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**MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MICHAEL D. HIGGINS**

The Huntington's Disease Association of Ireland is an organisation of which I am very proud to be Patron.

The specialised support and information offered by the Association is an invaluable lifeline to the many people in Ireland affected, in different ways, by Huntington's Disease. A diagnosis of Huntington's presents a difficult and often distressing set of challenges, not only to those facing the news that they have inherited the condition, but also to their family members and friends. The Association's unique understanding of the emotional and practical issues which arise during this time is of enormous comfort to so many of those struggling to come to terms with Huntington's Disease.

I thank all those who give so generously of their time, skills, experience and knowledge to ensure that those facing life with Huntington's, or caring for its sufferers, do not do so in solitude. The work you do, and the hand of friendship and understanding that you offer, is a true light in the darkness for many, many people.

I wish you every success as you continue with your important and selfless work.

Michael D. Higgins

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