked from his bike in Cape Cod last summer.

He is currently in Germany receiving neurological care, where he remains in a coma.

The campaign by his friends has already raised €22,500 to go towards his care.

The 'Swim for Padraig' campaign saw 50 of his friends take to every county with a coastline in Ireland to take a dip.

It took the group 38 hours to complete the mammoth task.

Padraig is a Trinity college graduate - with many of his college friends joining the swim challenge.

He had just graduated and was in the US on a J1 for the summer when the accident happened.

After a two weeks in hospital in Cape Cod, his family brought him home to Dublin's Beaumont Hospital.

Four months later, they decided to move him to a dedicated early neuro-rehab facility in Hamburg, Germany.

There have been very significant expenses for the family since the accident happened.

His air ambulance flight to Germany alone cost in the region of €12,000, and was funded entirely by the family.

Those who wish to donate to Pádraig's care can do so [by clicking here](#).



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