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Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 11-K

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT  
OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2002

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE  
ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission file no.: 333-93785

Donegal Mutual Insurance Company 401(k) Plan

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(Full title of the plan and the address of the plan,  
if different from that of the issuer named below)

Donegal Group Inc.  
1195 River Road  
Marietta, Pennsylvania 17547

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(Name of issuer of the securities held  
pursuant to the plan and the address  
of its principal executive office)

DONEGAL MUTUAL INSURANCE  
COMPANY 401(k) PLAN

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WITH  
SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE  
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001

AND

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Donegal Mutual Insurance Company  
401(k) Plan  
Marietta, Pennsylvania

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We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of Donegal Mutual Insurance Company 401(k) Plan as of December 31, 2002 and 2001, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of Donegal Mutual Insurance Company 401(k) Plan as of December 31, 2002 and 2001, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information included in Schedule H - Financial Information (Form 5500) Part IV Line 4i - Schedule of Assets Held for Investment Purposes At End of Year, referred to as "supplemental schedule", is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. This supplemental information is the responsibility of the Plan's management. The supplemental information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

McKonly & Asbury, LLP

/s/ McKONLY & ASBURY, LLP

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania  
June 24, 2003

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STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001

	2002		2001	
	Total	401 (k) Account	Money Purchase Pension Account	Pro Sha Acc
<b>Assets</b>				
Noninterest-bearing cash	\$ -	\$ 4,581,239	\$ 6,818,008	\$ 2,1
Receivables				
Employer contributions	-	51,204	-	
Participant contributions	-	77,394	-	
Total receivables	-	128,598	-	
Investments, at fair value				
Interest-bearing cash	2,387,301	-	-	
Common/collective trusts	1,374,227	-	-	
Registered investment companies	8,941,998	-	-	
Employer securities	1,479,770	12,726	1,178,708	2
Total investments	14,183,296	12,726	1,178,708	2
Total assets	14,183,296	4,722,563	7,996,716	2,3
Net assets available for benefits	\$ 14,183,296	\$ 4,722,563	\$ 7,996,716	\$ 2,3

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001

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	2002		2001	
	Total	401 (k) Account	Money Purchase Pension Account	Pro Shar Acco
<b>Additions</b>				
Contributions				
Employer	\$ 717,865	\$ 711,585	\$ -	\$ -
Participants	1,094,702	1,109,400	-	-
Rollover	344,991	112,035	-	-
	<u>2,157,558</u>	<u>1,933,020</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Investment income				
Interest	39,815	-	-	-
Dividends	51,781	382	44,192	-
Net realized/unrealized appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	(1,569,032)	(482,263)	(443,021)	(-)
	<u>(1,477,436)</u>	<u>(481,881)</u>	<u>(398,829)</u>	<u>(-)</u>
<b>Total additions</b>	<u>680,122</u>	<u>1,451,139</u>	<u>(398,829)</u>	<u>(-)</u>
<b>Deductions</b>				
Benefits paid to participants	1,581,660	262,972	740,419	-
Administrative expenses	-	14,920	24,403	-
	<u>1,581,660</u>	<u>277,892</u>	<u>764,822</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total deductions</b>	<u>1,581,660</u>	<u>277,892</u>	<u>764,822</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net increase (decrease)</b>	<u>(901,538)</u>	<u>1,173,247</u>	<u>(1,163,651)</u>	<u>(-)</u>
<b>Net assets available for benefits -</b>				
Beginning of year	15,084,834	3,549,316	9,160,367	2,000,000
	<u>15,084,834</u>	<u>3,549,316</u>	<u>9,160,367</u>	<u>2,000,000</u>
End of year	\$14,183,296	\$4,722,563	\$7,996,716	\$2,000,000
	<u>\$14,183,296</u>	<u>\$4,722,563</u>	<u>\$7,996,716</u>	<u>\$2,000,000</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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The following description of the Donegal Mutual Insurance Company (the Company) 401(k) Plan (Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

### General

The Plan is a defined contribution 401(k) plan, which became effective January 1, 1998. All employees of the Company as of May 1, 1998 are eligible to participate in the Plan immediately. All other employees will be eligible to participate as of the first day of the month after the month in which their employment with the Company commences. This Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The Company discontinued their Money Purchase Pension Plan and Profit Sharing Plan on December 31, 1999 and all assets from these two plans were transferred to the 401(k) Plan during the 2000 year. The transfer of investments consisted of cash and 51,110 shares of Donegal Group, Inc. common stock. Separate accounts were established to record the activity of the funds within the 401(k) Account, the Money Purchase Pension Account and the Profit Sharing Account. Effective January 1, 2002, the funds from all three Accounts have been combined and all 2002 activity is recorded on an aggregate basis.

### Contributions

Participants may contribute between 1% and 100% (between 1% and 15% in 2001) of their annual compensation up to the maximum limit established by the Internal Revenue Code. The Company will contribute, on behalf of each participant, a sum equal to 100% of the first 3% of participant deferrals and 50% of the next 6%.

### Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and an allocation of the following in accordance with Plan provisions: (a) the Company's contribution, (b) Plan earnings, and (c) forfeitures of terminated participants' nonvested accounts. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

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### 1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Cont'd)

#### Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their salary deferral contributions and earnings thereon, as well as all amounts that have been transferred into the Plan from the discontinued Money Purchase Pension Plan and Profit Sharing Plan. Vesting of employer matching contributions and earnings thereon is based on years of service. A participant is 100% vested after 3 years of credited service. Forfeitures arising from distributions to participants who are less than 100% vested will be reallocated to existing participants per guidelines established by the Plan. Forfeitures during 2002 and 2001 amounted to \$10,732 and \$10,277.

#### Payment of Benefits

The normal retirement date is the first of the month following attainment of age 65. Early retirement is possible at age 55. Benefits are paid in the form of a

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lump-sum distribution. There is a provision available to allow hardship withdrawals of benefits prior to termination of employment as defined in the Plan and in compliance with the Internal Revenue Code.

### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of changes in net assets available for benefits during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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#### Investments

Investments are valued at quoted market prices as determined by the Plan trustee. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

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### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

#### Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

### 3. INVESTMENTS

Transamerica Life Insurance and Annuity Company (Transamerica) was both the trustee and custodian which held the funds for the Plan and maintained an individual account for each participant during the 2001 year. Contributions made on a participant's behalf under the Plan were directly allocated to that participant's account. During the 2001 Plan year, contributions made to each

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participant's account were invested, based on the individual's direction, in one or more of nineteen pooled separate accounts or Company stock (see note 5 for Company stock transactions).

On December 31, 2001, the nineteen pooled separate accounts were converted to noninterest-bearing cash to facilitate the January 2, 2002 transfer of funds to Putnam Investments. The total amount of January 2, 2002 Transamerica assets transferred to Putnam Investments was \$13,500,749, of which \$4,581,239 was transferred from the 401(k) Account, \$6,818,008 was transferred from the Money Purchase Pension Account, and \$2,101,502 was transferred from the Profit Sharing Account. All Class A and Class B Donegal Group, Inc. common stock shares were also transferred to Putnam Investments on January 2, 2002.

Putnam Investments is both the trustee and custodian which holds the funds for the Plan during the 2002 year and maintains an individual account for each participant. Contributions made on a participant's behalf under the Plan will be directly allocated to that participant's account.

Contributions made to each participant's account will be invested, based on the individual's direction, in one or more of twenty investment options. The twenty options consist of one interest-bearing cash account (money market fund), two common collective trust funds, fifteen registered investment companies (mutual funds), and two classes of employer securities.

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#### 3. INVESTMENTS (Cont'd)

Investments as of December 31, 2002 and 2001 are summarized below (investments that represent 5% or more of the Plan's net assets are separately identified):

	2002	2001
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Interest-bearing cash - Putnam Money		
Market Fund	\$ 2,387,301	\$ -
Common collective trusts		
Putnam S&P 500 Index Fund	880,775	-
Other	493,452	-
Registered investment companies		
PIMCO Total Return	1,003,399	-
The Janus Fund	889,324	-
The George Putnam Fund of Boston	970,401	-
Putnam International Growth Fund	1,088,634	-
Putnam Equity Income Fund	2,028,325	-
Other	2,961,915	-
Employer securities		-
Class A Donegal Group, Inc. common stock	1,017,396	979,685
Other	462,374	475,802
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	\$14,183,296	\$1,455,487
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During the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001, the Plan's investments, (including investments bought, sold, and held during the year) appreciated (depreciated) in fair value as follows:



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	2002	2001
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Fair value as determined by the trustees		
Interest-bearing cash	\$ -	\$ -
Common collective trusts	(193,868)	-
Pooled separate accounts	-	(1,207,598)
Registered investment companies	(1,423,762)	-
Employer securities	48,598	150,644
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	\$ (1,569,032)	\$ (1,056,954)
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#### 4. TAX DETERMINATION

The Internal Revenue Service has determined and informed the Company by a letter dated December 12, 2001 that the Plan is designed in accordance with applicable sections of the INTERNAL REVENUE CODE (IRC). Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter, the Company believes the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

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#### 5. RELATED PARTY AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST

The Plan held 94,641 shares of Class A and 41,100 shares of Class B Donegal Group, Inc. common stock with fair values of \$1,017,396 and \$462,374 as of December 31, 2002. The Plan held 94,110 shares of Class A and 44,887 shares of Class B Donegal Group, Inc. common stock with fair values of \$979,685 and \$475,802 as of December 31, 2001. During April of 2001, the Company reclassified their existing common stock as Class B common stock and authorized a one-for-three reverse split of the Class B common stock. Simultaneously, a new class of common stock was authorized as Class A common stock and a stock dividend of two shares of Class A common stock for each share of Class B common stock held of record was declared. The net realized/ unrealized appreciation of the fair value of Donegal Group, Inc. common stock (including Class A and Class B) during 2002 and 2001 was \$48,598 and \$150,644. As of December 31, 2002 and 2001, the shares of Donegal Group, Inc. common stock represent more than 5% of net assets available for benefits.

Certain 2002 year Plan investments are interest-bearing cash, common collective trusts and registered investment companies managed by Putnam Investments. Putnam

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Investments is the trustee as defined by the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

Certain 2001 year Plan investments were pooled separate accounts managed by Transamerica. Transamerica was the trustee for the 2001 year as defined by the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Certain administrative functions are performed by officers or employees of the Plan's sponsor. No such officer or employee receives compensation from the Plan. Primarily all of the trustee fees and audit fees were paid directly by the Company in 2001 and all of the trustee fees and audit fees were paid directly by the Company in 2002.

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7. PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed an intention to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100% vested in their accounts.

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Schedule H (Form 5500)  
Part IV - Transactions During Plan Year  
Line 4i - Schedule of Assets Held for Investment Purposes At End of Year  
Name of Plan Sponsor: Donegal Mutual Insurance Company  
Name of Plan: Donegal Mutual Insurance Company 401(k) Plan  
Employer Identification Number: 23-1336198  
Three-digit Plan Number: 003  
Year Ending December 31, 2002

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(a) (b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party (c) Description of investment, including maturity date, rate of interest,

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collateral, or maturity value

*	Putnam Money Market Fund	Money Market Fund
Total interest-bearing cash		
*	Putnam Bond Index Fund	Common Collective Trust
*	Putnam S & P 500 Index Fund	Common Collective Trust
Total common collective trusts		
*	Putnam Capital Opportunities Fund	Mutual Fund
	MSIF Small Company Growth Fund	Mutual Fund
	PIMCO Total Return	Mutual Fund
	The Janus Fund	Mutual Fund
*	The George Putnam Fund of Boston	Mutual Fund
*	Putnam Voyager Fund	Mutual Fund
*	Putnam Research Fund	Mutual Fund
*	Putnam Asset Allocation - Growth Portfolio	Mutual Fund
*	Putnam Asset Allocation - Balanced Portfolio	Mutual Fund
*	Putnam Asset Allocation - Conservative Portfolio	Mutual Fund

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*	Putnam International Growth Fund	Mutual Fund
*	Putnam Equity Income Fund	Mutual Fund
*	Putnam Mid Cap Value Fund	Mutual Fund
	Alger Midcap Growth Institutional Portfolio	Mutual Fund
	Neuberger & Berman Genesis Trust	Mutual Fund
	Total registered investment companies (mutual funds)	
*	Donegal Group, Inc.	Common stock, Class A, 94,641 shares
*	Donegal Group, Inc.	Common stock, Class B, 41,100 shares
	Total employer securities	
	Total investments	
	* Party-in-interest	
	** Historical cost information has not been disclosed for these participant-directed invest	

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the trustees (or other persons who administer the employee benefit plan) have duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto

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duly authorized in Marietta, Pennsylvania on June 27, 2003.

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By: /s/ Donald H. Nikolaus

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Donald H. Nikolaus, Trustee

By: /s/ Ralph G. Spontak

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Ralph G. Spontak, Trustee

By: /s/ Daniel J. Wagner

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Daniel J. Wagner, Trustee

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Description
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23	Consent of McKonly & Asbury LLP (filed herewith)
99	Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith)

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