

MAKING MEMORIES

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YOUR SUPPORTER NEWSLETTER

IRISHMAE LOVES MUSIC THERAPY!

Your generosity allows Irishmae to enjoy every little moment in LauraLynn!



Thank you for opening your heart to children like Irishmae.

- Thanks to you, Irishmae and children like her get to enjoy her favourite things, like the sensory bath and music therapy, in LauraLynn.
- More children than ever are being referred to our services.
- Your kind gift today will help another child like Irishmae.

Your big heart made it possible for Irishmae and her family to enjoy precious respite stays in LauraLynn.

This beautiful girl was born with cerebral palsy. She also suffers with seizures. While she sleeps, she sometimes stops breathing.

At night Irishmae needs an oxygen machine to help her breathe and a suction machine to stop her from choking when she swallows.

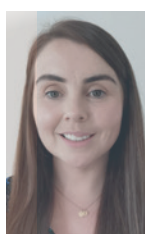
Like all parents, Ruby and William only want what's best for Irishmae.

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As you can probably imagine, caring for their daughter every hour of every day is exhausting.

Her father tells us, "We want to care for her and to always be by her side. But we also need some time to ourselves."

Thanks to you, Irishmae can come to LauraLynn and soak in our sensory bath, while looking up at the bright lights. She also loves listening to calming songs during music therapy sessions.

And while Irishmae is having a ball

Wish Irishmae a happy birthday - send back her birthday card with your gift!

in LauraLynn, her parents get some much-needed rest, knowing their daughter is in good hands.

"We have peace of mind. The nurses in LauraLynn take care of Irishmae like their own family. We are very thankful. They can take care of Irishmae whenever we need to relax and breathe."

Your support makes everything that we do for children like Irishmae and her family possible. Thank you for sharing your big heart with Irishmae and her family.

Irishmae and her family.



We're seeing more families than ever who need our services. Will you send a gift today to help another child like Irishmae?

MACIEJ, OUR STAFF MEMBER WHO WAS 'ON THE GROUND' SAYS THANK YOU!

How you helped children in Ukraine:

Your kindness brought vital food and medicine to children and their families.

Maciej, a member of our Facilities Team flew to Poland in April to coordinate a donation of urgently-needed supplies to the All-Ukrainian Association of Hospice and Palliative Care.

Mattresses and blankets. Nappies and clothes. Food and basic medical supplies.

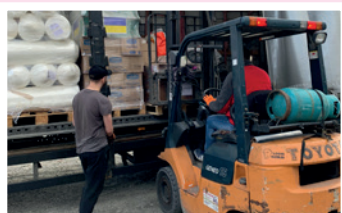
These are the precious gifts you've given to families of children with life-limiting conditions in Ukraine.

For families of children with life-limiting conditions who have fled Ukraine your support means everything.

Thanks to our incredible family of supporters – of which you are a vital part – LauraLynn will help families of children with life-limiting conditions in the most difficult circumstances.

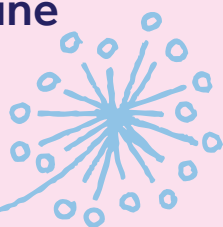


Maciej in Poland



A shipment of life-saving supplies you made possible

Thank you for bringing care, comfort and medicine to children in Ukraine.



Our new satellite service in Cork has opened – thanks to YOU!



Regional Hub Team Lead, Marie Lynch

- The new Cork-based service will add an additional layer of support to children in counties Cork and Kerry.
- Through each new satellite service, families will receive community and home based support.
- We're aiming to **DOUBLE** the number of children LauraLynn helps by 2024 – will you help us?

We want to be able to support up to 400 families – double the number we're currently able to help.

Please will you send a gift today to make this happen?

Thanks to you, our new satellite service in Cork has opened.

This means that families living in counties Cork and Kerry, who may have had difficulty accessing LauraLynn services in the home, now can, which is great news.

As Marie Lynch, our Regional Hub Team Lead explains, the satellite service in Cork will work collaboratively with services that already exist in the regions.

"Rather than replacing or filling any gaps, we will be complementing the existing supports to children and their families in that region."

Your support and commitment has benefited so many families. Now you're helping us expand the number of families we help in Dublin and all across Ireland.

With your help, we will double the number of families we can support by 2024.

WILL YOU SEND A GIFT TODAY? Help us expand our reach to help even more children in Ireland who need LauraLynn.

“Our memories of Muireann are precious.”

Muireann's mum, Gina

- You helped us raise €350,000 last Christmas – THANK YOU!
- Muireann's mum is overwhelmed by your generosity.
- Thanks to you, more families were able to create precious and lasting memories in LauraLynn this year.



“She loved snuggles and kisses. Muireann was always smiling.” Muireann's mam

Last Christmas Muireann's mam, Gina, wrote to you to tell you about her special little girl.

You helped the whole family when Muireann was alive. You were there for them during Muireann's last few months.

And through your support, you continue to be there for Muireann's family.

When we told Gina about the generosity you and all of our supporters had shown, she asked us to share this message with you:

“THANK YOU. And know that your support instils some sunshine and a little hope to the lives of many children with life-limiting conditions where there is no reasonable hope of a cure.”

Muireann's three favourite things were light, music and water. Through your kindness and support, you gave her all of these things in LauraLynn.

Thank you for the special and unforgettable moments you gave Muireann and her whole family. And for the love and support you continue to give them.



Muireann and her loving family



Muireann's family will never forget your kindness. Your gift today will help another family like hers.

How Mary's love for children will live forever

- You can help create special and unforgettable moments for children who'll need LauraLynn in the future.
- Gifts left to us in Wills by kind-hearted supporters like you make all the difference.



Anne and her family sadly lost their sister Mary, in May 2020.

Two years on, Anne reflects lovingly on the legacy her sister left behind.

"Mary was a person of exceptional generosity, both with her time and love extended to others."

Mary loved to read, to study, and to teach. She taught English for most of her life.

Anne told us her sister's greatest claim to fame was teaching English to the Dalai Lama!

However, Mary's greatest love was for people, especially children.

When Mary died, her wish was that once her family was taken care of, assistance would be provided to causes that held a special place in her heart.

"It distressed Mary greatly hearing of children who were ill or in pain. Mary would be very happy to know that her money is going to LauraLynn to help children in need."

Generosity. Caring. A love of children. These are wonderful qualities that any donor shares with Mary.

If you are thinking about remembering LauraLynn with a gift in your Will, Ruth Rowan, our Special Gifts Manager, would love to speak with you. You can reach her on 01 289 3151, or email her at rrowan@lauralynn.ie

A gift in your Will to LauraLynn is a wonderful way to make your kind nature, and your love for children live on.



REMEMBER YOUR SURVEY?

Find out what you and our other amazing supporters think

Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us in our spring online survey.

We are grateful for supporters like you who took the time to share their views in our recent survey.

Here are some of the messages we received. You had so many lovely things to say!

"The families in your care remind me of the most important things in life."

"You all do a fantastic job. I'm proud to be a supporter in the very small way I'm able to."

"I love seeing the smiles on the children's faces when they see the support they're getting."

Your answers, and the kind things you wrote back to us, will help us improve how we keep in touch with you, and find more kind and wonderful supporters like you.

Because the truth is, so much of the work we do to help children and their families wouldn't happen without you!

If you requested any information from us in your survey, we'll be in touch with you soon!



And the SUMMER RAFFLE winners are...

Thanks to all of you who bought or sold tickets.

Here are our winners:

1st PRIZE: Brian Hall

2nd PRIZE: Kim Palmer

3rd PRIZE: Thomas Doohan

SELLERS DRAW: Anne Corvin

By supporting our raffle, you're helping children like Zara live the little moments, which makes a HUGE impact on families who depend on LauraLynn.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Zara enjoys every little moment in LauraLynn – thanks to you!

