



Fighting Heart Disease & Stroke

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The Flynn family

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"It was unbelievable, the weight it lifts off a family in our position to have access to the Croí Apartments."

Dear <<First Name>>,

In early January 2023, Brían's father Brian Snr. attended Galway University Hospital for what was what was expected to be a routine procedure necessitating a brief stay in hospital. However, shortly into Brian's hospital stay, he experienced medical complications. His family suddenly faced long days at his bedside, sleepless nights, and the stress of travelling over from Sligo.

For the first few days they journeyed daily between Galway and Sligo. When it became apparent that Brian's hospital stay would be prolonged, rather than the daily commute, the family moved between hotels in Galway, booking whatever accommodation they could secure as close as possible to Galway University Hospital.

Then a nurse gently asked, **"Would you contact Croí?"** That's when everything changed.

Brían's mother Joan picked up the phone to Croí, and soon after, the family found a home away from home at the **Croí Courtyard Apartments**.

"We didn't realise at the time how much that apartment would mean to us - we had everything we needed there." Joan Flynn

Thanks to **supporters like you**, <<First Name>> Croí was able to offer the Flynn family a place of comfort, just minutes from the hospital.

Brian's sister Aiveen shared how much it meant:

"Everything you need is so close to the hospital... comfortable facilities in a quite setting. We couldn't have managed without it."

"Simple things, like being able to cook a meal, rest, and avoid the cost of parking at the hospital, made a difficult time that little bit easier." she added

Joan never left her husband's side for over a month. Having Croí's apartment meant she could stay nearby, without the burden of moving from one hotel to another.

"We knew we had somewhere to put our head down at night, and it really meant an awful lot to us." Aiveen.

Sadly, Brían's father Brian Snr. passed away on 7th February 2023. But thanks to Croí, the family had the gift of being close to him in the weeks leading up to his death.

This is what your generosity makes possible. **But without your support, none of this would be possible.**

<<First Name>> **you can be that lifeline for families like the Flynn's by taking part in Croí's annual Christmas Raffle.** Will you join us and bring hope to those who need it most this Christmas?

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With every €5 ticket, you have a chance to win a top prize of €2,000 from a total prize fund of €5,000, and you also play a key role in supporting Croí's essential services. Your contribution helps us provide the Courtyard Apartments, to families like the Flynn's.

We truly **couldn't do this without you**. Your kindness ensures Croí can be there when families need us most.

Brían himself said it best:

"I couldn't thank Croí enough for the support they gave us while Dad was in hospital, not just me but my entire family."

While this time of year is meant to bring warmth and togetherness, for many it will be filled with fear, uncertainty, and loneliness. **You can give them the support and hope they need to make it through by taking part in this year's Christmas Raffle.**

You can buy your tickets to keep, gift or sell by visiting www.croi.ie/raffle and entering your unique ID: <<Cons.ID>>. You're also very welcome to drop by Croí in person to get your tickets - we would love to see you!

By selling tickets to your friends, family, neighbours or colleagues, you'll spread the word and raise even more critical funds. When you're ready, please return any funds you've raised in the enclosed envelope.

The raffle takes place on December 18th, so **please act now**. Your continued generosity means the world to us - and to families like the Flynn's.

In the months that followed, Brían, Joan, Siobhán, Aiveen and their extended families and friends have become committed Croí supporters. From cycling in our annual fundraising events to helping bring our Mobile Health Hub to Sligo, the Flynn family now stand proudly beside us in the fight against heart disease and stroke.

However you choose to participate, your kindness ensures that families can remain close to their loved ones during their toughest times - a gift we all know is invaluable.

Every single euro raised stays local and makes a direct impact. And remember - **we couldn't do this without supporters like you.**

With heartfelt thanks,



Christine Flanagan
Director of Fundraising

P.S. By taking part in this year's Christmas Raffle, you'll help ensure that we can continue to be there for the next family who needs us. Buy your tickets today at www.croi.ie/raffle to help ensure that no one is left to face heart disease and stroke alone - thank you!



Brían Flynn and the Croí Mobile Health Unit at World Heart Day in Sligo