

## MEDIA RELEASE



Euan



Sasha



Kaisah



Ewan



Jayson



Sebastian

### CP No Barrier for Brave Kids

This Sunday a group of six brave children are nominated by The Centre for Cerebral Palsy (The Centre) to receive Awards for their courage in this year's Lions Children of Courage Award Ceremony.

Nominees Euan, Sasha, Kaisah, Ewan, Jayson, Sebastian, Annie and Carl have all overcome significant challenges in their young lives and continue to inspire their family, friends and the wider community.

**Euan, 6, Brigadoon** – leapt into The Centre's Wheelie Big Challenge with both 'magic legs' to over \$22,000 to purchase specialised equipment like trikes, wheelchairs and walkers for other children like him who live with cerebral palsy (CP).

**Sasha, 4, Brookdale** – despite being told that she may never walk, Sasha surprised everyone by walking at 3 years of age. Her next challenge is find a voice as CP limits her use of verbal communication.

**Kaisah, 5, Duncraig** – has spastic quadriplegic CP and takes each day as it comes with a big smile on her face. Kaisah recently discovered her voice and is now communicating happily with her family, teachers and school mates with a 'voice output communication device' she has on loan from The Centre.

**Ewan, 10, St James** – was born 10 weeks premature which resulted in CP. He also has epilepsy and throughout his life has been admitted to hospital numerous times. Despite this, his mother says Ewan is a happy, well adjusted child who always looks on the bright side.

**Jayson, 5, Butler** – this amazing young man always gives 100% despite tiring easily. Jayson's cheerful personality and steel blue eyes will impress you every time. His love of helping others makes Jayson a strong young ambassador for CP.

**Sebastian, 13, Brentwood** – having spastic quadriplegic CP doesn't stop this brave young man from participating in the sporting events he loves. Sebastian has also been a Champion in The Centre's Wheelie Big Challenge over the past 3 years.

Kathy Kane, The Centre's Manager for Business Development, congratulates Lions for on their Award Ceremony which acknowledges deserving children with disabilities in three categories: courage in the face of adversity, courageous acts or deeds and outstanding sporting achievements. Ms Kane says, "This annual event has been bringing joy to children and their families for the past 16 years."

For more information about how you can show your support to improve the lives of these deserving young children please contact Kathy Kane on 9443 0228 or [kathy.kane@tccp.com.au](mailto:kathy.kane@tccp.com.au).

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#### **Photo Opportunity**

Lions Children of Courage Awards

Sunday 18 April

Presentation starts 10am

Dannatt Hall, St Mary's Anglican Girls' School, Elliot Road, Karrinyup

**For further information or to arrange an alternative photo opportunity please contact:**

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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.*