

You can help create a better future for mothers and their babies.

Each year, Mater helps bring more than 10 000 babies into the world and each one is affectionately known as a 'Mater little miracle'.

This means that on an average day, 29 new Mater little miracles will take their first breath in the caring surrounds of Mater Mothers' Hospitals.

But sadly, for some babies with serious illnesses or those born preterm, their first days of life are fraught with difficulty as they, quite literally, fight for life. When a baby requires extra special care after birth, Mater offers dedicated, around-the-clock care in our Neonatal Critical Care Unit (NCCU)—one of the best and largest in Australia.

In order to optimise care for mothers and babies in Mater's Neonatal Critical Care Unit, Mater currently requires funding support for additional Giraffe warmers and shuttles.

GIVING OPTION 1:

Purchase of Giraffe warmer with SpO₂
Total cost: \$43,500

The Giraffe warmer is a radiant warmer that provides a healing environment and is designed to meet both the needs of the patient and clinician. The revolutionary design eliminates a large overhead heater, making it easier to observe and perform procedures.

This warmer ensures heat is provided directly to the infant and is not lost to the environment around the cot. It provides everything necessary for resuscitation, can be heated in advance of patient arrival and the rotating mattress minimises unnecessary stimulation. At this time, Mater does not have Giraffe shuttles and warmers to service the birth suites.



GIVING OPTION 2:

Purchase of Giraffe shuttle

Total cost: \$33,625

Mater is currently seeking to purchase additional Giraffe shuttles. The Giraffe shuttle is a transportable power source that is an accessory to Giraffe incubators and warmers—an open care system for babies. The shuttle reduces the potential for clinical problems associated with intra-hospital transport that result from interrupted patient thermal regulation. It also eliminates the need to transfer babies to and from a transport incubator, reducing the potential for clinical problems associated with touch, handling and movement.

The shuttle allows for vital equipment to be conveniently attached, increasing safety for the critically ill baby. Having this piece of equipment means Mater will be able to continue to transport the smallest and sickest babies easily and safely. In addition, for those babies who are too small to travel to the operating theatre, we can convert the Giraffe shuttle into an 'in-NCCU' operating theatre bed.

With your support to purchase additional Giraffe shuttles and warmers at the cost of \$77 125 for one warmer and its shuttle, Mater can continue to provide the best in care for many Mater little miracles. Thank you for considering this funding opportunity—and for helping to give Mater's tiniest patients the best possible start to life.



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