

Give people from your community a hand up!

Make a difference!



Sometimes it's the smallest things that can make the greatest difference to a family in need.



By raising funds through your school for the Mater Mission Fund, you'll be helping to provide crucial assistance to patients and families when they're at their most vulnerable.

Families like Anna and Mark, whose need for support was immediate when, in the midst of moving house with little family support, their son was born prematurely at just 25 weeks. You can only imagine how scared and anxious they were.

Turn over to read their story

By raising funds for the Mater Mission Fund in your school you can help families, like Anna and Mark, during times of crisis. The funds you raise can also help those living in poverty, and assist people of refugee or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds while they are being cared for at Mater.

Ultimately, by supporting the Mater Mission Fund your school will be giving people from your community a hand up—when they need it most.

For that, we simply cannot thank you enough.

For information on how your school can raise funds to help those less fortunate, visit materfoundation.org.au/schoolsfundraising





All they wanted was to see their baby every day ...

Anna*, a young woman from Ipswich, gave birth to her first child at Mater Mothers' Hospital. The baby boy was born prematurely at just 25 weeks and, like all babies his age, he was very fragile and required around-the-clock special care.

At the time when their baby was born, Anna and her partner Mark* were living with Anna's father. The young couple had been busy looking for their own place to live. After staying with Anna's father for six weeks, Anna and Mark finally managed to find a rental property. Just as they were in the throws of moving, their baby boy unexpectedly arrived into the world—15 weeks early.

The statistics of a baby surviving at this young age are very slim. On top of the financial difficulties the couple were facing, the emotional toll of the birthing experience and worry about their newborn son was almost unbearable.

Anna and Mark didn't have much money. Mark, who suffers from a mental disability, was on the disability pension, while Anna was receiving a small youth allowance from Centrelink.

Sadly, the young couple's families were also unable to provide any assistance.

As they faced the prospect of moving, with no access to public transport and limited family support, Anna and Mark were very anxious about how they would get to and from the hospital to visit their newborn son.

Through the Mater Mission Fund, Mater Foundation was able to help Anna and Mark by purchasing a GoCard loaded with two weeks' worth of credit so they could access public transport and travel to the hospital to see their son.

In addition, the Fund paid for a breast pump, which enabled Anna to express milk for her baby so that he could be fed while she was at home.

**Names have been changed to protect the couple's identity.*

Just \$220 worth of public transport and a \$120 breast pump made the world of difference to this young couple during their time of need.

And it was made possible thanks to people like you.

