Capuchin Day Centre for Homeless People

Annual Review

2025



No-One Goes Hungry

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2025 at a glance

Food Provision

331,300 hot meals

77,300 food parcels

Hygiene Services

7,515 showers

189 haircuts

Family Services

1,073 families supported, including 1,854 children

5,640 onsite family meals

6,545 infant parcels, comprising 8,019 packs of nappies and 5,457 packs of baby formula

50 maternity packs

250 back-to-school packs

Clinic Services

3,483 medical consultations
(including GP/Nurse, Chiropodist, Dentist and Optician)

Mission

Inspired by the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, the Capuchin Day Centre was founded on the principle of ***"relieving the hardship endured by homeless people"*** and we provide services to ensure that no-one goes hungry.

How we work

In line with the values of the Irish Capuchin Friars, we welcome all people experiencing homelessness, hunger and social exclusion and respecting their dignity, provide a caring, pastoral, holistic and non-judgemental service that places our Guests at the heart of what we do.



(L-R) Fr Kevin Kiernan OFM Cap (Capuchin Director), Br Martin Bennett OFM Cap (Chairperson), Brian Friel (CEO)

Chairperson, Capuchin Director and CEO Welcome

The Capuchin Day Centre has long been part of the bedrock of homeless services in Dublin. It exists because of the vision and energy of its founder, Brother Kevin Crowley OFM Cap. The Day Centre's services are able to continue because of the shared commitment and collective effort of our community of staff, volunteers, supporters, collaborators, funders and partners who keep the doors open and the supports running year-round. We thank all of you for your compassion and care.

On 2 July 2025, Brother Kevin was called home to God and as a community we stood together to celebrate his life and give thanks for his service to so many people experiencing hardship. In a year marked by increased cost-of-living pressures and an ongoing homeless crisis, including record numbers of children in homelessness, the Capuchin Day Centre continued to be a safe place to turn for nourishment, healthcare and family supports. Just as important as nutrition was the sense of belonging and connection for each adult and child coming through the doors. Our amazing community stood together throughout 2025 to continue Brother Kevin's important legacy of ensuring that no-one goes hungry and that no-one is forgotten.

The Capuchin ethos embodied by Brother Kevin, to live the Gospel in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi and to provide comfort and healing to those who need it, will continue to guide the work of the Day Centre into the future. The values of recognising the human dignity of each person and welcoming those who seek our support without judgment remain central to how services are provided.

In 2025, the Day Centre met significant demands for support directly related to food poverty, providing over 331,000 hot meals and more than 77,000 food parcels during the year. We also experienced sustained demand across our other services including the Capuchin Clinic and Family Support Services. In 2025 we established a new partnership to deliver a vital optometry service, refurbished our hygiene facilities, upgraded our clinic and introduced a new system to more effectively meet the needs of our Guests seeking family supports.

In line with the Board's ongoing strategy to strengthen governance we also invested in systems to enhance our financial reporting and insights, and we took important steps to ensure that we continue to acknowledge and deepen our relationships with our supporters.

We thank our outgoing Chairperson, Brother Richard Hendrick OFM Cap, who stepped down in July 2025 on his election as Provincial Minister for the Irish Province, and whose invaluable guidance and leadership over recent years helped set the direction and lay the groundwork for much of this progress.

We are proud to now present the Capuchin Day Centre's Annual Review, documenting the progress, determination and ingenuity that characterised 2025.

In 2026 and beyond we will seek to enhance services for our Guests and build on the dignity and respect essential to their experience of engaging with the Capuchin Day Centre. We will aim to apply the lens of sustainability to our operations to identify goals and improvements to be made. We will continue to strengthen our engagement and relationships with our community of supporters, recognising the vital role they play as partners in helping deliver our mission.

> *"We devote our final word to those who access our services, our Guests: adults and families experiencing tough and complex challenges including homelessness, hunger and isolation."*

They come to the Day Centre in search of connection, and a helping hand during tough times, and we continue to be inspired by their courage and resilience in the face of adversity.

All are welcome and we will continue to place our Guests at the heart of what we do, engaging them with dignity and respect and without judgement.

Chairperson
Br. Martin Bennett OFM Cap

Capuchin Director
Fr. Kevin Kiernan OFM Cap

CEO
Mr. Brian Friel

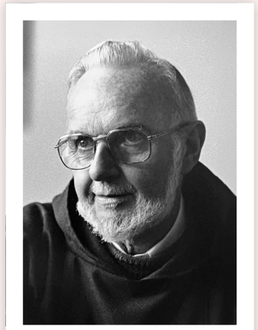
Tribute to
Brother Kevin Crowley
OFM Cap

It was with great sadness that on 2 July 2025 the Irish Capuchin friars announced the death of their Capuchin confrere, Brother Kevin Crowley OFM Cap. Brother Kevin died early that morning in the wonderful care of Mount Desert Nursing Home in Cork. He was known throughout the country and beyond as a Brother to the poor, particularly through his work in the Capuchin Day Centre which he founded on Bow Street, Dublin in 1969. Through his ministry and life as a Capuchin friar, Brother Kevin opened his heart and his hands to serve those most in need. Brother Kevin's Capuchin confreres prepared an obituary for him, some extracts of which are captured here.



Br Kevin Crowley OFM Cap

Obituary for
Br Kevin Crowley
OFM Cap



Br Kevin was born at Kilcoleman, Enniskeane, Co. Cork on 24 February 1935. His parents, William and Catherina (O'Donovan), had him baptised William at the parish church. He attended school in the local National School and Bandon Vocational School. William entered the Capuchin Postulancy in Kilkenny on Easter Monday, 7 April 1958, and on 9 October of the same year, he was admitted to the Novitiate in Rochestown, Co. Cork, where he received the name Kevin; there he made temporary profession on 22 November the following year. He made his perpetual profession at St Bonaventure's Friary, Cork City, on 22 November 1962.

Over his first five years, he served as cook in St Bonaventure's, Church Street and Raheny. His kitchen apostolate was interrupted between 1964 and 1967 when he was appointed Brother Master of Novices in Rochestown. He also served as Quester in Ards Friary, Co. Donegal, for some months in 1967/68. In 1968, he was asked to take charge of the Clothing Guild in Church Street. He quickly realised that much more was required than a clothing distribution unit, so he set up the St Felix soup kitchen and Day Centre, which initially catered for up to sixty persons daily. Then, between 1988 and 2001 he served for three years as Guardian in Holy Trinity Friary in Cork, followed by a further three years in the same role in Raheny, culminating with a stint of seven years as Guardian in Ards Friary in Donegal. At the Provincial Chapter of 1991, Br Kevin was elected to the Provincial Council and was transferred to Church Street, where he was appointed Director of the Father Mathew Hall. He continued in that role up to 1994, while also serving as Vicar in Halston Street.

On 20 August 1991, he returned as Director of the St Felix Day Centre and went to live in Church Street. Since he had last worked in the Day Centre in 1988, it had been ably managed by Brs Luke Hickey and Des McNaboe, but for Br Kevin it was his homecoming to 'The House of Bread'. The high light of his labours there for the following quarter of a century came on Saturday, 25 August 2018, when the Holy Father, Pope Francis, visited the Day Centre.

In 2022, Br Kevin, tired and unwell, reluctantly departed the Day Centre and his army of faithful volunteers and helpers and above all the needy in whom he daily met Christ, whom he had served over a lifetime and returned to his native Cork. May the good Lord now welcome him home and reward him for his faithful service.

"When the poor man called out, the Lord heard, and from all his distress he saved him."
(Psalm 34)

"All people, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!"
(Psalm 47)



Brothers Norbert, Ademir and Hiasintus

Capuchin Identity and Ethos

The passing of Brother Kevin in July 2025 has underlined the importance of continuing to safeguard the identity and ethos of the Day Centre as a distinctly Capuchin initiative and the Franciscan values upon which it was founded. Caring for those who have been excluded from society is a hallmark of the Franciscan tradition as demonstrated in the establishment of Day Centres and Soup Kitchens by Capuchin friars across Europe, America and in other parts of the world.

The involvement of the Capuchin friars in the life and work of the Day Centre will continue to be central to its identity through their ongoing, active presence on the Board of Directors, the pastoral presence of the Capuchin Director, and through the Capuchin Exchange Programme which sees friars from other parts of the world lend their support on the floor of the Day Centre while on placement in Dublin. We will also continue to build connections with other Capuchin Day Centres and Soup Kitchens in Europe and America and other jurisdictions with a view to safeguarding the Day Centre's Capuchin identity and ethos.

Future Focus

The Capuchin Day Centre could not continue without the goodwill of a wide community of supporters, and in the coming years we will look to deepen the connection between our supporters and our Guests in meaningful ways by developing how we communicate what we do to those on whose generosity we so much depend.

We will continue to build our response to the needs of our Guests, with a keen awareness that many who come to the Day Centre are seeking more than a hot meal. In 2026 we will roll out pilot initiatives in relation to Health Promotion and Information & Advice for our Guests. We will build on the successful partnership with the TUD National School of Optometry that began in 2025 and explore similar partnerships with others that will benefit our Guests. Having introduced a more dignified and efficient way of distributing infant parcels to hundreds of families during 2024 and 2025 through the introduction of a new online platform, we will extend this initiative to incorporate our food parcel distribution service as a means to providing enhanced dignity and choice for those who require these supports.

Sustainability in respect of governance and funding will continue to be a priority in the service of safeguarding vital services for our Guests into the future. We will ensure that the management structure is configured to best serve the strategic direction of the Day Centre in the service of our Guests and in a context where our beloved founder, Brother Kevin Crowley, is no longer with us. We will also continue to develop the communication and support environment for those who work in the Day Centre and those who volunteer their time to assist in the delivery of our services.

At Brother Kevin's funeral, the Provincial Minister of the Capuchin friars in Ireland, Br. Richard Hendrick, said that when asked by a mourner what the passing of Br. Kevin would mean for the Capuchin Day Centre, he replied that the Capuchins had been in Ireland since the 1600's and had survived famine, persecution, plagues, rebellions and civil wars and that they would continue to be at the service of the Irish people in the years ahead, including through the service offered in the Day Centre.

The Board of Directors is committed to ensuring that the Capuchin Day Centre remains a compassionate, sustainable and well-governed source of support to those who need it for many years to come.

Making Food Accessible

Access to food, for many adults and families who attend the Capuchin Day Centre, can be a daily concern. Our food provision responds to this immediate need in a practical and compassionate way, offering hot meals in the Day Centre and food parcels for use at home. This service addresses hunger and also offers reassurance, reduces pressure on already stretched individuals and families and provides a point of connection to wider supports.



For our community of Guests, many of whom are living with complex challenges including homelessness and food poverty, accessing nourishing meals can be difficult.

In 2025, around 1,000 nutritious and freshly prepared hot meals were provided in the Capuchin Day Centre each day, through breakfast and lunch services, Monday to Saturday. Breakfast includes porridge as a staple, and vegetable soup as a long-standing Guest favourite, along with a full cooked breakfast, yoghurts, fruit, pastries, tea and coffee. Lunch is a hot main meal usually including meat and vegetables, with soup and dessert. A children's option is also available.


Soup is a Guest favourite


Our family dining area

Access to sufficient and nutritious food is fundamental to health and wellbeing. A wholesome and substantial breakfast can set someone up for the day and for children it can fuel their tummies to support concentration and participation in school.

More than a meal, the Capuchin Day Centre also offers a warm and safe space where Guests can sit down for a moment of calm. For families living in emergency accommodation, sharing a meal together at a table in our family area can help restore a sense of routine.

Coming to the Capuchin Day Centre for breakfast or lunch can, for some, be an important first step that opens the door to other meaningful supports. That may include use of our hygiene facilities, engaging with our healthcare services, availing of family supports or being signposted to additional services.

The meals we provide are essential, but so too are the connections they build and the opportunities they create.



"This place is a lifeline for me"

James, Capuchin Day Centre Guest

Food Parcel Distribution



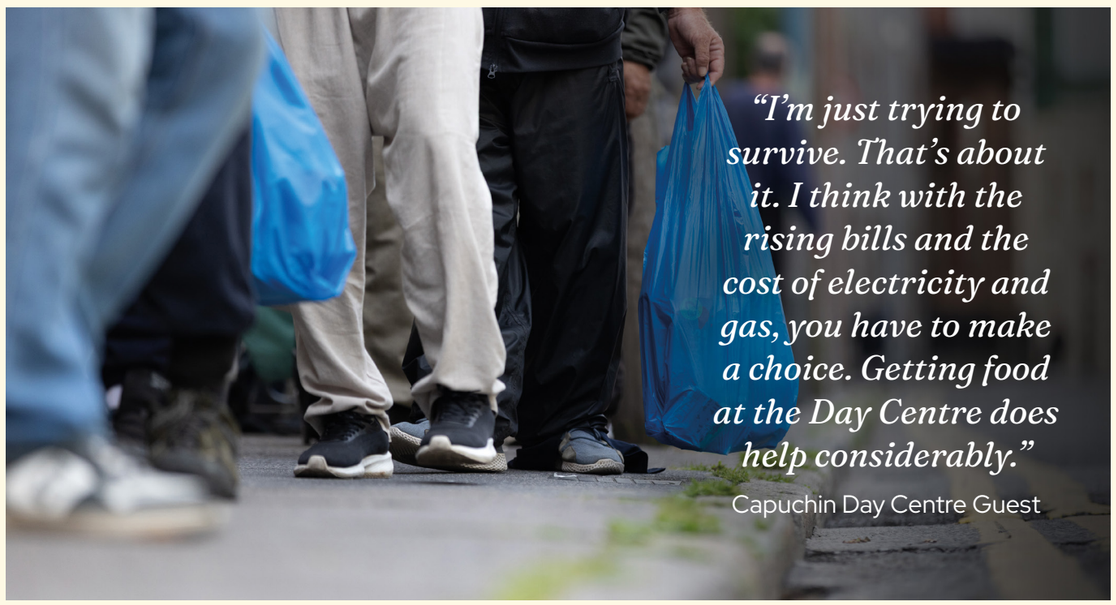


Food parcels are another key support for people experiencing or at risk of poverty and hunger.

Distributed weekly, parcels contain grocery items such as cooked chicken and ham, beans, butter, cheese, milk, bread, sugar and tea. These items help people prepare meals when that might otherwise not be possible, and support households to manage limited budgets.

This service can ease immediate financial pressure and reduce the need to make difficult choices between essential costs such as heating and food. It can also help households to maintain rent or mortgage payments and in doing so can reduce the risk of homelessness.

In 2025, 77,300 food parcels were distributed from the Capuchin Day Centre, supporting hundreds of families every week.





Making Healthcare Accessible

People experiencing homelessness or living with poverty can find it difficult to engage with mainstream healthcare. Systems are often complex and rigid and navigating appointments, paperwork and waiting lists without stable housing, transport or a support network can be exhausting and confusing, especially for someone already dealing with difficult life circumstances.

Past experiences may also make engagement feel uncomfortable for some, especially if they have experienced trauma or stigma. For others, immediate survival needs take priority over healthcare, even when a chronic condition makes care vital.

At the Capuchin Day Centre, assisted by our partnership with SafetyNet, our response has grown from our understanding of the realities faced by our community of Guests. We provide a flexible needs-led approach to primary healthcare, led by a Clinical Nurse Manager. Our on-site multi-disciplinary supports include GP, nursing, chiropody, optometry and dental interventions delivered by suitably qualified professionals and volunteers. We also offer pre and post-natal care, children’s vaccinations and a diabetic clinic.

In 2025, we provided 3,483 medical consultations to people who may otherwise have gone without care. Through early detection, some were referred on for specialist treatment. Others are now better supported to manage ongoing health conditions. For many, access to dental care and to services like our optometry clinic offered in partnership with the TUD National School of Optometry, have supported practical and lasting change, helping build confidence, independence and encourage wider participation in daily life.



Staff Spotlight

Our Clinical Nurse Manager, Joan McNevin, has been with the Capuchin Day Centre for over 20 years. Joan helped to establish and now leads our healthcare services.

Joan shares some insights into our healthcare services, the challenges experienced by the community we serve and how our supporters are so vital in enabling our services and helping us to meet the evolving needs of our Guests.

"When I started in the Capuchin Day Centre in 2002 as a volunteer in the kitchen, the need for healthcare was clear. Hot meals and hygiene facilities are essential, but improving someone's quality of life sometimes requires more.

It was Br Kevin's vision at the time to establish a healthcare service. As a qualified nurse with experience in a general hospital, I could see the gap between the level of need and the limited access to healthcare for people experiencing homelessness and poverty.

There are many barriers to maintaining health for the community we serve. A lack of address and limited income make it difficult to access a medical card and prescriptions. For someone living in a tent, health is often not the immediate priority and even

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when their situation and health improves, their living environment can make it hard to stay well.

In partnership with SafetyNet we established a GP clinic in 2005. With the support of dedicated volunteer clinicians, we added chiropody and dental services along with a nurse clinic and a diabetic clinic. In the past year, we have also re-introduced a weekly optometry clinic in partnership with TU Dublin.

Today our multi-disciplinary team, supported by an interpreter, works from a dedicated space in the Day Centre. In 2025, we provided almost 3,500 consultations. Over the years the level of need has not lessened.

There is no typical day here. We see people of all ages and backgrounds and some days are more demanding than others.

Last year, a grandparent brought a very young child into the clinic with a high temperature. The child began to convulse while in the Day Centre. Our doctor was able to respond immediately before the ambulance arrived. The child received the care they needed and is now doing well.

On another occasion, a man in his forties contacted us as he felt unwell but could not say why. We brought him into the GP clinic. The doctor was concerned and referred him to hospital, where they discovered he had experienced a silent stroke. He is now on medication and doing well and continues to attend for follow-up.

In situations like these, the Capuchin Day Centre plays an important role in supporting people to access timely medical care within a complex system.

For others the impact is felt in different ways, where access to appropriate care can be truly transformative. Through our optometry clinic, one child who had been struggling in school due to poor eyesight was able to fully participate in learning after receiving glasses.

I also remember a woman who came to us last year who was very withdrawn and unable to meet anyone's eye. Our dentist identified that she required extensive treatment, including dentures. Over a number of visits,

> *Now I can get a job.*

she continued to attend for care. By her final appointment, when her treatment was complete and she had her dentures, the change was clear. She was smiling at herself in the mirror, then she looked up and said to me, "Now I can get a job."

The services here at the Capuchin Day Centre can change what is possible for someone.

In 2025 with the help of our kind supporters, including the National Lottery Fund and the Hospital Saturday Fund, we upgraded our clinic rooms. This included a trolley bed that can be lowered for those with limited mobility or painful conditions and raised to support clinicians delivering care. We also introduced improved directional lighting to better support treatment. These may seem like small changes, but they make a significant difference to the comfort, dignity and care of our Guests.

I see every day the difference this care makes. It can open the world to someone.

This is made possible through the support of our partners, volunteers and donors, whose kindness and generosity enables care that is accessible and often transformative, for people who need it most."



Trolley bed in the Capuchin Clinic

> *I see every day the difference this care makes. It can open the world to someone.*



Supporting Families

Our Family Support service has evolved in response to the changing needs of the community we serve.

Many families who attend the Capuchin Day Centre for meals or healthcare supports are experiencing homelessness, food insecurity or financial hardship. Through our Family Support service, we provide practical assistance with infant and baby care, including nappies, infant formula and other essentials.

In 2025, with the help of our kind supporters, we introduced a new digital system that allows us to tailor supports more effectively to the needs of individual families whilst improving stock management. Designed with dignity and ease of access in mind, it helped us support over 1,000 families and almost 2,000 children during the year.

At the Capuchin Day Centre, we understand that the effects of experiencing homelessness and poverty in childhood can be profound and long-lasting. Poor nutrition can affect a child's development, whilst the instability of homelessness and poverty can disrupt education and make the cost of school supplies and uniforms difficult for families to meet. Through our work in nutrition, healthcare, infant supports and back-to-school packs, we aim to reduce the long-term impacts and support children to participate fully in childhood and education.

At certain times of the year, pressure on family budgets can be felt more keenly. Our services seek to relieve the financial burden at Christmas time when limited household budgets need to stretch even further. Through provision of food and toy vouchers in December, parents are supported to create positive and meaningful experiences for their children, helping families share the joy and traditions of Christmas together.

The family supports we provide address immediate challenges today and help children and families to build opportunity and hope for the future.

Guest Voice

I've been in and out of homeless accommodation with my children, including living in a hotel for four years. The Day Centre has helped me out so much over the years. There's been times I've had nowhere to go for family support and they would never close the door on you here. They are very supportive. They've helped out with baby formula and nappies, with meals in the family area and food parcels when I've had nowhere to cook and with an extra helping hand for the children's Communion or at Christmas time. If I need a hand getting the children ready to go back to school I know where to come. And there's always someone who will take time to listen if I need to talk. It feels like home here – I'd be lost without it.

Anne-Marie, Capuchin Day Centre Guest

Making Hygiene Facilities Available

Homelessness and rough sleeping can present serious challenges to personal care and hygiene. In the Capuchin Day Centre, Guests can safely access shower facilities in our male and female hygiene blocks. Our toilet facilities received an upgrade during 2025 with the help of funding from the Bestseller Foundation and the Department of Justice.

In 2025 we provided 7,515 showers with accompanying supports in terms of toiletries and clean clothing. We are grateful for the support of the Sunflower Charitable Foundation for supporting us to ensure that we had sufficient water supplies to meet the demand for showers in 2025. 189 Guests were provided with haircuts through the voluntary support of Haircuts4Homeless.



Our People

Delivering a range of services that meet the needs of our Guests in a safe and welcoming environment from Monday to Saturday each week takes extraordinary commitment and the support of many people across our dedicated workforce and our caring network of volunteers and donors. We are also fortunate to collaborate with a number of partners – corporate, educational, statutory, philanthropic and religious organisations - who support existing services and help us to establish new supports and strategic projects.

We could not continue our work without the help of this amazing community of support.



Our Staff

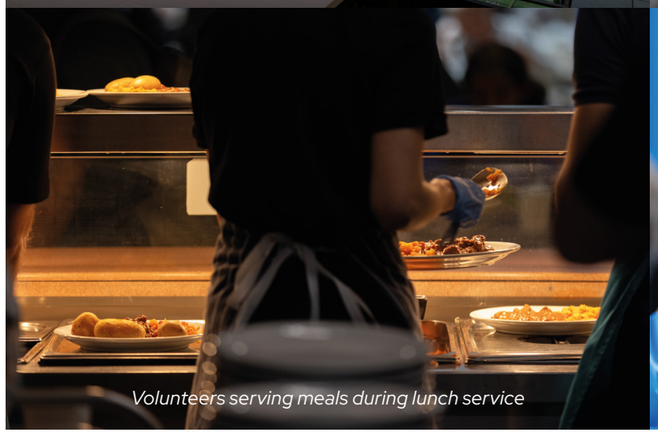
Our dedicated team blends a diverse range of expertise and skill and includes chefs, catering assistants, hospitality, nurses, family support workers and finance professionals. Our Guests are front and centre in everything we do and we are grateful to have a team of people who consistently manage and deliver a high standard of service to meet those needs. Their dedication to putting our values of non-judgement, dignity and respect into action provides a level of care that can be life-changing for some of our Guests.



Volunteers packing food parcels



A volunteer pouring tea for our Guests



Volunteers serving meals during lunch service



Our Volunteers

The Capuchin Day Centre is lucky to have a diverse and dedicated group of regular volunteers who donate generously of their time on a voluntary basis, many of whom have done so over many years. They bring their life experience, skills and energy to keeping our busy meal provision and food parcel services running smoothly. Others bring a range of expertise that supports our hygiene and healthcare services, including hairdressers, a dentist and chiropodist.

In addition to this, in 2025 we welcomed almost 1,500 individuals through our Corporate Volunteering programme. Helping out in the kitchen or dining hall during meal service, packing food parcels or assisting in our warehouse are the typical tasks for these volunteers. Participating in this programme provides a hands-on experience for individuals and assists our corporate partners to boost their CSR engagement and progress their ESG objectives, whilst creating positive impact in the lives of our Guests.

We also have an established student placement programme (Transition Year Programme, Leaving Cert Applied, 3rd Level placements, Gaisce, etc.) that provides students with an opportunity to gain valuable experience and a deeper understanding of the complex nature of homelessness and to meet Guests who come to the Capuchin Day Centre seeking support. In 2025, there were 93 unique participants in this programme. Their dedication and perspectives are welcome and we are grateful for the positive impact they make.

Our Board of Directors are all volunteers whose knowledge, expertise and experience contribute greatly to the governance of the Capuchin Day Centre.

Our Donors and Supporters

Our donors and supporters sustain our mission. We rely heavily on monetary donations from individuals, who give regularly or on a monthly basis, as well as on contributions from religious orders, businesses and corporate organisations. We are also very fortunate to have the support of individuals, families, community groups and clubs, schools, colleges, businesses and organisations across Ireland who fundraised in the most creative and brave ways last year to help support our services. In 2025 they ran mini-marathons, walked miles with their dog, hosted raffles and quizzes, collected Return scheme deposits, sang carols, shook buckets, sold their art, knitted, crocheted and stitched for a craft fair, donned Christmas jumpers in their workplaces – and in one instance dressed up as their favourite super-hero for the day. They are an inspiration, one and all.

We were delighted also to receive several grants during 2025 from philanthropic trusts and foundations including The Sunflower Charitable Foundation, the TC Charitable Trust via The Ireland Funds, the Hospital Saturday Fund, the ESB Energy for Generations Fund and the Bestseller Foundation.

The amazing financial support we receive is complemented by steadfast supporters across the country who kindly devote time and energy to galvanising support from their local communities, schools and workplaces to collect food and hygiene items, which are distributed to our Guests through our services.

Our Partners and Collaborators

When people and organisations collaborate, meaningful impact can be achieved. Through a number of partnerships, for example with Haircuts4Homeless whose hairdressers come in to the Capuchin Day Centre each month, we can deliver benefit to our Guests that may otherwise be out of reach.

The Capuchin Clinic delivers a range of health-related services, and we are delighted to be supported by a number of key partners. We continue to be grateful for our long-running partnership with SafetyNet. The GP clinic and interpreter service they provide supports the Capuchin Clinic, alongside our Clinical Nurse Manager and our volunteer dentist and chiropodist, to reach adults and children who face barriers to accessing mainstream healthcare. These valuable partnerships mean that some of the most marginalised people in our community are supported with primary healthcare.

We were delighted also in 2025 to start a new partnership with the National School of Optometry at TU Dublin, delivering a pilot outreach optometry clinic from the Capuchin Day Centre.

Collaboration Spotlight:

Local partnership with TU Dublin brings eye care within reach



In 2025, we began a partnership with Technological University Dublin that brought together students, academic staff, healthcare professionals and supporters to improve access to eye care for our Guests.

Through a weekly optometry clinic delivered in the Capuchin Day Centre, students from TU Dublin's Optometry programme, under the supervision of academic staff from the School of Physics, Clinical and Optometric Sciences, provided comprehensive eye examinations in a trusted and familiar setting. The initiative was supported through TU Dublin's Sustainability Action Lab programme and reflects a shared commitment to improving health outcomes and reducing barriers to healthcare.

The partnership aligns closely with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, particularly Good Health and Wellbeing (SDG 3), Quality Education (SDG 4) and Partnerships for the Goals (SDG 17), demonstrating how community collaboration can create benefits for everyone involved.

During the first phase of the programme, over 40 Guests received eye examinations, most received glasses and several serious eye conditions were identified for referral and specialist treatment.

For Guests, the impact can be immediate and life changing. Improved vision can increase independence, support participation in education and employment, and make everyday activities easier and safer. For students, the clinic provides valuable practical experience while deepening their understanding of inclusive, community-based healthcare.

The initiative is supported through TU Dublin's Sustainability Action Lab programme, and philanthropy partners Ocuco and Topcon Healthcare. This partnership, together with funding from The National Lottery and the Hospital Saturday Fund to equip the clinic initially and ongoing support from our donors to provide glasses, demonstrates the power of people and organisations working together to create opportunities, improve wellbeing and make essential care more accessible to those who need it most.

> *"We're delighted to be involved in this project. There are huge benefits for everyone involved. We're honoured to be asked and involved as the Capuchin Day Centre is in our neighbourhood, so it's a great community initiative and an inclusive health initiative - which is something we teach our students about. It's brilliant to see it in action."*
>
> Declan Hovenden, Head of Optometry, TU Dublin



Our Statutory Funders

We are very grateful for the continued assistance we received during 2025 from several statutory funders:

Feidhmeannacht um Dhaoine ar Easpa Dídine Réigiún Bhaile Átha Cliath
Dublin Region Homeless Executive

An Roinn Dlí agus Cirt, Gnóthaí Baile agus Imirce
Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration

Rialtas na hÉireann
Government of Ireland

Arna chomhchistiú ag an Aontas Eorpach
Co-Funded by the European Union

ESF + Food & Material Support

Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

Governance and Financial Summary 2025

The Capuchin Day Centre for Homeless People actively updates its governance structures and policies in compliance with the CRA Governance Code.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (FRS 102).

The Capuchin Day Centre presents an extract from the audited Financial Statements of the organisation for the financial year ended 31 December 2025.

The Statement of Financial Activities is set out on page 27. The full set of audited financial statements are available on the Capuchin Day Centre's website.

Through the years the Capuchin Day Centre has been fortunate in attracting funding from non-governmental sources. This money comes from ordinary people who wish to support us. As in previous years, people undertook remarkable voluntary fundraising activities on our behalf, for which we are extremely grateful.

The Board of Directors would also like to sincerely thank The Tom Cunningham Trust for its generous support during the year via The Ireland Funds. Funding of €50,000 was provided to help establish a new Donor Care and Engagement function within the organisation and a further €500,000 was awarded towards the refurbishment of a recently acquired replacement storage facility.

Statutory government funding generated 15% of all income in 2025, through Dublin Region Homeless Executive (€391,241), HSE (€116,184) and International Protection Accommodation Services (IPAS) (€487,045).

It is worth noting that funding in 2025 enabled the Day Centre to provide over 331,000 hot meals and 77,000 food parcels for our Guests as well as many other services including family supplies, showers, medical services, emergency and clothing provision and the many other hospitality services that we provide.

Our work would not have been possible without the continued support from our state funders and voluntary donations from our supporters. The Capuchin Day Centre extends sincere thanks to all who have contributed for their incredible support.

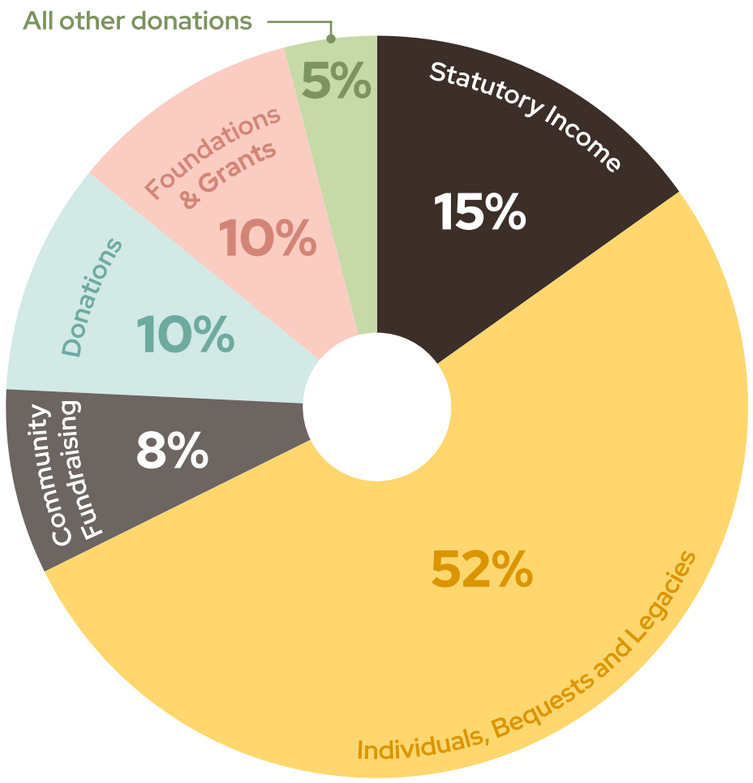
Reserves Management

Reserves are to be maintained at a level which ensures that the Day Centre would be able to continue its core activity during a period of unforeseen difficulty. A proportion of reserves must be maintained in a readily realisable form with minimal risk to capital investment and in line with the following principles:

1. The calculation of the required level of reserves is an integral part of the organisation's planning, budget and forecast cycle and takes into account risks associated with each stream of income (statutory support and donated income) and expenditure (including new demands to meet changing demographics) being different from that budgeted.
2. The anticipated levels of demand for service provision taking account of current housing/ homeless crisis and an increasing number of presentations to the Day Centre over recent years.
3. The ongoing Capuchin commitment to the people who avail of the service.

The Board has reviewed its reserves policy and is satisfied that the funds held align with the organisation's reserve policy.

Sources of Donations and Grants



Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	Restricted Funds €	Designated Funds €	Unrestricted Funds €	**Total Funds 2025**	Total Funds 2024
Income from:						
Donations and legacies - Donations	4	558,000	-	4,393,828	**4,951,828**	5,323,527
Charitable activities - Grants	4	1,544,470	-	-	**1,544,470**	881,849
Investments - Deposit Interest	5	-	-	195,236	**195,236**	87,791
Other income	6	-	-	3,500,000	**3,500,000**	-
Total		2,102,470	-	8,089,064	**10,191,534**	6,293,167
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities - Supporting the homeless		(1,366,892)	-	(3,416,739)	**(4,783,631)**	(4,718,171)
Total	7	(1,366,892)	-	(3,416,739)	**(4,783,631)**	(4,718,171)
Net surplus		735,578	-	4,672,325	**5,407,903**	1,574,996
Net movement in funds						
- On activities in the period		735,578	-	4,672,325	**5,407,903**	1,574,996
Total	17	735,578	-	4,672,325	**5,407,903**	1,574,996
Total funds brought forward		513,534	12,349,065	3,952,601	**16,815,200**	15,240,204
Transfer of funds	17,18	-	4,115,103	(4,115,103)		
Total funds carried forward	17,18	1,249,112	16,464,168	4,509,823	**22,223,103**	16,815,200

Notes to the Statement of Financial Activities can be found in our Financial Statements 2025 on our website.

Thank you

The values, work and history of the Capuchin Franciscan friars is reflected in the work of the Capuchin Day Centre where we try to provide comfort and service to people facing significant hardship, without judgment.

But we can't do this work alone.

The Capuchin Day Centre for Homeless People extends sincere gratitude for the financial support and donations-in-kind we receive from individuals, families, religious orders, businesses, corporates, community groups, statutory agencies and trusts and foundations. Their extraordinary support is felt every single day we open our doors to offer a compassionate welcome to people seeking food, health, hygiene and family supports.

Thank you for caring and for helping to reach out to the most marginalised people in our community.

A helping hand when it is most needed can change someone's world.

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