



sunflower
Children's Hospice



**Join us on our mission to develop Ireland's
first Children's Hospice outside Dublin.**

The Sunflower Children's Hospice will provide specialist paediatric palliative care for children and young adults with life-limiting conditions across eight counties along Ireland's western seaboard.

Ensuring they have access to the care they deserve,
as close to home as possible.

Funders and Owners

For over three decades, Mayo Roscommon Hospice Foundation has been at the heart of palliative care in the West of Ireland. We provide free, specialist palliative care services to patients and families facing life limiting-illnesses, ensuring dignity, comfort, and compassion at every stage.

Over the last 7 years Mayo Roscommon Hospice Foundation has built two adult hospices in the West of Ireland costing €16.3 million, entirely from fundraised income, thanks to incredible community support.



Mayo Hospice



Roscommon Hospice



Why a Children's Hospice Is Urgently Needed?

Currently, Ireland has only one children's hospice LauraLynn, located in Dublin. Families in the West must endure long, stressful journeys or rely on limited clinical nurse visits at home or in hospital settings.

These families face:

- Emotional and physical exhaustion
- Marital strain and breakdown
- Siblings suffering in silence

Families across the western seaboard are affected by conditions such as:

- Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy
- Cerebral Palsy
- Paediatric cancers
- Congenital heart failure

And they have no local access to respite or inpatient palliative care.



Kevin's Story



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The Sunflower Children's Hospice will ensure no family in the West faces that journey alone.

What the Sunflower Children's Hospice will Provide

This purpose-built facility will be a place where children can be children, and parents can be parents not full-time carers.

It will include:

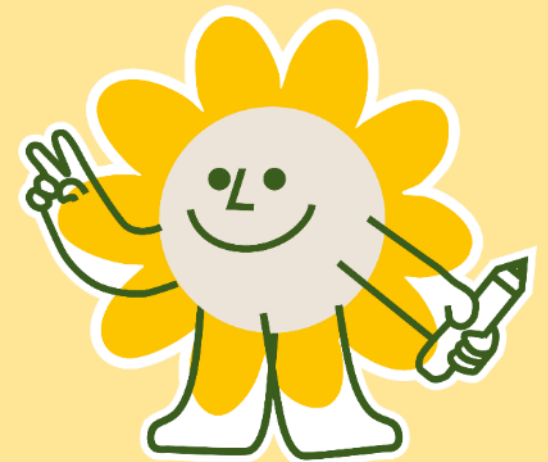
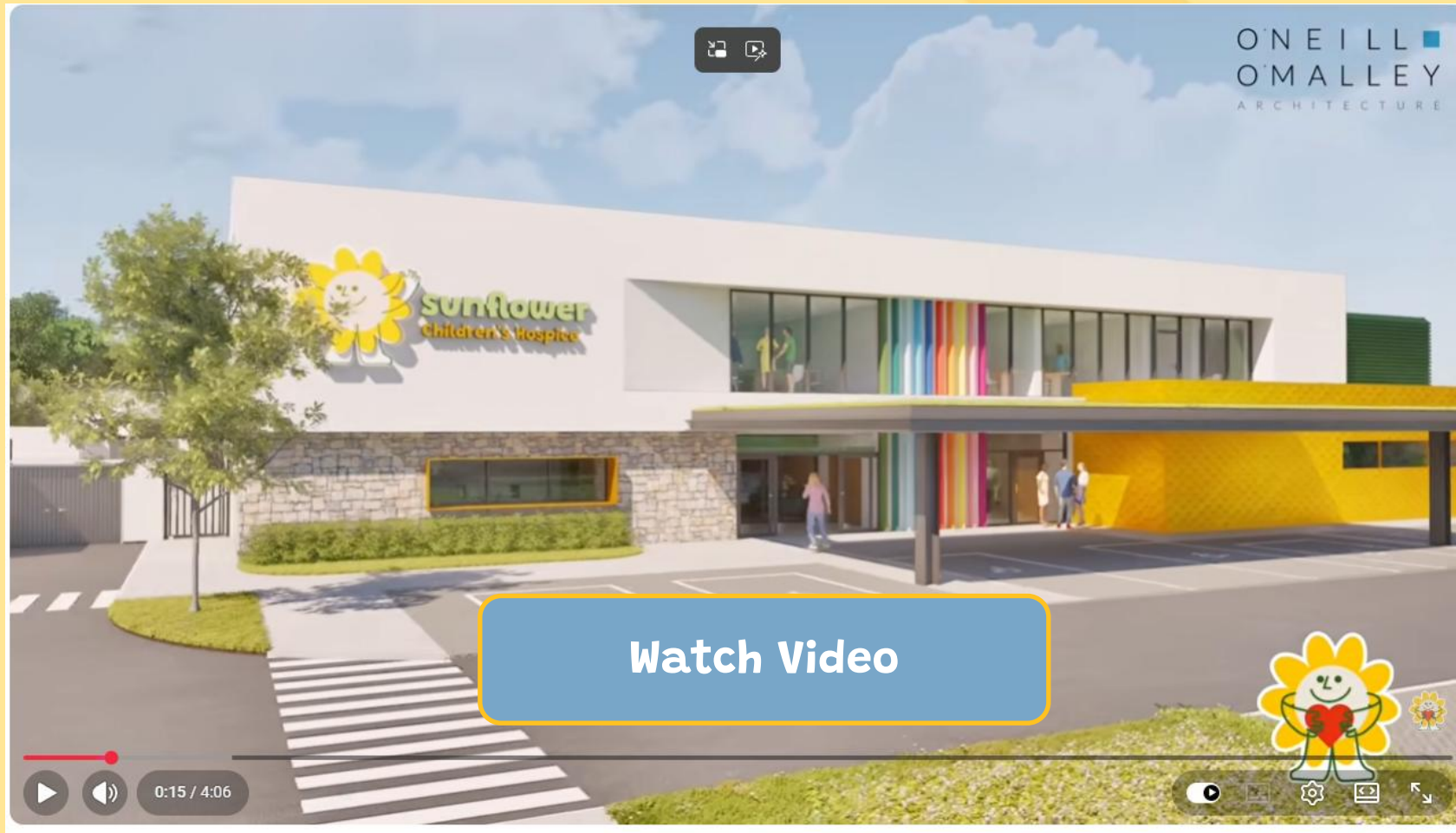
- 8 inpatient beds
- Family accommodation
- Bereavement suite
- Hydrotherapy pool
- Play therapy and sensory rooms
- Direct garden access from every room
- Full multidisciplinary team: nurses, doctors, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, social workers, and therapists



In the absence of a dedicated children's hospice in the West of Ireland, families caring for children with life limiting illnesses are left with limited options for care. These children often endure long, stressful journeys to specialist hospitals in Dublin that will now be able to be managed locally in the Sunflower Children's Hospice. This will significantly reduce travel burdens, alleviate emotional and financial stress, and ensure children receive compassionate, comprehensive care in a supportive environment.



See video of latest designs



Progress to date

We have made significant strides:

- ✓ Site secured in Castlebar
- ✓ Government and HSE support for clinical governance
- ✓ €8.6 million raised toward our €20 million goal
- ✓ Official Launch of project November 2025
- ✓ Planning application submitted in June 2026
- ✓ Construction expected to begin by end 2026



Why Become a Fundraising Partner?

Join Bank of Ireland, O'Hara's Bakery and Hollister in supporting the Sunflower Children's Hospice — a legacy project for the West of Ireland.

- **Be part of something historic:** Help build the first children's hospice on the western seaboard — a sanctuary of care and compassion for families across eight counties on the Western Seaboard.
- **Make a real local impact:** Every contribution directly supports children and families in your community during their most difficult times.
- **Champion compassion and dignity:** Align your brand with a cause that represents care, humanity, and hope.
- **Inspire your people:** Unite your team behind a shared purpose through meaningful fundraising and volunteering opportunities.
- **Leave a legacy of kindness:** Together we can ease suffering, bring comfort, and build hope for generations to come.



Some of our Fundraising Partners



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How To Support

Your support will bring The Sunflower Children's Hospice to life. Every donation will help us build a place of comfort and care for children and families across eight counties on Ireland's Western Seaboard.

Become an Official Charity Partner

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