



*Providing financial assistance  
for critically ill children*

**Patron:** *Miriam O'Callaghan*

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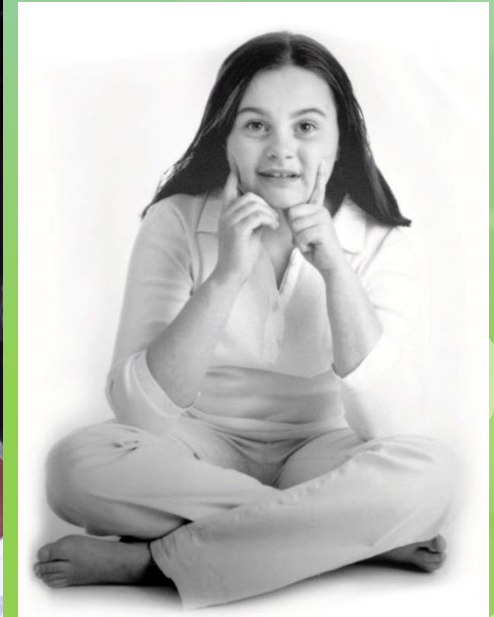
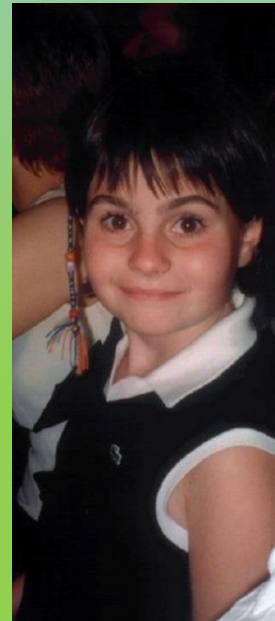
## Cliona's Foundation Mission

"The ordeal of a child's grave illness or injury tests families far beyond their endurance, taking an enormous toll financially, emotionally and physically. While we cannot cure a child, we want to help them cope and soften their heart breaking journey, by uniquely providing financial assistance to families, who have exhausted all other resources."



# History of Cliona's Foundation

In 2007, Terry and Brendan Ring created Cliona's Foundation following the death of their daughter Cliona in 2006, who died from an inoperable brain tumour. Terry and Brendan founded Cliona's Foundation to help keep Cliona's memory alive by helping families with a life threatening illness.



# What Cliona's Foundation Do

We help families cover the “hidden” costs incurred while caring for a critically ill child, these expenses mount up very quickly when travelling to hospitals and treatment centres on a regular basis. Parents/guardians are often blindsided by the medical bills to prepare for the miscellaneous costs. These costs include but are not limited to accommodation, petrol, parking, food, treat for a sibling, childminders, a parent taking time off work or regrettably for funeral expenses.







Cliona's Foundation believes that no family should have to face any added financial stress when they are already struggling to cope with the devastation and trauma of a seriously ill child.

# Who Cliona's Foundation have Helped

## Case Study - The Crowe Family

- Meet Sarah, a 12 year old girl from Co. Limerick
- Sarah is the oldest living person with Alpers Disease in the world
- Cliona's Foundation helped Sarah and her family in 2008
- We gave them funding to create a safe play area for Sarah in the back yard.

*Miriam O'Callaghan  
and Sarah*



# What Cliona's Foundation have achieved

Since its beginning in 2007, Cliona's Foundation has helped over 280 families across Ireland and raised a total of €1,000,000 with no state- funding.





# What is next for the Foundation?

At any one point, there are 1400 critically ill children in Ireland with an additional 400 new seriously ill children diagnosed each year.

Cliona's Foundation is hoping to support **160** of these families over the next 12 months. This will require funding of at least **€320,000**. Cliona's Foundation receives no state funding whatsoever and relies entirely on fundraisers and events to support the many families who contact them each year for support



# Our Patron & Ambassadors



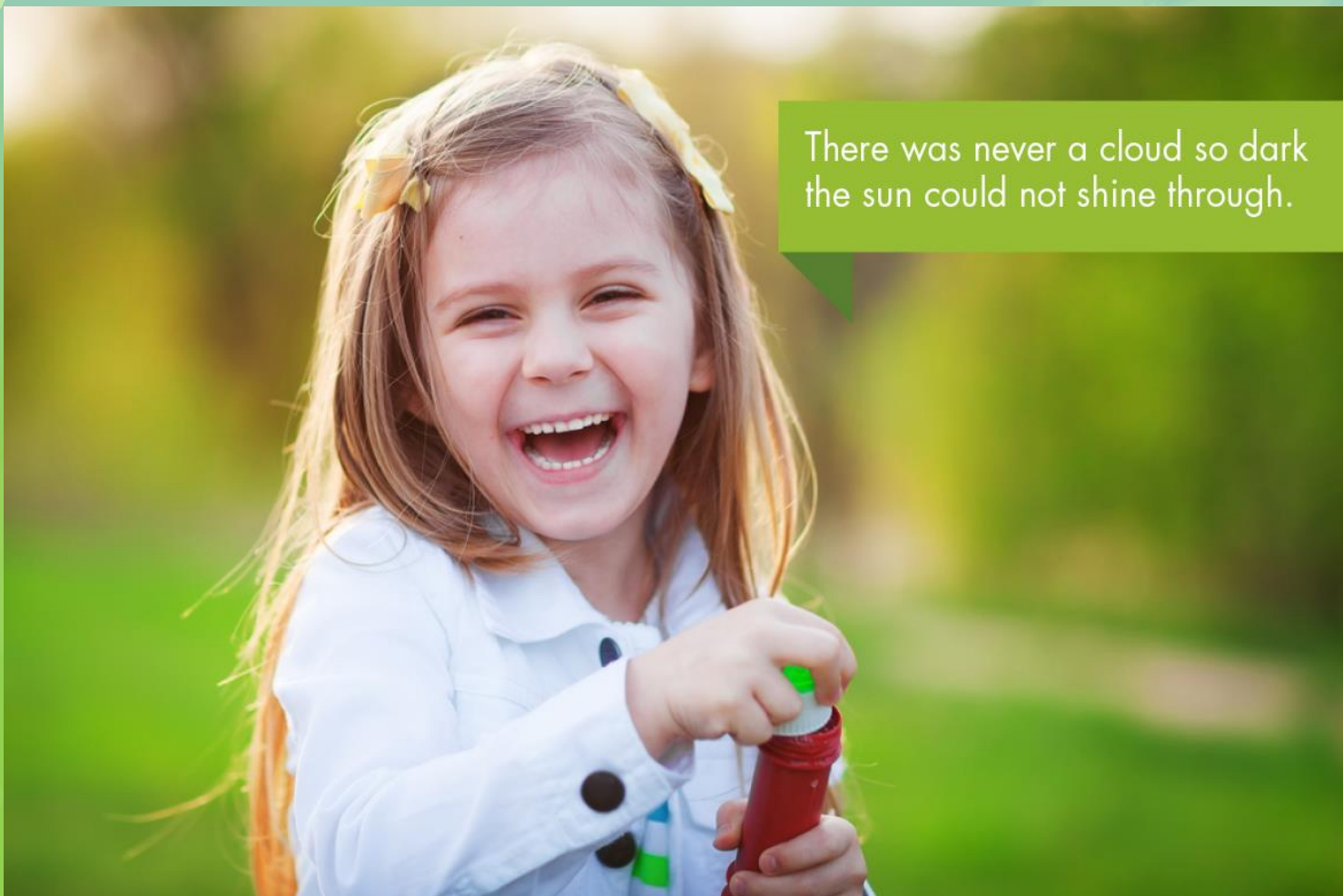
*Parton* Miriam  
O'Callaghan with  
*Founders* Brendan &  
Terry Ring and  
*Secret Millionaire*  
Richard Mulcahy

# Ambassadors

Cliona's Foundation is very lucky to have 4 amazing Ambassadors in Leanne Moore, Davey Russell TJ Ryan & Joy Neville.



# Thank you



There was never a cloud so dark  
the sun could not shine through.



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