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Duff shows lot of heart for charity

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IRISH football legend Damien Duff has signed up to be Heart Children Ireland's charity ambassador.

It comes after the group raised €20,000 which funded 35 new machines to check for congenital heart failure.

Duff, 34, was on hand to make the formal handover of the CoaguChek devices to Mater Hospital consultant congenital cardiologist Dr Kevin Walsh.

A congenital heart failure is a defect in the structure of the heart and blood vessels which is present at birth.

Damien, whose son was born with the condition, said: "I am honoured to make this donation on behalf of Heart Children Ireland.

"Heart Children Ireland make a really valuable contribution to the treatment and care of children and young adults in Ireland.

"With the great care our son Woody has received from his medical team, I look forward to many a kick-around with him in future."