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## MEDIA RELEASE

### **Bridge Club Gives Andrew a Swimmably Good Christmas**

Cottesloe Golf Club's Bridge Group has given one young man with cerebral palsy a brighter Christmas by funding one of the items on The Centre for Cerebral Palsy's Equipment Sponsorship Wish List.

Eighteen year old Andrew from Thornlie needs a hydraulic swimming pool hoist to ensure he can enter and exit his backyard pool without risking injury to himself or his mother.

Swimming is an important part of Andrew's therapy as it gets him out of his wheelchair for a period of time, gives him cardiovascular exercise and stretches his muscles.

It is also a fun activity that Andrew enjoys, particularly during the hot months of summer.

Kathy Kane, Business Development Manager at The Centre says, "Over the past decade new technology has had a huge impact on the quality of life for people with cerebral palsy. However, this technology can be very expensive and beyond the reach of most families."

"This is why we are so grateful for the ongoing support of groups like the Bridge Club" adds Ms Kane.

Kay Lane, a member of the Bridge Club says, "We choose to support The Centre through their Equipment Sponsorship Funding Programme because 100% of funds raised directly benefits individuals or groups within The Centre. The swimming pool hoist should be a nice Christmas present for Andrew and his mum."

There is currently over \$70,000 of equipment on The Centre's Wish List that needs funding, including items that have been on the list for up to 10 months. To help make a brighter Christmas for people with CP contact Kathy at The Centre on 9443 0228 or [kathy.kane@tccp.com.au](mailto:kathy.kane@tccp.com.au).

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## **FACTS ABOUT CEREBRAL PALSY**

- *CP is a permanent physical condition that affects movement.*
- *In Australia a child is born with CP every 18 hours.*
- *Australians under 18 are three times more likely to be diagnosed with cerebral palsy than cancer.*
- *There is no pre-birth test, no known cure and severity is on the increase.*
- *For most the cause of CP is unknown.*
- *CP is not a disease, it is not contagious.*
- *CP can be as mild as just a weakness in one hand ranging to almost complete lack of movement.*
- *Since 1951 The Cerebral Palsy Association has forged an enviable reputation as one of the leading disability service providers in WA. In line with the outstanding work we do in the area of CP management and support to those with disability, on 13 March 2007 we adopted a new name The Centre for Cerebral Palsy and colourful new logo.*