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Dear Niamh

Everyone is entitled to a dignified, comfortable death. We believe that no one should face death or bereavement without appropriate care and support. Your very generous gift of €3,876.20 will help us achieve this vision. Thank you so much for your support.

With your support we can reach the point where everyone in Ireland who requires it can access appropriate hospice care, regardless of geography, age or diagnosis.

As a charity, our work depends on the generosity of people like you. This includes our Hospice Friendly Hospitals (HFH) Programme which aims to put hospice principles into hospital practices. More than 7 out of 10 Irish people die outside their own homes - 40% die each year in acute hospitals. More than 40 acute and community hospitals are currently taking part in the HFH Programme.

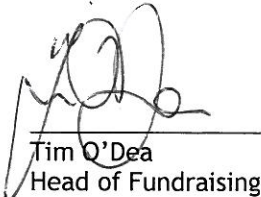
Another programme that you are contributing towards is our Children's Hospice Home Care programme, aimed at developing a comprehensive hospice home care service for children. An estimated 1,400 children in Ireland are living with a life limiting illness. Already, thanks to the generous support we have received we have trained nearly 900 nurses in paediatric palliative care. We are on the way to getting the eight outreach nurses in position who will liaise with children with life limiting conditions and their families in the home. Ireland's first Paediatric Palliative Care Consultant, Dr Mary Devins took up her post last month and the IHF is funding her role for the next five years. This is a core aspect of the programme.

You will also be supporting our night nursing service for non-cancer patients, our work to extend hospice care to people with illnesses other than cancer as well as our training and education programme.

Thank you, once again, for your support. Our work would not be possible without your generosity.

If you need any further information, or if I can help in any way, do please give me a call on my direct line 01 670 0043.

With very best wishes



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Head of Fundraising