

the **BIG** little hospital



BUY A BRICK

TO SUPPORT THE NEW CUH CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

DONATION FORM INSIDE



buyabrick.ie



Roche is delighted to partner with the CUH Charity in highlighting the impact that the paediatrics services offered at Cork University Hospital has for children and their parents.

Our Roche values of "Doing Now, What Patients Need Next" are reflected in the ambitions of the CUH Charity to enhance and modernise Paediatric services at CUH that will benefit young patients and their families and the medical teams who work there.



CUH Charity

Cork University Hospital

CUH Charity Office,
Room 8, Main Concourse,
Cork University Hospital,
Wilton, Cork.

Tel: 021 4234529
Email: info@cuhcharity.ie

Registered Charity CHY 17293

www.cuhcharity.ie

design: www.twoandsix.ie | illustration: www.pauldelaney.ie





CUH Charity

Cork University Hospital

the BIG —little— hospital



BUY A BRICK
TO SUPPORT THE NEW CUH CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

With kind support from



buyabrick.ie

BUY A BRICK

TO SUPPORT THE NEW CUH CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

A gift that will last a lifetime...

And provide a lifeline..

The Buy a Brick campaign is your opportunity to have your name, or the name of a loved one commemorated in the new Children's Hospital in Cork.

This will make a great gift for a friend or family member to mark a birthday, anniversary or any other special occasion. Celebrate your colleagues or staff and use this as a thank you. It is a beautiful commemoration to a loved one who has passed. Maybe it can celebrate a child who has received treatment in CUH.

It really is a gift for all occasions.



HOW TO BUY A BRICK

1.

Complete the booking form in this booklet, or visit buyabrick.ie

2.

Nominate yourself or a friend and that name will be displayed on a wall in the new Children's Hospital.

3.

When the hospital is built you can see all the names in person.

4.

You will receive a card in the post which you can keep or gift to someone else.

WHERE THE MONEY WILL GO

Some of the projects
that will require funding...

4 x Paediatric Theatres fit out = €250,000 each

HSPC space - Physio and Gym = €500k

Hospital School = €250k

Portable X-Ray machine = €103,000



"The new Children's Hospital at CUH will deliver modern state of the art facilities for children in Cork and surrounding counties. This includes single in-patient rooms with space for parents to stay with their children, paediatric operating theatres and a paediatric assessment unit for rapid review of GP referrals. CUH is the largest regional centre for children outside of Dublin and this new development will allow us to continue to deliver the vast majority of paediatric care close to home."

Dr. Dave Mullane
Clinical Lead Paediatrics CUH



Fearne is 9 years old and has epilepsy and asthma. She's no stranger to hospitals. She was only a baby when she was first brought in with asthma. And when Fearne was six, she had her first seizure.

With that said, don't think Fearne is a frail person. She's as brave a girl as you'll ever meet, and as she says, "**I don't do slow, I only do fast.**" She adores her pets, and wants to be a jockey when she grows up. But there was a time when her mother, Sinéad, really thought the whole situation had gotten the better of her.

"**I'll never forget the day she turned to me with tears in her eyes and said, 'They don't know how to fix me. They'll never fix me'**" relays Sinéad.

Fearne's first seizure happened when her sister's pony had died. Sinéad ran home to tell the girls and Fearne thought she'd draw a picture of Bling to cheer up her sister. And then, it was like Fearne just melted on the floor. Her eyes were gone.

"We just knew it wasn't right. So, we called the ambulance. On the way to the hospital, she broke out in a rash. We thought it could be meningitis, but it was chickenpox. My Fearne doesn't do anything by half."

They stayed in hospital for 15 days. The family cannot say enough about how kind the nurses and medical staff were. They hoped the seizure had been brought on by the chickenpox, and for a couple of days, she was doing really well at home.

But within two days, Fearne was back in hospital again with more epileptic seizures, for another two weeks. The epilepsy got progressively worse and at the height of it, Fearne recorded 65 seizures in 24 hours. Fearne's longest stay in CUH (Cork University Hospital) was 7 weeks. This meant Sinéad was also there for 7 weeks. Sinéad slept in a chair beside her daughter's hospital bed for seven weeks... Well, whatever sleep she could get. The lack of facilities in the children's ward is one of the main reasons why we need to build a new Children's Hospital on the CUH Campus.



FEARLESS FEARNE

"While Fearne is on a ward, I can't leave her side. Every time she would close her eyes to sleep, she'd have another seizure. Without facilities near her bed in the ward, I can't even brush my teeth without finding a nurse to watch her. And if you have a child who's having 30 or 40 seizures a day, you can't just step away for a second. Our longest stay in Cork was 7 weeks. It was so hard for me to sleep, shower, or even brush my teeth. A single room with an en-suite bath would have meant so much to our family then!"

This is just one of the benefits Sinéad highlighted as a huge asset in the plans of the new Children's Hospital - all beds (78 Beds) in the children's hospital will be in single, en-suite rooms with sleeping areas for parents. No more sleeping in chairs.

Fearne had neurosurgery recently. They removed a tiny part of her brain to control the epilepsy, and so far, she's doing quite well.

Sinéad reminisced "**I'll never forget one of the nurses. She was so good to us. She'd come in and sat on the end of the bed, and she'd just tell us that everything was going to be OK. I want everything to be OK for every child near Cork. I want every parent to know that they have a full children's hospital to turn to at frightening times - right here.**"



MOLLY

15, from Kenmare, Kerry.

Molly was diagnosed with epilepsy at 4, and being in hospital really 'sucks'.

Molly thinks the worst part about being in hospital over Christmas would be missing her family and waking up really excited for Christmas and realising it won't be the same. Her favourite thing is that feeling on Christmas morning.

Molly brought her iPad and phone to keep her occupied in hospital. Also, a deck of cards which she plays with her dad. She also has a teddy which her friend gave her which is a great comfort to her. She really misses her friends in schools and hates that being in hospital means her choices are taken away and she can't do the things she would like to do.

She would love to see the new hospital have a separate room for everyone, with a window, as the wards can be a bit busy. While she is on the ward she only listens to music and watches videos on her phone with headphones in, because she doesn't want to disturb people. Having her own room would mean she can watch something with her family or with friends.



TIMOTHY

12, from Carrignavar, Cork.

Timothy loves sports, so being in hospital is hard. He doesn't play with many toys as he's always outside cycling or playing hurling.

While in the hospital he does miss his PlayStation. He loves his Farming Simulator game where you must run the farm - he learned a lot on his Granny and Grandad's farm.

He likes all the doctors and nurses in CUH who explained everything really well to him, so he wasn't too scared when he had to have his surgery.

He would like a games room in the new hospital with PlayStation and lots of toys.





ABOUT THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

If you have a sick child, you too need help and support. Too often, families are forced to split while one parent travels to Dublin with a sick child and the other remains at home in Munster, with other children or work commitments. This makes it an incredibly difficult time for both parents. And even more difficult as a single parent.

Being nearer to home is hugely important for the whole family unit during a difficult time so you can lean on that support network.

€60M

GOVERNMENT APPROVED FUNDING!

THIS ENSURES YOUR DONATIONS WILL GO TO PROVIDING WORLD-CLASS, INNOVATIVE EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

The development of a dedicated children's hospital will be a major step forward in the delivery of best-in-class paediatric services to the children of Munster, and will make a huge difference to the families of those in the region who need this service.

INCLUDING

78 BEDS

All single en-suite rooms with sleeping area for parents

6-BED

paediatric assessment unit/ambulatory care space

4 THEATRES

4 paediatric theatres

HSPC SPACE

Physio/Gym,
OT/dietician space

PARENTS ROOM

NEW HOSPITAL SCHOOL



ZARA

10, from Caherdavin, Limerick.

Zara thought she was only going to be in CUH for one day, but unfortunately ended up having to stay for a week in Puffin Ward. Because of the lack of warning, Zara didn't bring any toys with her.

Zara went to Limerick Hospital first, and was referred to CUH where she underwent a skin graft, due to a burn on her foot.

Her favourite toy at home is Lego, so when CUH staff brought toys around for the children to play with, she was delighted to see there was Lego available! She's really missing her little dog Bailey, and can't wait to get home to some puppy cuddles!

She had to rush off then, as Zara was heading off to the CUH school so she can keep on top of her favourite subject, English (and hopefully not have to do maths!).



MIA

9, from Killarney, Co. Kerry

Mia spent 9 weeks in hospital already this year and is back again. Mia has an extremely rare condition with only one other known case in the world. With something so rare, doctors told Mia that she would 'Write her own Story' and she really is!

Mia's best friend is always in CUH - Play Specialist, Rachel.

Rachel explains all the procedures to Mia using Polly Dolly. And Mia explains everything to everyone else using a little doctors play set. She points out Polly's IV, her Feeding Tube and uses her toy stethoscope to check Polly's heart and lungs with a 'Boom Boom Boom' signifying all is good.

Mia loves her iPad and playing with medical kits, but mostly enjoys playtime with Rachel. When she woke up from surgery, the first person she looked for was Rachel.



BUY A BRICK

DONATION FORM



YOUR DETAILS

Name

Address

(to send the gift
certificate to you!)

Email

Phone

Name to place
on your brick

DONATION DETAILS

I will buy a brick for €50

And add an additional donation of €

I will pay by: Card Cheque (please make payable to CUH Charity)

CARD DETAILS:

Card Number:

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Expiry Date (MM/YY):

--	--	--	--

CVC Code:

--	--	--

Please return this form to

CUH Charity, Room 8 Main Concourse, Cork University Hospital, Wilton, Cork.