

# From our hearts to yours THANK YOU!



Your support in 2025 provided a blanket of love to patients and loved ones when it mattered most.

You advanced every moment of care delivered by Mater's brilliant team of clinicians and researchers.

This year, thanks to you...



# Your generosity empowered Your vision realised Your compassion delivered



**12,000+**

Mater Little Miracles were born across Queensland.

**1,700+**

Sick and premature babies were cared for at Mater's Neonatal Critical Care Unit (NCCU).

**12,900+**

Cancer patients were treated at Mater across Queensland.

**300+**

Clinical trials are active at Mater Research across mother and baby, cancer, neurosciences, chronic and integrated care.

**30+**

Vulnerable mothers accessed outpatient services at Catherine's House every day.

**200+**

Vulnerable patients accessed immediate aid and support through our Mission Fund.





# Thanks to your support, the Mater Little Miracles Research Centre for mothers and babies was launched to honour Sister Angela Mary's 100th birthday.



This bold project will deliver more incredible outcomes for our tiniest and most vulnerable patients. It will help Mater lead the world in research that saves lives and shapes future generations in neonatology, maternal fetal medicine, stillbirth, growth and development, and maternity care.

**"When a mother holds her baby—so fragile, so small—she holds all the hope in the world," Sister Angela Mary reflects. "Thanks to research and care, many of these tiny babies will grow strong and healthy. Lives will be changed. Love will be felt in ways we cannot even measure... That is what we are building together."**



# Over 1,700 extremely sick and premature babies, like Billie, James, and Tenayah, will enjoy Christmas at home thanks to you.



Guided by the brilliant Dr Glenn Gardener and his team at Mater's Centre for Maternal Fetal Medicine, Billie participated in Azalea, a trial assessing Rhesus disease. It is one of over 100 active Mother and Baby clinical trials at Mater supported by generous community giving. "Billie wouldn't be here if it wasn't for Dr Glenn, the trial and everything we went through," Billie's parents, Jemima and Alex, said.



James fought infections, hernia and collapsed lungs during his four-month stint at Mater's Neonatal Critical Care Unit. James, born at just 24+4 weeks' gestation, received round-the-clock specialist care with state-of-the-art equipment, technology and expertise enabled by community support of Mater Little Miracles. "James had such a hard journey, we went from worrying we were going to lose him, to having a little family," Sarah, James' mum, said.



On May 2, we welcomed another very special Mater Little Miracle into the world. Tenayah, born at just 22 weeks' and three days' gestation and weighing 409 grams, is believed to be Australia's most premature baby and is now thriving at home. "We feel very blessed to have her," Tenayah's parents, Tania and Tyrone, said. "We also know she wouldn't be here if not for the incredible work of the team of people at Mater, who have cared for her since she was born."





# Over 12,900 cancer patients were cared for at Mater across Queensland, including Zoe, Lou, and Danelle.



Zoe navigated both her breast cancer treatments at Mater Cancer Care Centre and the care of her premature baby, George, within Mater's Neonatal Critical Care Unit. "It was a very hard thing to comprehend, having chemotherapy while pregnant, and I'll never forget my first session— just thinking about George the entire time and hoping that he was okay," Zoe reflects. Your generosity helps support critical research at Mater— including which therapeutics are the safest and achieve the best balance of risk for mother and baby for patients, like Zoe, diagnosed with aggressive cancer during their pregnancy.



Danelle, 42, benefitted from Mater's world-leading efforts in ovarian cancer research, treatment and patient care. Unaware a family history of breast cancer and carrying the BRCA1 gene increased her risk of developing ovarian cancer, Danelle dismissed her symptoms as pre-menopause, but her stage three ovarian cancer had spread to her spleen and diaphragm. "I have always been aware of breast cancer and checked myself regularly and had mammograms, but ovarian cancer never crossed my mind," Danelle reflects.



You empowered patients like Lou, a young mother diagnosed with triple negative breast cancer, to navigate her cancer journey. Lou praises the "infinite support" she received and remains an active ambassador for Mater Chicks in Pink— leading "a wave of change" for a disease that impacts 1 in 7 Australian women. "It is impossible to walk through the halls of Mater— whether as a patient, family member, or visitor— and not see the impact that fundraising has had on helping people to thrive through their challenges," Lou reflects.

Your support also helped deliver an additional Breast Care Nurse at Mater Cancer Care Centre to support women through their treatment journey, and expansion of the Mater Statewide Cancer Survivorship Service across all cancer types and for patients across Queensland.



## In every corner of Queensland, your impact helps patients.



37-year-old Australian Army veteran, Brett, was one of the first beneficiaries of Mater Private Hospital Bundaberg's rehabilitation service. Brett, diagnosed with Guillain-Barre syndrome, was effectively paralysed from the ribcage down before his 107-day stay at Mater. He can now walk over two kilometres and faces a bright future. "Without Julie (Allied Health Manager, Julie McGuiness) and the nursing staff who went the extra mile for me, I don't think I would be where I am today," Brett reflects.



Three-year-old, Ivy, from Weipa on the Cape York Peninsula, made history as Australia's youngest robotic surgery patient. Ivy underwent a high-tech procedure at Mater Private Hospital Townsville to correct a painful blockage between the kidney and bladder utilising the \$3.3m da Vinci system, purchased through generous community giving. Ivy's mum, April, praised the work of Dr Janani Krishnan: "Her (Ivy's) recovery was awesome. She was walking the very next day and healed really fast. Instead of a big scar Ivy just has four little marks on her belly that she calls her 'superpower spots'. Ivy knows all about her special operation – and she couldn't be more proud of herself!"



In April, after six years battling multiple rounds of chemotherapy and immunotherapy, ovarian cancer patient Ena became the first person in Australia to receive a groundbreaking new therapy. The 'seek and destroy' antibody, developed by Professor John Hooper and over two decades in the making, is giving new hope to ovarian and bladder cancer patients. The trial therapy represents a major leap forward towards personalised cancer treatments. "There's a lot more hope that we're heading towards cancer being treatable as a chronic disease for several major cancers and hopefully soon for most cancers," Professor Hooper said.



# Your generosity also empowered...

The strategic appointment of esteemed neonatology clinician-researcher, Professor Julee Oei, as Mater Neonatology Chair. Julee's arrival strengthens Australia's most renowned neonatology research leadership team.

Another major technological investment to advance patients outcomes, through the purchase of a Globus O-arm imaging system. Mater is the first hospital outside of North America to implement this significantly enhanced image clarity system.

Mater to become a key partner in a national collaboration, the Australian Epilepsy Project, through Professor Aileen McGonigal. It delivers major diagnosis and treatment benefits, including transformational access to high-level technology and specialist skills for regional patients.

Townsville grandmother, Kerry, who benefitted from another state-of-the-art technology funded by our community, the Stryker Mako. She became the first patient outside the US to undergo robotic assisted shoulder surgery.



Immediate aid for over 200 patients like Lidia, a 20-year-old refugee from Afghanistan. This included bereavement support, compression garments, mobility aids, home modifications, medications, out of pocket treatment expenses, cleaning services, emergency travel expenses, and urgent financial support to those most in need.

Vital neonatal equipment- including a Voluson Expert 22 Ultrasound System, Omnibed Incubators and SLE ventilators, a new state-of-the-art Coronary Care & Cardiovascular Unit, a new ICU, and the commencement of a major refurbishment of inpatient suites in South Brisbane.



Paxman Scalp Cooling Machines for cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy, a Ultra High-Frequency Linea Transducer to safely scan newborns' lungs, a Constellation LXT Vision System for Rockhampton, the Core 2 Console for Mackay, a EPIQ ultrasound machine for Townsville, and patient fall beds for Springfield.



In 2025, you did all this...  
and more!



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