

Like you, Joann Hevey, does everything she can... and more, to help the children and families in LauraLynn.

"I work for Arachas, who look after the insurance for LauraLynn, and that's how I got involved. My colleague, Guy Percival, introduced me to them, and as soon as I saw the amazing work they do, I wanted to help in any way I could."

Joann has been helping to raise funds and finding new ways to help LauraLynn for 12 years now. And this year, she didn't just take part in LauraLynn's 24Hour Treadmill Challenge, she convinced her workmates to join her.

"I said to my workmates, walk, run, or if you have to, crawl. I had all the slots booked for our treadmill, except from 2am to 4am – and when one of the lads heard that, he came back after already doing his two hours, and ran the extra two hours on his own."



When you think about a children's hospice, you imagine it would be a sad place, but it's not. It's all about happiness and positivity.
LauraLynn Supporter, Joann Hevey



Come see your kindness in action.

This year we're hosting our annual LauraLynn Open Day on Monday 8th September, from 2 - 6pm, and as one of our most valued supporters we'd love you to come along.

Our clinical team will bring you on a tour of the hospice, meeting some of the staff members along the way, and show you first-hand the incredible difference you make.

If you'd like to attend the Open Day please contact us at fundraising@lauralynn.ie – we'd love to see you there.



Did you win big in our Summer Raffle?

Thanks to all of you who took part and huge congratulations to our wonderful winners:

- 1st Prize – Abby O'Mahoney
- 2nd Prize – Pat Hegarty
- 3rd Prize – Pat Phipps
- Seller's Prize – Margaret Collinge

But, of course, the real winners were the children and families in LauraLynn.

Thank you to everyone who took part. And, remember, if you would like to help even more you can make a kind donation today by scanning the QR code below.



Make your loving care last a lifetime.

Your kind support for LauraLynn enriches the lives of so many children and families living with life-limiting conditions. A gift in your Will could mean your values of care and compassion will live on, helping to make every day a precious day for the children and families in LauraLynn.

If you would like to know more about leaving a gift to LauraLynn in your Will, chat to Brian McLoughlin on 083 3318863 or email bmcloughlin@lauralynn.ie today.



Making Memories



You make every day a LauraLynn Day.

Inside, read about the special moments and precious memories that you make possible in LauraLynn.

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Meet Malgosia and her family and see how your kindness is helping to fill their lives with loving care and precious memories.

Malgosia loves music. You can tell that because, every time she comes to LauraLynn and the staff play music for her, she starts laughing. That means the world to her mum Grazyna:

“When Malgosia starts laughing I know she’s happy. She’s not feeling the pain. That is great.”

When Malgosia was just six weeks old, she began to have seizures. Sometimes as many as 200 per day. She is now 12 years old and needs 24 Hour care.

But because so many LauraLynn supporters like you continue to do everything you can and more to help families like Malgosia’s, this special little girl can now get the help and support she needs.

As her mum Grazyna explains:

“When we got a place in LauraLynn I was so happy. For Malgosia, LauraLynn is like a holiday. LauraLynn is like one big happy family. They’re always smiling and we know that Malgosia is in really good hands. When Malgosia is in LauraLynn, we can relax and



do things with our other children, Zophia and Hanaia – simple things like swimming, or taking a walk.”

And thanks to your wonderful donations to LauraLynn, our expert staff are also able to provide Malgosia and her family with expert loving care in their own home.

“The nurses are so friendly and they try to help me too, to relax and not worry. I’m never scared to ask LauraLynn if I have a problem. And they understand me. I call and they are always there. Our lives are completely different now. We can have a normal life. And spend time with our other children. That is so important.”

The special LauraLynn moment you make possible.

Every time Malgosia is in LauraLynn they do these special baths with lights around for her. She really likes the lights. I know it’s relaxing for her.

Grazyna, Malgosia’s mum

Inside Children’s Hospice Week. A Magical Week of Care and Support.

Children’s Hospice Week is a very special time for LauraLynn. It is the only week in the year dedicated to raising awareness for children’s hospice and palliative care in Ireland.

It’s also a wonderful opportunity to highlight the extraordinary challenges that families like Malgosia’s have to face every day – while also celebrating the incredible lengths caring people like you go to help and support LauraLynn families on their journey.

This year’s event took place in May and was filled with all sorts of wonderful events like our Hero Day for schools and creches and of course our amazing 24Hour Treadmill Challenge, where an amazing team of supporters and celebrity friends helped to raise vital funds for LauraLynn.

Thank you all for your endless kindness and amazing support.



Our Family Fun Day

Your kindness in bloom.

Every year, we add a new element to our Memorial Garden, taking the leaves from the Memorial Tree – which hold the names of the children who have died – and using them to make a lovely new element in the garden.

This year, we’re introducing a beautiful fern, which will help us to remember and celebrate the short and precious lives of the of these LauraLynn children.



The latest addition to the Memorial Garden.

Meet Roisin Gleeson and read how your donations are helping to provide vital support to children all over Ireland.



“Hi, my name is Roisin and I’m the Clinical Nurse Manager here in LauraLynn’s community hub in Mallow. I work with a team of six nurses, a music therapist and a play therapist.

Thanks to the help we get from LauraLynn supporters like you, our team can offer a really bespoke form of care for children and families in their own homes.

The donations LauraLynn receives have also made it possible for us to begin to run special Sibling Camps, which bring the brothers and sisters of children with life limiting conditions together, where they can talk about their siblings in a safe space and build those connections with each other.

That’s what makes the LauraLynn service so special. Because it’s not just about the nursing care. It’s also about the emotional and social support for families.

The wonderful support that we receive is making it possible for us to develop this service and move into different counties and reach even more people in rural areas. So we can provide therapeutic support for even more families who are going through this journey.”

Roisin and her LauraLynn community team will continue to be there for families whenever they need – all through their child’s journey, from diagnosis to end of life and beyond into bereavement care.

It’s all thanks to your never-ending love and support. Thank you!