

# Media Release

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## Mater provides compassionate care to those who need it most

Mater Foundation has supported Queensland families with nearly \$100 000 to help meet funeral costs, living expenses, medical equipment and other necessities over the past year, thanks to the generosity of community donations.

Mater Foundation Executive Director Andrew Thomas said the donations were raised during last year's inaugural Mater Giving Day which called on the community to help improve access to healthcare for all Queenslanders.

"Giving Day is an opportunity for donors' contributions to be tripled to fund much-needed healthcare equipment and services in Mater hospitals across Queensland, as well as support patients in need," he said.

"This year, donations made to Mater Foundation within the 24-hours of Wednesday 29 June will again be matched and tripled by generous donors.

"The funds raised contribute to the improvement of patient healthcare and services at Mater's facilities, advancing research, and providing compassionate care to those who need it most."

Mater Chief of Mission Alanna Jacoby said meeting unmet community need was Mater's core mission as Queensland's largest Catholic not-for-profit healthcare network.

"Of the donations raised from last year's Giving Day, Mater has been able to provide financial aid to patients through the purchase of essential medical equipment, assistance with living expenses, and funeral costs," she said.

"Our Catholic identity and heritage are at the heart of who we are and how we care for our patients and one another.

"It is why we not only respond to, but actively seek to support patients and families disadvantaged by health or social circumstances."

Mr Thomas said the impacts of COVID-19, floods and wet weather emergencies over the past year meant many Queenslanders were struggling to make ends meet.

"Every Queenslander deserves access to high quality healthcare services," he said.

"Whether you dig deep or give a little this Giving Day, every contribution will make a difference and extend Mater Foundation's ability to improve services and supports for Queenslanders."

More than \$990 000 was raised during the inaugural 24-hour Giving Day fundraiser last year to improve patient care, invest in new technologies and advance medical research.

[Find more information on Giving Day 2022 here.](#)

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