



MEDIA RELEASE

Lions Children's Mobility Foundation Helps Jayden Walk With Pride

Eleven year old Jayden from Singleton will soon receive a specialised walking device thanks to the generosity of the Australian Lions Mobility Foundation and Soroptimist International of Darling Range, who donated vital funds to The Centre for Cerebral Palsy's Equipment Sponsorship Programme.

Jayden has cerebral palsy, a condition affecting the muscles in his legs.

Living with CP often requires services and support beyond the means of most West Australian families, and hence The Centre's Equipment Sponsorship Programme plays an important role in fulfilling unmet equipment needs for over 1000 children and adults with CP across the state.

"There is over \$59 million of unmet needs for specialised equipment for people living with CP in Australia," said Kathy Kane, The Centre for Cerebral Palsy's Business Development Manager.

With the help of individuals, local businesses, corporate groups, social and sporting clubs, and community groups who generously donate much needed funds, The Centre's Equipment Sponsorship Programme offers a means of funding for items that are not eligible for Government funding, which can enhance the lives of children and adults living with CP.

"The Centre commends Lions Mobility Foundation for their generous ongoing support, providing mobility devices for children living with CP across Australia for over ten years." Ms Kane said.

Jayden's new Meywalker, a mobile walking device worth over \$4000, will help Jayden to stand and walk independently, improve his social interaction and will provide essential support following the surgery he is awaiting.

Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation's Chairperson Carole Powell said, "We are pleased to have been able to raise funds to purchase mobility devices for over 875 children since 1999."

Ms Powell added, "Our support of children like Jayden through The Centre is inspired by the comments of one particular Walker inventor who said, 'May every child walk with pride, for it is their right'."

To make a donation or to support other WA kids like Jayden contact Kathy Kane on (08) 9443 0228 or visit www.tccp.com.au.

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Jayden's family and representatives from Lions Mobility Foundation and The Centre for Cerebral Palsy are available for comment.

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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.*