

Covid has been tough.

After finally coming out of years of isolation, to have to go back in, seems beyond unfair. But she has managed it, as she has so many other things. And this time, at least, she hasn't been doing it alone. Everyone's gone through it together.

She was due to go on her first solo camp in Barretstown, but it was cancelled due to COVID. It would have been an amazing next step on her journey of independence. But Barretstown Live has been wonderful at keeping her going in the meantime.

Soon, I know, that Barretstown are hoping to fully reopen those magical gates once again for campers and their families. So they can create their own magic moments, just like we did, and Áine can make even more!

But they have a huge, huge mountain of their own to climb. Thousands of children and family members are waiting to access Barretstown's camps and programmes cancelled since last March.

Barretstown are committed to helping as many children experience the magic of Barretstown - as quickly as they safely can. To Press Play on the lives of seriously ill children again.

But they need all of us, to do it. So many of their traditional events and activities to raise money have been affected by the crisis – meaning they have a massive shortfall of over €1.2 million since COVID-19 began and it's only getting worse.

Can you help by sending a kind gift today?

I know first-hand, the incredible impact it will have. Because it's gifts like yours, that gave Áine the chance to climb that wall. To take back control of her life and say watch out world. Here I come.

Yours, with my deepest thanks,

Patricia

(Possibly the proudest mother in the world)

P.S. Thank you for reading our story. I hope it showed you just how much of a difference a gift today could make. Together, we can Press Play on childhood again for some of Ireland's most seriously ill children.



Myself and Áine enjoying Barretstown



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