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WONDERFUL STUFF: Damien Duff and his son Woody, who now has a healthy heart

DUFF: HOLE IN TOT'S HEART WAS LIKE END OF WORLD

FOOTBALL legend Damien Duff has revealed how his world almost came to an end when he found out his son Woody had a hole in his heart.

The retired Ireland international said he and wife Elaine were devastated when a scan showed their baby had the potentially fatal condition.

Donation

But Duffer (34) — now ambassador for the charity Heart Children Ireland — said brave two-year-old Woody has battled back after surgery and is

running around like any child his age.

The player was in Dublin yesterday to celebrate the donation of €20,000 to the Maurice Neligan Congenital Heart Clinic in the Mater Hospital.

Duff said: "Nowadays you take your health for granted. We spotted it before he (Woody) was even born. "It's the end of the world at the time. "As soon as he hit six months, he had the operation and everything was repaired."

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