



MEDIA RELEASE

Lions Kingsley/Woodvale Fund Trial Equipment

The Lions Club of Kingsley/Woodvale has generously funded a Trixie Walker for The Centre's Stepping Out Clinic to benefit children with cerebral palsy and other disabilities.

Stepping Out is a mobility advisory clinic that assists people with CP and like disabilities to find the best solutions to meet their mobility related needs. Senior therapists from the Clinic provide a unique consultancy service, ongoing assistance and training to keep people on their feet and mobile.

The Trixie Walker is part of a range of equipment available to families referred to The Centre's Stepping Out Clinic. Six year old Ashlyn will be the first child to trial The Centre's new Walker funded by the Lions Club of Kingsley/Woodvale to determine if the Trixie Walker is the walker best suited to Ashlyn's needs.

Michael Chan, Senior Therapist from The Centre's Stepping Out Clinic said "it is not easy to prescribe the most effective piece of mobility equipment until the child has had the opportunity to use it for a short time to test for suitability."

Mobility equipment is essential to the physical and social wellbeing of people with disabilities but can be very costly and out of reach of most families which is why we appreciate the Lions Club of Kingsley/Woodvale's help in purchasing the Trixie Walker.

Kathy Kane, Business Development Manager for The Centre said the Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation and individual Clubs like Kingsley/Woodvale have been keeping people with CP and like disability mobile for many years and should be commended for their services to our community.

If you would like to make a difference and join a Lions Club near you please ring Gordon from the Kingsley/Woodvale Lions Club on 0401 512 155. Or to make a donation to help keep more kids mobile please contact Kathy on 9443 0228 or Kathy.kane@tccp.com.au for a copy of our Wish List.

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Photo Opportunity

Gordon from Lions Club Kingsley presents Ashlyn with the Trixie Walker at a special morning tea

Date: Friday 18 September

Time: 11.00am

Location: Sir David Brand Centre, 106 Bradford St Coolbinia

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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.*