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Your Supporter Newsletter



YOU DID IT!

Thank you for giving Nurses for Night Care an amazing €90,000 boost just when it was most needed.

Facing the loss of a loved one due to a serious illness is always an upsetting and traumatic experience. Many families want to care for their loved one at home rather than in a hospital.

But it's hard, sometimes impossible, for this to happen. Good night nursing care during the last few days makes a real difference.

If the illness is cancer, then families have access to the Irish Cancer Society's excellent night nursing service. For people with advanced illnesses such as Heart Disease, Respiratory Disease, Multiple Sclerosis and Motor Neurone Disease - we have developed the Nurses for Night Care Service.

Every year in Ireland, more than 250 families use Nurses for Night Care, which is funded by the Irish Hospice Foundation. This service

is only possible because we work with the Irish Cancer Society and their network of highly trained nurses. But without your support we could not keep it running. Which is why we're so grateful for your incredible response to our appeal in the Spring.

Together you raised an amazing €90,000 for this critically important service, which will provide an incredible 232 nights of nursing care. Thank you so much.

This support is vital to families like Sarah Prendergast's - who lost her husband, John, to Motor Neurone Disease.

"Having John at home was really important for us," she says. "Thanks to Nurses for Night Care, John was able to stay at home right to the end. Just like he wanted."

That's the vital difference your support is making for families in this difficult situation right now. In fact, wonderful people like you are currently helping around 21 families a month in this important way.

Thank you so much for your kindness, your compassion and your willingness to help make this possible.





Left to Right: Sandra Daly, Bridie O'Sullivan, Margaret McKiernan at the official launch of the HFH programme in Mercy University Hospital.

You helped us bring another hospital into the HFH fold!

The Mercy University Hospital in Cork is now linked to the Hospice Friendly Hospitals (HFH) Programme - thank you for helping us make it all possible.

The last five years have seen some amazing achievements made possible by the incredible generosity of Irish Hospice Foundation supporters like you. Not least among them is the tremendous growth of our Hospice Friendly Hospitals (HFH) programme.

When we first launched this initiative five years ago we had many interested hospitals. Today there are 60 hospitals linked to the programme all over the country.

With the commitment, belief and generous nature of people like you, hospitals are changing how they view death and dying.

The Mercy University Hospital (MUH) officially launched their involvement in the HFH programme following the culmination of a year's work, including the development of a programme for all hospital staff focusing on awareness and communication at end of life.

And the introduction of resources such as a family handover bag, sympathy cards and the use of a mortuary trolley drape. Thanks to your support, all of these initiatives will enhance the care of MUH patients and their families during one of the most difficult times in their lives.

Hollywood actor Gabriel Byrne - who has also been a supporter of the HFH Programme since its inception - commented on the programme's success.

“The list of achievements of the HFH Programme have been extensive and ground breaking, he said. Many of the most impactful developments such as the Family Handover Bag are simple but powerful. Staff are at the core of all of these developments. They came up with the ideas, highlighted issues that needed to be addressed, carried out the research and undertook the training - often on their days off! I wish the programme well in the future.”

Watch this space for more good news in the future - and thank you so much for the vital part you're playing in this success.

New Irish Childhood Bereavement Network launched.

Irish Hospice Foundation will host the network for the first two years.

We know that some children need professional help dealing with the loss of a brother, sister or parent. A Scoping Study commissioned by the Irish Hospice Foundation found significant weaknesses in the provision of children's bereavement and training in Ireland.

Because of this, we are delighted to be a founding member of the new Irish Childhood Bereavement Network, which will act as a hub for people working with bereaved children, young people and their families in Ireland.

According to Dr Susan Delaney, Bereavement Services Manager at the Irish Hospice Foundation, the aim of the network is to facilitate easy access to a choice of high quality local and national information, guidance and support to enable children to manage the impact of death and the loss in their lives.

“Grief is a normal response and the first point of support for children lies in the family,” she said. “But when a parent is grieving he or she may not be emotionally available to their children and additional support

may be needed. The network will be a very valuable resource and allow for the development of a comprehensive directory of services for healthcare professionals. Ultimately, the Irish Childhood Bereavement Network is about ensuring that every bereaved child gets the most appropriate support for them, when and where they need it.”

We are thrilled to be hosting the network for the first two years, and hope that our loyal and committed supporters will help us to make as much of a success of this ground-breaking initiative as you did with the Children's Hospice Home Care Programme.



*Left to Right:
Sharon Foley,
CEO, Irish Hospice
Foundation, and
Frances Fitzgerald,
Minister for
Children and
Youth Affairs*

Cyclists pedal €110,000 into Nurses for Night Care

After an amazing five days of gruelling cycling, 47 dedicated Irish cyclists completed the 665km Kingspan IHF Cycle Challenge from Lyon to Nice to raise money for the Irish Hospice Foundation.

A huge thank you goes out to all the cyclists, and to all the amazing people who sponsored their efforts. Together they raised an incredible €110,000 for our Nurses for Night Care service.

Thanks also to Kingspan, who have kindly sponsored our annual cycle challenge for the past three years, and to everyone who steps up to take part.

If you're interested in taking on the 2013 Atlantic to Med cycle challenge, contact Amy on 01 6793188 or email her at amy.vaughan@hospicefoundation.ie.

Left to Right: Dermot Gough, Syd Nagle, Rachael Dunne, Marie Lynch & Patrick O'Hagan



Left to Right: Samara Jones, Brian Kennedy and Tara O'Sullivan at the Thank You Day launch.

GEARING UP FOR THANK YOU DAY

Thursday 22nd November, will mark our third National Thank You Day – a day aimed at encouraging people to remember all they have to be thankful for.

If you'd like to support Thank You Day, you can purchase cards through www.thankyouday.ie or www.hospicefoundation.ie. Or, you might consider purchasing our Thank You book, full of inspiring messages of thanks from well-known figures, such as Gabriel Byrne, Cecilia Ahern and Seamus Heaney.

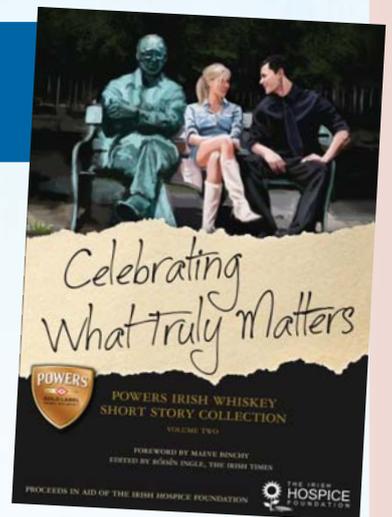
POWERS SHORT STORY COMPETITION

Celebrating What Truly Matters Volume 2 is a follow up to the successful Volume 1, which was published last year.

Volume 2 is a compilation of over 50 short stories from the best entries to the second Powers Short Story

Competition, which ran in the Irish Times Magazine. In the pages of the book you will find stories that will bring you to tears, ones that will make you giggle, and others that will take your breath away. The entries reflect a feeling of hope and a real sense of what truly matters to all of us, things that cannot be bought or sold.

You can order them online at www.hospicefoundation.ie or www.thankyouday.ie



Have you met our door-to-door fundraising team?

If you're one of the wonderful people who've given generously to our door to door fundraising team, you'll probably recognise a few of these faces.

Our fab five became a super six when Lila Carroll joined the team recently. Together, they're forging important links with compassionate and giving members of the public who want to support the advance of the hospice philosophy in Ireland.

Thank you so much for your amazing support!



Our door-to-door team: From L to R: Michael Cordial, Michael Hurley, Lila Carroll, Chris Murray, Christy Corrigan. Missing: Kevin Clarke

If you've met any of our door to door fundraisers, and would like to share your feedback with us, we'd love to hear from you!

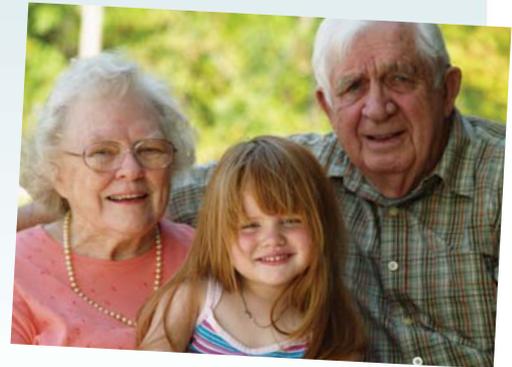
Contact Mary Tupper on 01 679 3188 or via email at mary.tupper@hospice-foundation.ie.

HOW YOUR GENEROSITY CAN LIVE ON...

Naming a charity whose work is close to your heart in your will is a wonderful and profoundly satisfying act of generosity.

And for people like you, who believe in the hospice approach to death and dying, leaving a legacy to the Irish Hospice Foundation has particular significance. Because your lasting gift will continue to help others long after you have gone yourself.

As you may know, the Irish Hospice Foundation receives no core funding from the government and relies entirely on charitable donations from generous people like you to fund our programmes. Because of this, legacies from caring supporters are incredibly important to our work.



If you're thinking about naming the Irish Hospice Foundation as a beneficiary in your will and would like to speak to someone about it, please contact Paddy Delaney on 01 679 3188, or email him at paddy.delaney@hospice-foundation.ie.

We're one of Mrs Brown's Boys now!

The Irish Hospice Foundation is delighted to announce that we have joined the wonderful Charity 25 group, whose national patron is the infamous Mrs Brown.

Charity 25 was set up to raise funds specifically for Irish charities, so that all the money donated can benefit people here in Ireland.

You may well have seen Mrs. Brown fronting their €2WILLDO text campaign, which hopes to

raise €500,000 a year. For every €2 text donation, €1.94 is divided equally between all 25 Irish charities. So as you can imagine, we're delighted to become a part of this wonderful initiative.



To donate €2 a month, text the words 2WILLDO to 57802.

AXA boost for Children's Hospice Home Care Programme

AXA Insurance believes so much in the work of our Children's Hospice Home Care programme that they decided last year to become an official fundraising partner.



Staff at Finglas branch and AXA management presenting the cheque to Mary Millea, Business Development & Corporate Fundraiser, IHF

AXA launched its partnership with the Irish Hospice Foundation in May 2011 setting a target of €100,000. Staff members across 43 branches then rose to the challenge, showing their commitment and passion for the programme by beating the target by 30% reaching a total of €131,000. What an amazing boost for this incredibly important programme!

Our profound thanks go out to everyone who took part and worked so hard to raise these much needed funds.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

We are offering a beautiful new range of Christmas Cards this year with 12 festive designs to choose from.

Cards come in a pack of 8 for just €6.99 plus P&P. The full range of cards can be seen on our website www.hospicefoundation.ie. You can order them online, by email at fundraising@hospice-foundation.ie, or by ringing our office on 01 679 3188. These cards will be available from the end of October.

Purchasing Christmas cards helps support the work of the Irish Hospice Foundation.



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