



Friends of St. Vincent's Foundation

Newsletter and Annual Review

INSIDE: MEET SOME OF OUR FUNDRAISERS, SEE HOW YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE AND HOW TO JOIN US.



Welcome...

ST. VINCENT'S FOUNDATION

This is the annual newsletter of St. Vincent's Foundation, the national, registered charity supporting: St. Vincent's University Hospital, St. Vincent's Private Hospital and St. Michael's Hospital. Over 500,000 patients a year are cared for across our hospitals and you may have picked up this copy as one of them, or as a relative or friend visiting or helping them.

If this is your first time reading about us, you are about to see how our work touches so many patients and staff across our busy hospitals. As a result, I hope you will contact us to see how you can be part of our community and help make a difference. We have ambitious plans for the future and you could be part of them.

If you are regular reader, welcome back! You will see how much we have achieved in recent times and how your fundraising continues to have an impact across general and specialist care throughout our hospitals.

Whether through new equipment and

technology provision, advances in world-class research or through continuous education of our expert staff, you can see what a difference we make together.

Our mission is to improve patient care and enable research and medical education. We can only achieve this with the support of our public – the people who choose to donate or raise funds for us. If you are reading as one of them, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Your friendship is vital to us - and you might even see yourself within the following pages!

Enjoy the read and if you would like to learn even more about us or give your support, please see www.svf.ie or call us on 01 221 5065.

Helen McVeigh, St. Vincent's Foundation

500,000+

PATIENTS ARE
SEEN ANNUALLY

100%

OF OUR INCOME IS
FROM VOLUNTARY
SOURCES

€1,254,258

WAS RAISED IN
2024

64%

OF DONATIONS
CAME FROM
INDIVIDUAL DONORS



Our Hospitals At A Glance

Our hospitals have been serving their communities for almost 200 years.

St. Vincent's University Hospital, St. Vincent's Private Hospital and St. Michael's Hospital.

Your support helps us to:

- Provide front-line, acute, chronic and emergency care across 50 specialities.
- Treat over 500,000 patients, including 82,000 emergencies and 43,000 in-patients.
- Complete over 15,000,000 laboratory tests.
- Perform 200,000 radiology examinations including 102,000 x-rays and 14,000 mammograms.
- Perform 31,000 surgeries, including 46 transplants.
- Drive excellence in patient care through multi-million euro research, clinical trials and medical investigations.
- Develop the next generation of health care professionals through world-class training and education.
- Host 5 National Centres for patients from every part of Ireland.

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A Message...

FROM OUR CHAIRMAN



It is a pleasure and privilege to chair St. Vincent's Foundation Board and I would like to thank everyone that has given their support, time, expertise and commitment to our charity.

As Chairman in a voluntary role with St. Vincent's Foundation, I am constantly struck by the kindness and generosity of those that choose to donate and fundraise for us. As we receive no state funding, we are entirely reliant upon this public support and we truly value it. It enables us to grant funds directly across our busy hospitals, where it matters most.

Looking at a busy year, it is exciting to see that our plans to grow are beginning to take shape, whilst our income remains strong and the grants that we oversee continue to deliver real impact.

I would like to thank everyone that stood with us through the year. Some are featured in this publication, so I hope you will take time to recognise their generosity and successes with me.

I look forward to hearing more stories and seeing even more kindness in the coming months and to reporting back to you in future editions of this newsletter.

Warmest wishes

Conall O'Halloran, Chairman,
Board of Directors, St. Vincent's Foundation



Fundraising

As a charity entirely reliant on public support and voluntary donations we at St. Vincent's Foundation, have a true appreciation of everyone that supports us. Since our very formation in 2008, our donors have shown kindness and generosity and in return we pledge to use donations wisely and responsibly and within our clear charitable aims.

We are grateful to all donors, be they an individual or a family, a group coming together to run an event for us, a corporate or trust fund. On behalf of the patients, families and staff that see the impact of your support on a daily basis – **thank you.**

How You Can Help...



Online: our website, www.svf.ie is an “always on” way to donate. We are especially touched by the “In Memory” donations following the loss of a loved one, friend or colleague.

supporters who have informed us of their decision to remember us. We are proud founding members of My Legacy and you can see more information on our website www.svf.ie.



Regular Gifts: Setting up a regular gift, through your debit or credit card or direct from your bank account is an easy and efficient way to give to us. Your support helps us to predict income and plan accordingly. For details of how to become a regular donor, starting from just €5 per month, see our website www.svf.ie or call us on 01 221 5065.



Events: We are fortunate to have a wide range of supporters who organise events for us. Everything, it seems, from coffee mornings, raffles, golf days, bridge tournaments, selling sunflowers to sea swimming and much more! Others also joined established events with mini, half and full marathons proving popular again.



Legacy Giving: A gift in your Will today helps our patients, researchers and medics of the future. We are grateful for the kind bequests we receive and to



Collection Boxes: The boxes you see in our hospitals raise over €10,000 every year proving that small change can make a big change! Do look out for them when in the hospitals.

To get involved, email us at stvincentsfoundation@svhg.ie or call us on 01 221 5065.

Just Some Of Our Amazing Fundraisers





Art Raffle
Shave or Dye
Winter Warmer
Raffle
Rugby Club Ball



Christmas Lights
Appeal
Hikes
Food Festival
Sea-swimming



Flower Selling
Pink Weekend
Poetry Book
Marathons



Runs, Walks, Jogs
Golf Classics
Sunflower Days



Just Some Of Our Amazing Fundraisers

Our friends take to raising funds with gusto, energy and commitment so our huge thanks go to everyone who organises, encourages, challenges themselves and ensure funds came to us. Some of our wonderful fundraisers include...

- Aoife Magee presenting proceeds from her Art Raffle in memory of her dear friend, the late Abigail Nangle.
- "Team Louis and Caroline" presenting the funds they raised from Shave or Dye and a Winter Warmer raffle.
- Proceeds from the annual UCD St Vincent's Rugby Club Ball presented by Robbie Gallagher.
- Ciara Crangle and Ben Stapleton presenting proceeds of the annual Lambay Christmas Lights appeal.
- "Climbs 4 Kevin" team at peak summit raising funds in memory of the late Kevin Coleman. His family have continued to support our work throughout the year.
- "Muslim Women Together" presenting proceeds from their annual charity food festival.
- Team "Freezebury" presenting proceeds after a month of sea-swimming in February in solidarity with their friend, Charlotte.
- St Stephen's Day Swimmers raising funds in memory of the late Eamon Burke. This annual splash is organised by his family.
- Philip Dunne and Elaine Timmins presenting proceeds from their successful flower selling and family fun weekend.
- Pink Weekend Proceeds from Dunnes Cornelscourt in memory of thier colleague, the late Hazel Brack.
- Andrew Hegarty's poetry book in aid of St Vincent's Foundation which is available at St Vincent's Private Hospital shop.



Margaret Coleman and friends at Dublin Women's Mini Marathon.

Going The Extra Mile

We have many supporters that run, jog and walk to raise funds for us. Here are just a sample of these active fundraisers who challenge themselves - whilst helping others.



Mary O'Donnell after completing the Cardiff Half Marathon.



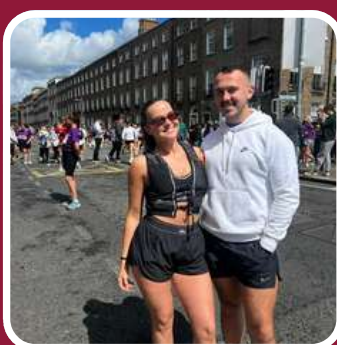
Chloe Duffy at the Dublin Half Marathon.



Amanda Dowse with her brother Ciaran taking on a 100k walking challenge in August.



Sligo Warriors Run Committee donated proceeds again from their annual Warrior Run.



Sarah Palmer after the Dublin Women's Mini Marathon.



Catriona O'Connor presenting Dublin Mini Marathon funds on behalf of herself and her sisters Nicola, Avril and Lynette.

Tee-Rific Supporters

Some of our golfing supporters, going the course to raise funds and awareness.



Annual "Pan Can" Golf Classic
Organisers Liam Holland and Ray
McElhinney whose families have both
been touched by Pancreatic Cancer.
2025 was their most successful year yet,
raising €15,500 and they tee off again at
Blainroe Golf Club 4th September 2026.



Elm Park Ladies Golf and
Bridge Club present "Pink for
Vinc" proceeds for breast
cancer care.



Dollymount Ladies Golf
Society Raffle proceeds
being presented at their
AGM meeting.

Spotlight on Fundraisers

Some of our wonderful supporters raising funds and awareness.



In The Pink for Breast Cancer

We pay tribute to long-standing supporter and friend, the late Hazel Brack, who raised over €40,000 for St. Vincent's Foundation specifically for breast cancer care. Since her own diagnosis Hazel wanted to help other women in her position and undertook to raise funds with her family, friends and colleagues at Dunnes, Cornelscourt. After her death in March 2025 the fundraising has continued in her memory. The total has already topped €45,000. To all who knew Hazel, we send our condolences on the loss of such a very special person, and to all that have supported us in her name, we thank you. Photo shows the late Hazel Brack with her dad and sisters.



Freezebury Challenge

When Charlotte Walsh was diagnosed with Hodgkin Lymphoma in 2024 her friends decided to take the plunge and show support for her recovery journey. They set themselves the "Freezebury Challenge", a daily swim in the Irish Sea for February. Together these intrepid women have raised over €28,000 for our Haematology work, to recognise the team that have cared for Charlotte and others like her. Proof they are warm hearted as well as warm blooded!

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Sunflower Fun Day

St. Vincent's Foundation great friends Philip Dunne and Elaine Timmins held their 3rd annual sunflower selling appeal to raise funds for our Cystic Fibrosis unit. With an acre of flowers, family games and ice creams this year's donations take their running total raised to over €30,000 and we are incredibly grateful to them and everyone that supported them.



Team 'Shave or Dye'

On their separate diagnoses of Neuroendocrine Tumours (NETS) Louis Corrigan and Caroline Greville have joined forces to raise huge funds for patient care and research. Their annual "Shave or Dye" event in the summer raises many smiles as well as funds and their "winter warmer" raffle in October boosted funds to over €22,000.

The Impact Of Your Support

When you choose to support St. Vincent's Foundation you are making a difference for patients of today and in the future.

Throughout the year your funds have been used across 18 specialisms, from A&E to Vascular Care and much in between.

We are pleased to share some of the ways your support reaches all 3 of our hospitals and their staff and patients. For more information and news on current work please see our website, www.svf.ie.



Transforming Cancer Diagnostics

Val Marren, and family joined Prof Ray McDermott, Dr Adrian Marino and their teams to present a portrait of the late Kathleen (Kay) Marren, honouring her memory and commemorating the family's support for life-changing care at the hospital.

In presenting the portrait to the teams her husband, Mr. Val Marren, said "...Kay, who was a microbiologist, was always happy when she was in the lab, so she and I decided to donate to St. Vincent's University molecular pathology laboratory. The team there do excellent work and we wanted to support a part of the hospital that isn't always seen, but the difference they make for patients and their families is extraordinary."

Dr Adrian Marino, Associate Professor of Pathology, said "Thanks to this incredibly generous donation, St. Vincent's University Hospital is now home to a world-class precision diagnostics service."

Professor Ray McDermott said, "The new technology allows our laboratory to analyse more than 500 genes simultaneously from a single biopsy sample, a massive leap from the previous capacity of just 5-10 genes. This powerful capability means that we can provide complex diagnostic results for up to 40 cancer patients every week."

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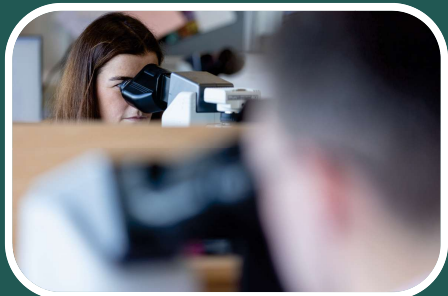
The Print to Keep Project for Loved Ones

Funds from St. Vincent's Foundation donors are being used to provide a tender keepsake for loved ones saying a final farewell to family members. The laminated card has a fingerprint with a heart-shape centre. It is small enough to be kept in a purse or on a bedside table. It symbolises the print our loved ones have on our lives and serves to remind us that even when they have left us, they remain close to our hearts.



Supporting Cancer Surgery at St. Michael's Hospital

Together with your support we have provided a new neoprobe for the surgical team at St. Michael's Hospital to assist them in finding the location of targeted tissue during cancer surgery and provide advanced data and real-time information.



Supporting Liver Transplant & Radiology

St. Vincent's University Hospital is the national centre for Liver Transplant for Ireland with over 1,000 transplants performed since 1993. Your support has enabled St Vincent's Foundation to grant funds towards a state-of-the-art dedicated analysis software to improve treatment delivery and offer more precise and personalised medicine for patients.

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Enda McDermott Simulation and Education Centre

Thanks to generous support, the Enda McDermott Simulation & Education Centre (EMSEC) opened in 2025, providing a state-of-the-art training facility.

Generously supported by the family of the late Mr Enda McDermott - an outstanding consultant surgeon and educator at SVUH for many years - EMSEC represents a powerful legacy of compassion and a deep commitment to clinical excellence. The space is now where learning meets innovation - empowering staff to deliver the highest standards of care to every patient, every day.

Norbert McDermott, Enda's brother said: "Enda was a man of immense integrity, quiet strength and deep compassion. He dedicated his life to his patients and to supporting the next generation of clinicians. As a family, we wanted to honour not only the care he gave, but the values he stood for - excellence, humility and service. We are incredibly proud to support the establishment of the Enda McDermott Simulation & Education Centre as a lasting legacy in his name."



Supporting Obesity Research

St. Vincent's Foundation is helping important obesity research driven by Professors Donal O'Shea and Andrew Hogan.

Their pioneering work is helping our understanding of obesity and how emerging treatments may transform care.

2024 Business & Financial Summary

Who We Are and What We Do

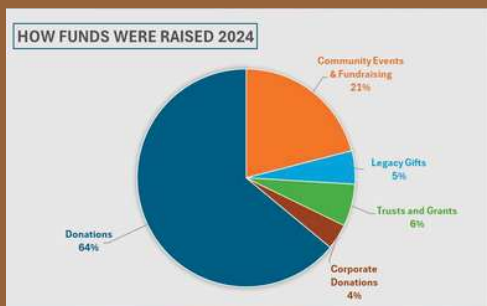
St. Vincent's Foundation's mission is to support patient care, research and medical education across our three hospitals: St. Vincent's University Hospital and St. Vincent's Private Hospital in Dublin and St. Michael's Hospital in Dun Laoghaire. Over 500,000 patients are seen annually and it is they, their families and our dedicated, professional staff that we support.

We receive no state funding, meaning **100% of our income is from voluntary sources** and we are entirely dependent upon those that choose to donate, fundraise and support us. We are both touched by and grateful for every donation and offer to raise funds now and in the future.

Where Our Income Comes From

In 2024 income raised was €1,254,258, over 99% of which is made up of donations, fundraising, bequests and support. The remaining income, of less than 1%, comes from our bank interest and bonds.

The following information is provided to share details of how our income from the public is received and used.



Donations (64% of overall income)

Once again, the biggest source of income came from our **individual donors**, many of whom have personal experience of our hospitals, medical teams and services. We are grateful to one and all and thank everyone that has taken time to give a donation either through our website, by posting a cheque or in person.

Income listed as "Donations" includes receipts from Revenue under the tax-back scheme. We can claim tax on personal donations of €250 and above in a year, at no extra cost to the donor. We are grateful for our generous supporters who give at this level and sign the relevant form to allow us to boost their donations by up to 45%.

Many of our donors choose to support us with a gift in memory of a loved one and we are always touched by the families that think of us when faced with bereavement. Throughout the year these donations make a significant contribution, particularly for patient care. We hope there is comfort for those coming to terms with loss knowing that others will benefit from their kindness.

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Community Events and Fundraising (21% of overall income)

We are incredibly fortunate to have supporters who step up to organise and participate in fundraising events, appeals and challenges. From running marathons, baking, selling sunflowers, swimming, head-shaving and much, much more, we have truly energetic and hard-working fundraisers who hail from all over the country.

Income from this source has increased by 17% on the previous year and is particularly important to us as each event raises awareness of St. Vincent's Foundation as well as funds. Our thanks go to everyone that has chosen to support us in this way and to all their family members, friends and colleagues who have sponsored, donated and purchased to get behind the various events.

Grant Income (6% of overall income)

We received 10 grant payments in 2024, the majority of which support education and training for hospital frontline staff. We are proud to play a part in the ongoing development and retention of our medical staff through covering costs of conferences, courses and qualifications.

Legacy Donations (5% of overall income)

We received 4 bequests in 2024, from supporters that took time to consider our work and include a gift for us in their will.

Such legacy donations can be a specific donation amount or a percentage of an overall estate. We are always grateful and touched by such kind support and we extend our thanks to families, executors and solicitors who help us with these important donations.

Corporate Support (4% of overall income)

We thank our corporate supporters, who in 2024, supported patient care and research in the fields of orthopedics, cardiology, liver, sarcoma and cancer. Included in this income are CIF dividends for St Michael's Hospital in Dun Laoghaire¹.

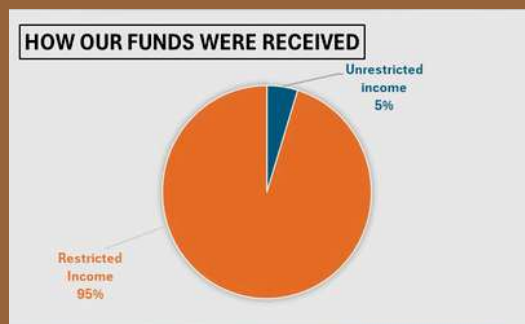
How our Funds are Received

As with previous years, most of our funds are given with requests to support a specific hospital or specialty. We are proud to honour such requests as we understand supporters have a personal connection to our staff, a ward or specialist area of care.

We also appreciate the unrestricted support we receive as this gives us flexibility to use in the most relevant or best ways - for some of the "behind the scenes" work in our laboratories that our medical teams rely upon, for example.

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In 2024, 95% of our income was restricted and 5% was unrestricted.



How We Spent Our Funds

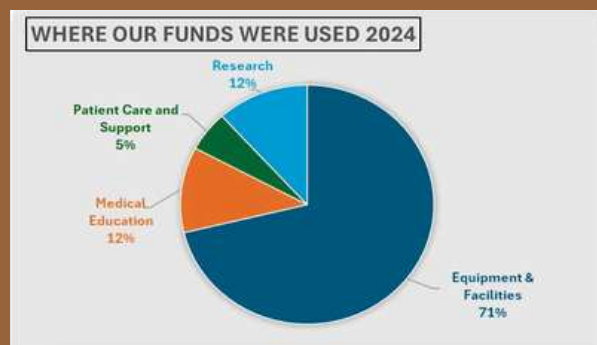
In 2024 our financial outgoings were €1,572,216. The vast majority of this (97%), €1,530,377, was in support of our charitable aims and was made through direct disbursements to our hospitals. Our expenditure through these grants saw an increase of 80% on the previous year. In total, over 45 grants were made and this included:

- €530,000 for the construction and equipping of our first "Simulation Laboratory", named after the late Dr Enda McDermott.
- €500,000 for Molecular Pathology technology, allowing our team to provide complex diagnostic results for up to 40 cancer patients every week.
- €88,000 for gastro equipment for our colorectal patient care.
- €37,500 for on-going Breast Cancer research.

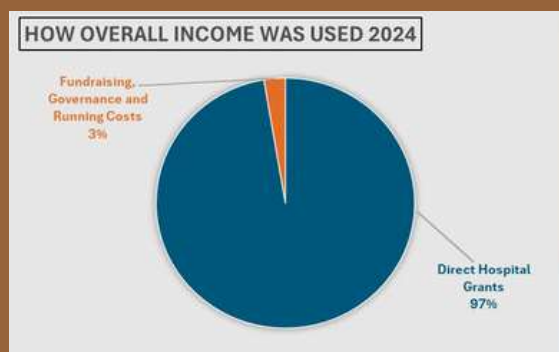
- €2,000 for our End-of-Life "Print to Keep" initiative, so loved ones can cherish memories.

We are always pleased to support our frontline teams in their continued education, training, development and research. In 2024 our grants covered areas such as obesity, ICU and cancer.

We are also pleased to supply grants for equipment and furniture for our St Anne's Ward and Nephrology department, amongst others



The cost of generating funds in 2024 was €4,056 with a further €37,783 covering our costs of governance, audit, website, production of our donor magazine "Friends of St. Vincent's", commission payments to our platforms (eg iDonate and Stripe) and other items.





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