

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR CANCER APPEAL FOR ST VINCENT'S DAY WARD

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Did you know

- The Mater Hospital is a designated centre of excellence for patient care including cancer treatment.
- The Mater Hospital offers a national service for cancer sufferers from all over Ireland
- Over 8,600 patients are treated in St Vincent's Day Ward every year.
- There is currently no designated, purpose built Day Ward for Cancer patients in the Mater Public Hospital.
- We urgently need to raise €1.5million to equip a new Day Ward that will be constructed with funding from the HSE.





About our Cancer Appeal

The Cancer Appeal at the Mater Foundation raises much needed funds for cancer services at the Mater Hospital. Funds raised through this new appeal will be used to equip St Vincent's Day Ward, our new Cancer Day Ward.

The new Day Ward is long awaited and very much needed, the current ward is congested and cramped, leading to daily challenges in the running and maintaining of high standards in a Ward with gravely ill patients. Our new modern Day Ward will comfortably accommodate over 8,600 patients who come through the Day Ward each year.

Every day up to 40-45 people receive critical, lifesaving treatment in this Day Ward at a very vulnerable time in their lives.



An impression of what the new St Vincent's Day Ward will look like.



A photo of what the space currently looks like.

The care on the Ward is second to none however the facilities are no longer suitable for the number of patients being treated and a new state of the art facility is urgently needed.

Through the eyes of a patient

"I will never forget the week after my fourth session of Chemo. I think it had a lot to do with the clump of hair I found on my pillow, the sores in my mouth and the feeling of constant exhaustion. I hit a wall – the loneliness I felt just added to the black cloud of depression that hit me out of the blue. I just wanted to shut the world out and take to my bed.

I distinctly remember picking up the phone that day to Karen, the nurse in St Vincent's Day Ward. As soon as she picked up the phone my tears started. Her comforting voice calmed me immediately as she listened to my concerns. There is no doubt that the Day Ward, although busy and cramped, was my "comfort blanket". The staff were incredible and no words of mine could do justice to their kindness and professionalism. I felt so safe when I was with them. They always had time for each and every patient and yet you could see how much pressure they were under.

Two years on I am fit and well, thank God. Now it is my time to give something back to the medical team and the hundreds of patients who will have to walk in my shoes. That is why I am supporting the Mater Cancer Appeal. To date with the help of friends and family I have raised €5,000. It amazes me that whether it is a cake sale or a pub quiz the generosity of the Irish never fails."

Angela Ryan, aged 43, teacher and mother of 2, Dublin 7



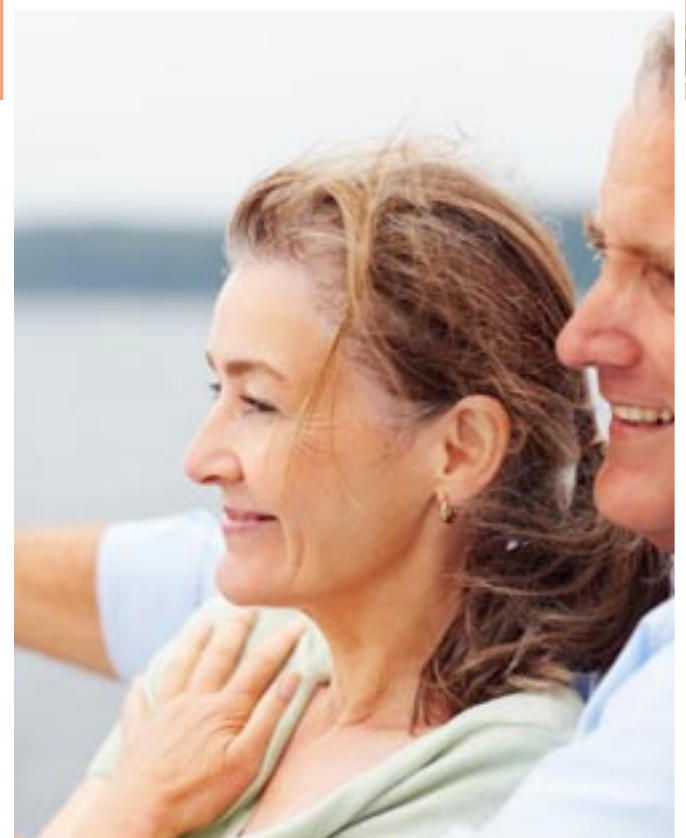
Cancer's just Half the Battle

In St Vincent's Day Ward at the moment conditions are challenging for the 45 patients receiving treatment each day.

- Very little privacy for patients.
- Difficult to preserve the dignity of patients.
- Cramped spaces for nurses to try and carry out their work as respectfully and professionally as possible.
- No pre-assessment area and no consultation room

What the new space will offer...

- Space
- Privacy
- Comfort
- Dignity
- Hope



Why we urgently need your help

The HSE has granted €2.75million to design and construct the new cancer Day Ward in the Mater Hospital's Whitty Building. It is now up to the Mater Foundation to try and raise €1.5million to equip this space.

Thanks to generosity of many supporters, efforts have already started to raise much needed funds for this worthy appeal but we still need your support. Funds raised will help to:

- Build a 25 cubicle day ward that is comfortable and inviting for patients therefore enhancing the care they receive.
- Create a space which ensures that the privacy and dignity of patients and their families are respected during a very difficult time e.g. private consulting



rooms and treatment rooms.

- Provide hospital staff with the space and tools they need to provide excellent care to patients and support to families.
- Equip St Vincent's Day Ward to the highest clinical standards.
- Make provision for future expansion of the services as treatments become more advanced and varied.

How you can help

We would be delighted if you would like to fundraise or donate to the Cancer Appeal at the Mater Foundation. Some of the ways in which you can help are

- Make a donation to the Cancer Appeal at the Mater Foundation.
- Consider making a donation to the Cancer Appeal at the Mater Foundation in lieu of wedding favours.
- Take part in a fundraising event for example participate in a triathlon, marathon, mini marathon or sponsored walk or organise a fundraising event in your local community.
- Sponsor a piece of equipment e.g a comfortable chair or a transfusion pump.



- Consider leaving a legacy gift to the Cancer Appeal at the Mater Foundation.

All individual efforts no matter how small will go a long way; added to the fund even the smallest gift has the ability to achieve amazing things. Your support will be greatly appreciated and the success of your efforts will be evident for years to come in the new Day Ward.

For more information please contact 01-8303482

WE CAN'T FIX ST VINCENT'S DAY WARD WITHOUT YOU. PLEASE GIVE WHAT YOU CAN.

The Mater Foundation will be hugely grateful for your support. If you would like to make a once off gift or a regular gift please complete either 1 or 2 below and return this form together with your CHEQUE, POSTAL ORDER or CREDIT CARD DETAILS to: The Mater Foundation, FREEPOST F4360, 54 Eccles Street, Dublin 7. Thank you.

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