

# A JOINT STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF MARI STEED



A joint statement issued in support of Mari Steed and her family from the Adoption Rights Alliance (ARA), Justice for Magdalenes Research (JFMR) and the Clann Project.

As some people will already be aware, our beloved friend Mari Tatlow Steed has been diagnosed with liver cancer.

For decades, Mari has worked tirelessly to help people who are affected by ‘historical’ injustices in Ireland linked to Magdalene Laundries, Industrial and Reformatory Schools, Mother and Baby Homes and the related issues of adoption and forced family separation. For anyone who would like to learn more about Mari’s story, it is captured in this 2013 article from *The Philadelphia Magazine* and in the “Foreward” to the 2021 book *Ireland and the Magdalene Laundries: A Campaign for Justice*, which we have made available here.

Simply put, the progress we have made thus far would not have happened without Mari. She has put in countless hours behind the scenes helping people impacted by forced family separation to reunite with each other. For those of us who have had the honour of working alongside Mari over the past few decades, we could not have asked for a better friend or a more effective advocate.

Mari’s family are asking for help to get her home so she can receive the best possible care, which she needs right now. They have set up a GoFundMe page to assist with this goal, and it provides more information about what Mari is going through at this time. We are asking you for any help you can provide in helping achieve the family’s goal. If you are in a position to make a donation, the details are in the link below.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-mari-steed-get-the-care-she-deserves>

