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To Whom It May Concern

I, the undersigned Coordinator of Beating Hearts Malta (BHM), hereby authorise Mr Joseph Spiteri to raise funds on behalf of the Association through the sales of his book *Too Much Laughter Once You Cry*.

Beating Hearts Malta is an independent non-profit organisation that supports adults and children born with Congenital Heart Defects (CHDs), as well as their families in Malta. Congenital heart defects are the most common malformation present at birth, affecting approximately 1 in every 100 people worldwide.

Founded in 2011, the Association aims to provide support and encouragement through shared experiences, information and advocacy, while also raising awareness and educating healthcare professionals, employers, insurers and the general public about the needs of people living with CHD.

Through its fundraising initiatives, Beating Hearts Malta has contributed to the acquisition of specialised medical equipment for the Cardiac Wing at Mater Dei Hospital, including echocardiography equipment used to diagnose and monitor heart conditions in patients of all ages, as well as advanced cardiopulmonary testing equipment. The Association has also funded bursaries for specialised medical training, contributed donations to the Research Innovation and Development Trust of the University of Malta to support cardiovascular research, and launched a Travel Support Scheme to assist patients and families who need to travel overseas for heart surgery.

In addition, Beating Hearts Malta has initiated projects to install defibrillators in public spaces and sports arenas, helping to improve access to life-saving equipment within the community.

We fully support Mr Spiteri's initiative and appreciate his contribution in raising funds and awareness for this important cause.

Yours sincerely,



Katrina Aquilina
Coordinator