

*“When the doctor told me I’d had a heart attack, I couldn’t believe it. But that was just the start...”*

## How Your Kindness Saved Danny's Life... Three Times

*Young father, Danny, has heard more devastating news from doctors than many will receive in a lifetime. But he's grateful beyond words to you for the exceptional love and care you showed him while he was fighting for his very life...*

**Y**ou’ve had a heart attack...”

This was not the diagnosis Danny was expecting when he went to the hospital because of the pain in his legs. Yet it was only the **first of many shocking pieces of news** Danny would hear from doctors over the coming months.

The clots in Danny’s legs were removed. But tests revealed the terrifying cause of his pain: a tumour growing inside his heart.

**Danny’s fight for survival was just beginning. And your love would be with him, for every step of the way...**



*“I had a little baby at home and another on the way, and you’re just thinking, is this it for me?”*

— Danny with his wife JamieLee

Here at the Mater, Danny underwent the first of three serious, life-saving surgeries. His tumour was removed. But soon after, he had a stroke, leaving him fighting for his life once more. Thanks to you, he was in the very best hands...

**A change of heart, thanks to you.**

For a while, Danny felt better. But then came the

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**Inside:** From our hearts to yours, messages of gratitude for you...

# Your Generosity. Our Heartfelt Gratitude...

*There is so much love for you in this hospital — your compassion, your kindness, and your belief in the fundamental good of caring for people when they're sick. Messages of gratitude for you from the hearts of Mater nurses, doctors, porters and grateful patients...*



Anthony and Angel, Cancer Ward



Suma and Elaine, Kidney Nurses



Lyndsey, Catering (Cancer Ward)



Niamh, Breast Health Nurse



The nurses and the whole team at the Mater are amazing. **You can tell they really care about their patients.** You've given me my life back, I'm so grateful..."

~ Yvonne, progressive lung disease patient



Isabella and Ruth, Occupational Therapists

“**Thank you, thank you for your generosity** — you could be writing a cheque for 20 euro or 200, it all comes together to make such a difference.”

~ Nurse Pat, the Mater's Family Heart Screening Clinic



Orla, Cardiac Nurse



My family were called in a few times to say their final goodbyes. The Mater brought me back from the brink... **every single person who cared for me was incredible, they were so kind to me.**

~ Tara, heart patient

“**I wouldn't be here talking to you without the incredible staff at the Mater...** they never gave up on me, they brought me back. I'll be forever grateful.”

~ Alan, cancer patient



Mary and Tom, Mater Hospital Foundation

*With love and gratitude for every moment of comfort and care you give, and every precious life you help save... Thank you!*

# Because of you, there's hope. Because of you, there's life...

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breathlessness. Danny's heart was giving up. Test after test revealed he was in advanced heart failure. **Only a heart transplant could save him.** And this is where you made the biggest difference of all...

On a crisp late October afternoon, Danny's phone rang — a heart had been found. Thanks to you, the Mater was ready to save Danny's life for the third time...

### Care and recovery

Danny's story is a testament



Danny with his little one at Christmas

to the life-saving work that happens every day at the Mater Hospital, thanks to you. Because of you, Danny not only survived — he thrived. Today, he's living a full, healthy life, enjoying every moment with his young family, a future that sometimes felt impossible.

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

Thank you for being the heart of the Mater, for standing beside Danny in his darkest moments, and for giving him the gift of tomorrow. ❤️

## Heart of the Mater Wish List



How you can give dignity and relief to people at their most fragile:



### Dignity Kit — €50 (200 needed)

Some patients leaving hospital have nothing but the clothes they arrived in. But a patient pack from you with essentials like clean clothes and toiletries gives dignity to patients in poverty.



### Dyson Fan for Cancer Patients — €425 (6 needed)

A simple fan can ease the distress of breathlessness for cancer patients. With this gift, you can bring profound relief to someone fighting cancer.



### A 'Sara Stedy' Sit-to-Stand Aid — €1,087

This amazing device helps fragile, elderly patients stand and move around safely, reducing the risk of dangerous — *even life-threatening* — falls!

**BIG WISH!**

If you can help, use the reply form, enclosed — Thank you!