

Christmas FM Campaign Report for 2018

The Temple Street Foundation were delighted to have been chosen for Christmas FM's charity of choice 2018. At the time, the amount raised was the largest amount ever donated to a charity and for that we are truly grateful to the public for all their support for the brave little heroes of Temple Street Children's Hospital.

To raise €410,000 was a significant achievement and these funds have made a powerful and positive impact on the lives of the many seriously ill children and their families who walk through the doors at Temple Street each year.

The funds have allowed the hospital to purchase 6 new Incubators, 1 new Ventilator, a drill for the Craniofacial Surgical Team and a Spinal Instrument Set. This which means that medical staff at Temple Street can treat patients with the most updated cutting-edge equipment which put simply saves lives each day.

Patients like Anthony, who was born prematurely at 29 weeks, which came as a shock to the Ianucci family. The doctors noticed straight away that something was wrong, and that Anthony was lacking oxygen. Anthony was then diagnosed with an incredibly rare congenetic condition that affects growth, cranial and dental development known as 'Hallerman Streiff Syndrome', he is the only case in Ireland, and one of 200 cases in the world.

When he was two-and-a-half, Anthony's health began to deteriorate rapidly. He had pneumonia a few times, he was finding it difficult to breath and he was getting quite a lot of infections. With Anthony on and off a ventilator, his doctor felt the best thing to do was to implement a tracheotomy to make it easier for Anthony to breathe, as well as surgery to expand his chin.

In the last six months Anthony has been through a lot, and has had a lot of setbacks. His mum Janet says "Temple Street is our home at the moment, and it will be for many more months". Anthony has a Tracheostomy for narrow airways, as his cO2 levels are still very high and is on a ventilator at night to help him breathe. Janet says "Temple Street is amazing; it's become our home and Anthony has also been fantastic and patient through all of this."

Recently, Anthony celebrated his 13th birthday in hospital and has defied the odds by coming an incredibly long way since the beginning of his diagnosis, but it has not been an easy journey.

On a happy note, during the lock-down, Anthony has become a bit of a celebrity not just in Temple Street where he is known and loved by everyone, but on the video app Tik Tok, where his dance moves with the Nurses in the hospital have gained over 2 million views – Click here - <https://vm.tiktok.com/c9R39Y/>



The Incubators are now in situ in the hospital's Neo-Natal and ICU Wards and the ICU's Clinical Nurse Manager, Deirdre Hughes describes the impact of the new incubators.

"Since receiving delivery of the new Baby Leo incubators the standard of care we can provide for our neonatal population has greatly improved. The incubators are ergonomically designed to give parents the optimal view of their loved one grow big and strong in a warm, comfortable and safe environment. The baby Leo's have a larger surface area for us to perform vital lifesaving procedures while minimising the need to move them. By providing heat from three different sources we can ensure that no matter what position we are nursing the infant in we can keep them safe and warm, therefore reducing their levels of stress and use of vital calories needed for growth. The Baby Leo also helps us monitor the baby's development by measuring the weight right from the mattress and keeps a trend that can be easily visualised. The incubator itself not only blocks out some of the environmental noises to create womb like conditions but also allows for the safe transfer of the infant in a bubble through the hospital if needed.

As a home from home our neonates couldn't ask for more. Thank you to each and every person that worked so hard to fund this life saving equipment." – Deirdre Hughes

New and Incubator and Ventilator located in ICU Ward – Funded by Christmas FM Listeners and supporters 2018



In addition, funds raised by Christmas FM listeners and supporters purchased a PI Drive Drill for the Craniofacial Surgical Team and Spinal Instrument Sets:

PI Drive Drill: This is Temple Street Hospital's second drill which is necessary to meet the increased demand in the Craniofacial Surgical Department.

Benefits to the Hospital and Patients:

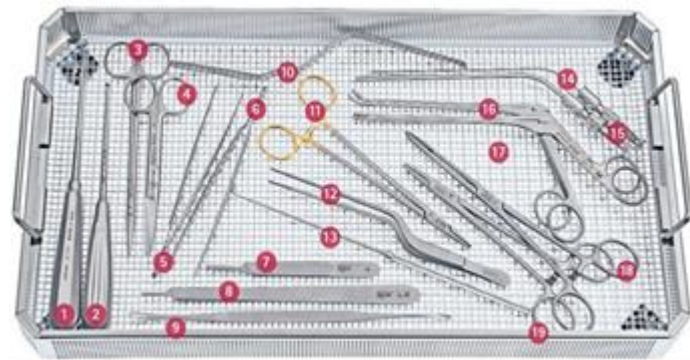
- The availability of the second drill will speed up patient flow through the operating theatre as there will be no delay in the turnaround of equipment.
- This will improve theatre utilisation and productivity which will result in reduced patient waiting time for access to theatre.



Spinal Instrument Sets: The number and complexity of Spinal Surgeries is increasing, Temple Street stock of Spinal Instrument Sets was previously inadequate and at times the Hospital was required to borrow equipment from other sources.

Benefits to the Hospital and Patients:

- The increased stock will ensure that an efficient and safe service is provided to the patient.
- It will also improve patient flow through the operating theatre and allow more spinal surgeries to be performed.
- Purchasing, as opposed to borrowing, this equipment is more cost effective for the Hospital in the long-term.



On behalf of all the staff at Temple Street, the patients and their families, I would like you to know that none of this would be possible without the generosity of the listeners of Christmas FM. Thank you so much again for all your support, you have made a huge impact for now and into the future.