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Threshold
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The life-changing difference you make

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Mairead and her colleagues are helping people like James find and stay in their homes.

Finding home

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Home is precious. And as one of our treasured supporters, you already know how Threshold prevents homelessness by keeping people housed.

But did you know that in our Cork office, **we're helping people without homes find and keep up housing?**

Meet Mairead O'Sullivan, Assistant Manager of the Access Housing Unit. We recently spoke with her about the important work happening in Cork – **with help from you!**

She explains that the Access Housing Unit is a service that works with people residing in homeless emergency accommodation.

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Threshold opens in Limerick

thanks to you!!

Aoife Gleeson, Kateryna Kriukova, Jasmine Ryan, Emma Keane, Megan Kenny Limerick staff of the launch of the new office

With your brilliant support we're reaching families across Ireland

You already know how important it is to help people stay in their homes. Because of your generosity, their lives are better, and the community is stronger.

That's why we're so happy to share that our new office in Limerick has opened. **This office will serve as the central hub for Threshold's service team in the region.** The new regional office, located on Steamboat Quay, was made possible by generous supporters.

John-Mark McCafferty, Threshold's CEO, said, *"The opening of Threshold's Limerick offices marks an important milestone as we continue to grow, and this office will allow us to provide even more direct support to tenants in Limerick and the wider Midwestern region."*

Your caring is already at work

Thanks to support like yours, in the first quarter of the year, **244 families, 702 adults, and 526 children** were helped in the Limerick region.

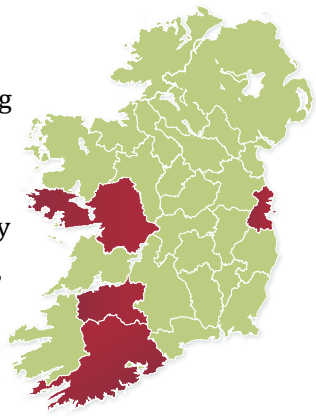
244 Families

702 Adults

526 Children

Appointments can be scheduled via Threshold's website at www.threshold.ie or by calling 1800 454 454. And Threshold's helpline is open **Monday to Friday, 9am- 9pm** at **1800 454 454**, or online at **www.threshold.ie/get-help** for any private renter in need of advice or support.

Kind people like you make Threshold possible. It's your caring and compassion that mean tenants facing homelessness can find the support and advice they need to stay housed. That's hundreds of families, including children, who will have a home to live in, thanks to you!



Will you help our new Limerick office?

We're still fitting out the new waiting area in Limerick. Will you help make this a welcoming space for all those who need our help?

- Children's table €40
- Children's chairs €20 each
- Bean bag chairs €90 each

- Sensory supportive toys
- colouring books €8 each
- blocks €8 – €24 each

- Refreshments area:
- Kettle €24
- Coffee maker €50
- Water cooler €700

Thank you!

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Mairead tells us, "Our job would be to resettle people into properties and set up their tenancy. And then provide them supports afterwards if they need them." She continues,

> "We see a lot of single people and mothers and children. They link in with us, fill in various assessments. Then we do pre-tenancy training and create support plans."

Threshold helps them set up payments for rent and utilities. Sets them on their feet.

The power of your kindness

Mairead mentions one older gentleman. He has no one in his life to help him. So Threshold's team has been supporting him for seven years now. They've been able to link in other organisations to help him, like Age Action, because he needs such intense supports.

"It's quite heavy at times," she says. *"Even getting his glasses or eye tests, or anything. There are so many things. He's just about able to live independently and doesn't want to move. We have to respect that."*

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"And he's old, he doesn't have any family links, and he has a very small network."

But it's not all sad. Mairead tells us, *"It's 'just lovely when you see people moving into a home. Because your home is everything. And now they can build everything else from within. It's just lovely to see those results."*

Your kindness matters

Mairead and her team at Cork Threshold depend on kind gifts like yours. Every day, they're working with people trying to find a place to call home. And every day, you're there at their side, helping. Thank you!

We believe in protecting people's dignity and privacy. So while their stories are true, some client names and images may have been changed to protect their privacy. Thank you for understanding.

Every home found, every life changed... is because of you

The frightening truth: it could happen to anyone

That's why your kindness is so important.

Kris, his wife, and their two children had been loyal renters in their home for 14 years. So their landlord's sudden announcement that he wanted them out came as a terrible surprise.

The landlord first said they had to leave immediately because he intended to sell the house. Shocked, Kris and his wife began the process of applying for a mortgage. They had been saving up for a deposit and they hoped to buy the home.

That's when he changed his story. *"No,"* he said. *"I need the house for myself."* As the family struggled to make plans, a massive pressure campaign began against them. Threats, changing the lock, and constant harassment followed.

Then the landlord turned off the electricity and had their belongings thrown out on the street.

Suddenly, Kris' family was without a place to call home. The financial and emotional strains were tremendous.

"My children were 14 and 13. It was hard enough for me and my wife, but it felt worse to know that our kids were homeless too. The thing kids need most is that feeling of security."

That's when your caring came to the rescue

Kris was referred to Threshold, and thanks to your kindness, we were able to advise his family and represent them in proceedings against the landlord. The case went to the Rental Tenancies Board twice, and Kris' family won the case both times.

Because of your generous gifts, we're able to support and advise people through trauma and fear. Your kindness means people with nowhere to turn have someone fighting for their rights.

Thank you!

Your kindness can continue

Would you include Threshold in your Will?

Your Will is a gift to the future. It's your way to be sure the people you love are cared for after you're gone.

Your Will can also be a way for you to have a lasting impact and ensure your values continue to help others. Of course, you'll want to be sure your family and friends are cared for. But after that, would you consider leaving a gift in your Will to Threshold?

Your gift to Threshold means your kindness will be there, keeping a family safe in their home.

We're happy to talk with you if you'd like to discuss your Will further or have any questions. Ring Catherine Murray at freephone 1800 434 445 or email her at catherine.murray@threshold.ie.

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