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## MEDIA RELEASE

### 5-year-old Victoria Leads the Way for Girls in WA

**Victoria is the first female in WA with cerebral palsy to have Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy (spinal surgery) and the results are amazing!**

Victoria is one of 600 children and 400 adults who look to The Centre for Cerebral Palsy (The Centre) for support to help make their dreams a reality.

However our work is limited by the funding we receive as we are constantly challenged by funding issues especially now in these tough economic times.

One of the vital services we provide is funding individual items of equipment for children and adults with cerebral palsy through our never ending Wish List (copy attached).

This specialised equipment helps children like Victoria find their feet, their voices and develop greater independence as they mature and grow into adulthood.

If you would like to help Victoria and other children with cerebral palsy by donating to The Centre please visit [www.tccp.com.au](http://www.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.*