

## How You Helped Ronnie Face the Fight of His Life...

*One day Ronnie was a fit and healthy 48-year-old father of two. The next day, he was hearing the words: “You have prostate cancer.” This is how your kindness helped Ronnie through the most difficult moments of his life...*

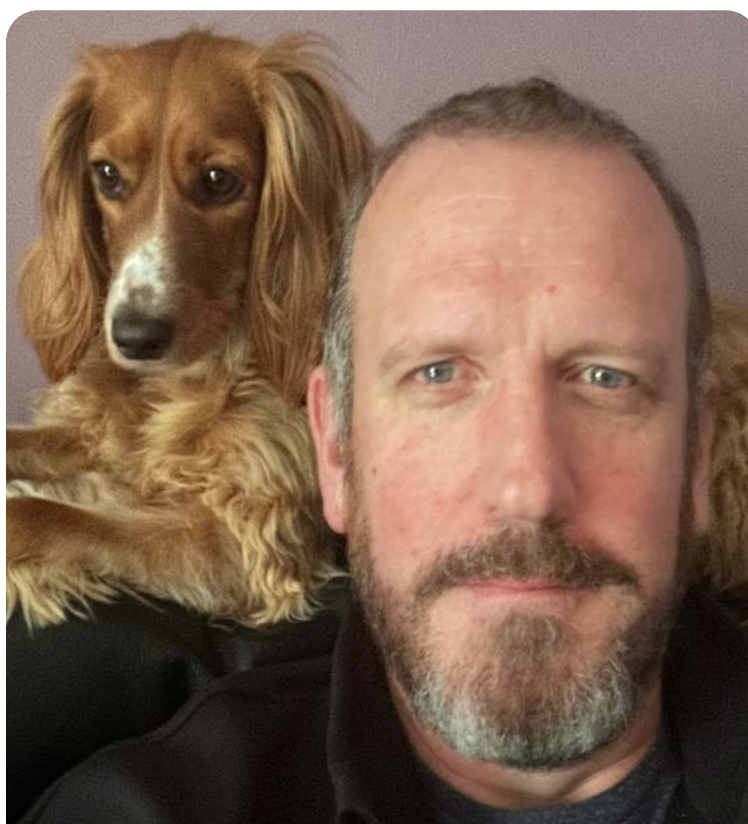
It was meant to be just a routine health check at his GP. Within days, Ronnie was at the Mater receiving a diagnosis of stage 3 prostate cancer.

And yet, despite the shock, Ronnie says — “I’m one of the lucky ones.”

Lucky because his cancer was caught early. Lucky because he was referred to the Mater. And lucky because your kindness was with him every step of the way — from the expert hands that cared for him, to the specialist equipment your generosity helps provide.

### **“I’m going to be alright”**

Ronnie was weighed down with worry when he first arrived for treatment. But



*“You’re never ready to hear the news you have stage 3 cancer... you just feel numb.”*

— Ronnie with his little dog, Daisy —

the moment he met his Mater care team, that all changed. He felt the reassuring steadiness of our specialists. He felt your kindness, and

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**Inside:** Heartfelt messages of gratitude just for you...



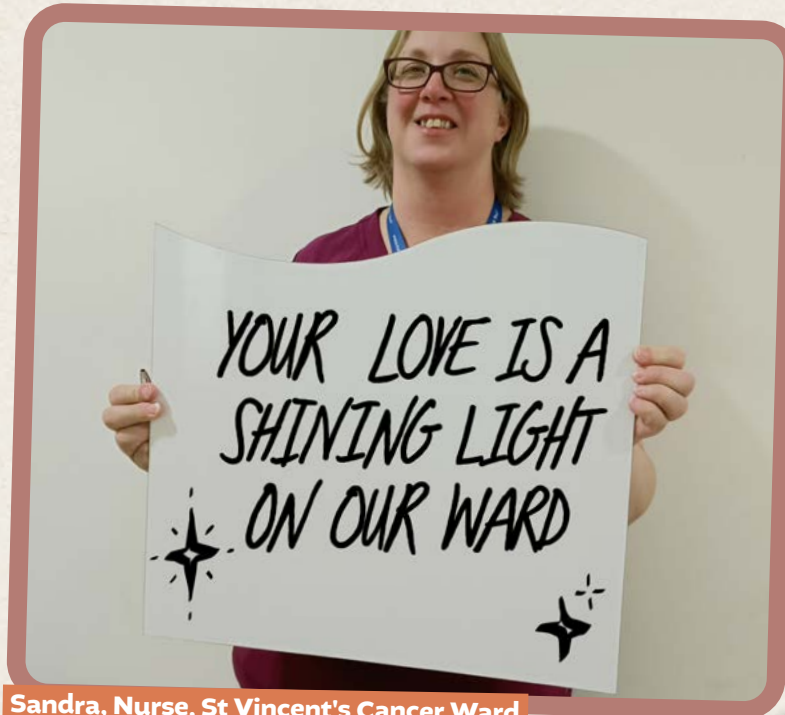


# From Your Heart to Our Hands...

*Every day, your kindness travels through our Mater wards — in every heartbeat monitored, every meal served, every scan taken, every hand held. And we're forever grateful for you...*



Barbara, Catering (Cancer Ward)



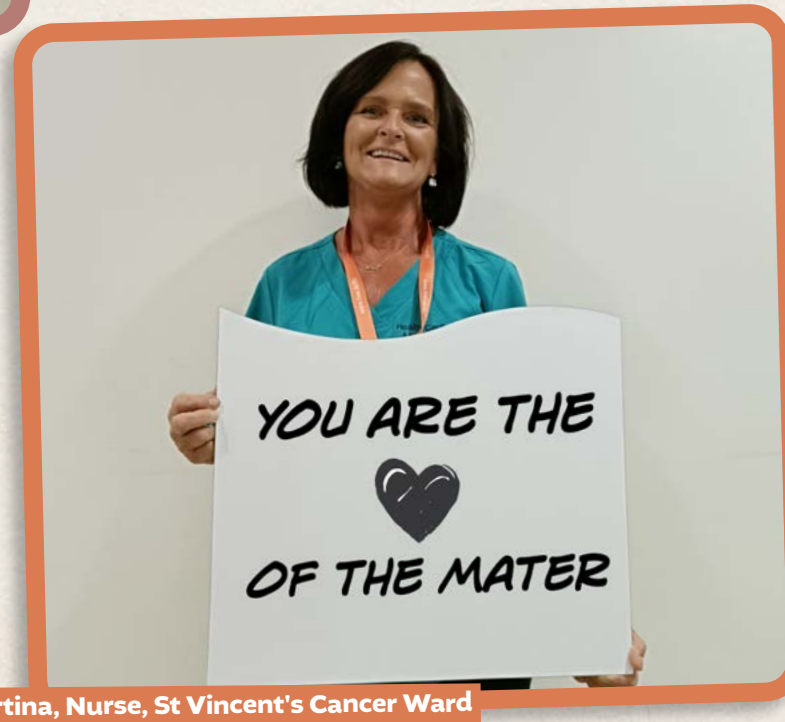
Sandra, Nurse, St Vincent's Cancer Ward



Olive, Senior Physiotherapist, Heart & Lung Transplant Ward.

The Mater is such a special place... I don't think I could have had better care anywhere in the world."

~ Caoimhe, Mater patient ~



Martina, Nurse, St Vincent's Cancer Ward

"I was diagnosed with one of the worst cancers you can get. But when I was here, I wasn't afraid... I had 110% faith in my incredible Mater team."

~ Daniel, Cancer patient ~



Mary and Tom, Mater Hospital Foundation



Jordan, Porter

The team at the Mater were phenomenal. They saved my life more than once. I'm so grateful..."

~ Danny, Cancer patient ~

*From every ward, every corridor, every bedside — your kindness is felt in every moment of care at the Mater. Thank you!*



## Your kindness helped give Ronnie his future back. Thank you.

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for the first time since that phone call from his GP, he felt hope. *"I thought, I'm going to be alright — I'm going to get through this."*

Ronnie underwent major prostate cancer surgery soon after, followed by radiation therapy and close monitoring. Thanks to the exceptional care your kindness provides, today **Ronnie is cancer-free.**

He says he'll never forget the compassion he felt at the Mater, or the people like you who made his care possible.

### Your kindness, returned...

Like so many people who've felt the power of your generosity at the Mater, Ronnie wants to pay it forward.

Recently, he took part in our "Dickie Dip" — where brave men from across Ireland plunge into freezing waters, wearing nothing but a bowtie, to raise funds for The Mater Hospital Foundation and awareness of prostate cancer. "I want to turn my diagnosis, into something positive," he says.



*"I feel blessed I've come out the other side of this and am still here to tell the tale."*

— Ronnie —

**Because of you, Ronnie felt care and hope when he needed it most. Thank you ♥**

## Your Kindness at Christmastime

*"On Christmas morning, the ward felt wrapped in love, and so much of that was because of you. Thank you!"*

~ Nurse Sara

**T**hanks to your kindness, patients spending Christmas on our cancer ward felt comfort, dignity and blanketed in love.

Your generosity helped families stay close, and brought moments of joy into a place that can be incredibly heavy at

Christmastime.

Your kind words hung on one of the ward's Christmas trees — patients stopped to read, families felt your love, nurses hearts' were lifted...

**Thank you for lighting up the Mater with your love — at Christmas and always.**

