Your impact

2021/22

Children's Hospital Foundation

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A message from our Board Chair

It is a true privilege to present this 21/22 Impact Report. The past year has given us so many reasons to celebrate as we worked together towards changing outcomes for some of Queensland's sickest kids.

It is the people of Children's Hospital Foundation that make us strong, and that includes every single one of you – our committed donors and corporate partners that allow the Foundation to provide the most impact possible to sick kids and their families, right across Queensland and Australia.

As you turn the pages of this report, I hope you get a true understanding of just how far reaching your impact is. From better mental health support through an innovative new digital program, to a dedicated wig library for teenagers at Queensland Children's Hospital and increased funding into paediatric brain cancer research, it is your generosity that is helping these incredible children now, and into the future.

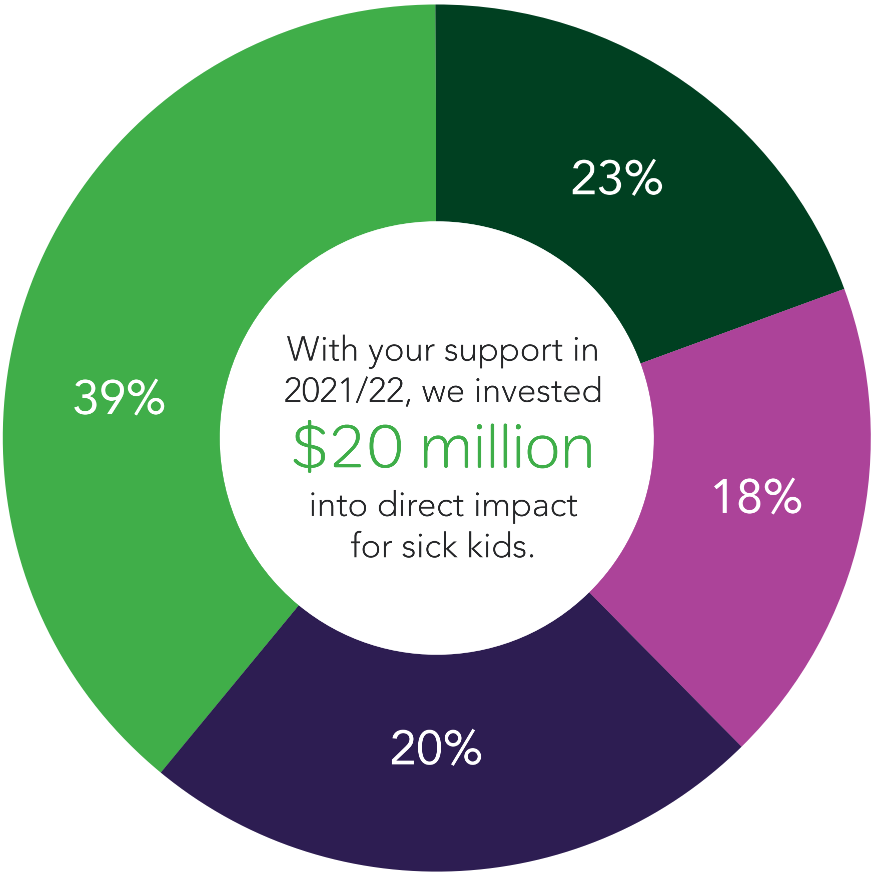
In May 2022, following a national recruitment campaign, my fellow Board directors and I appointed Lyndsey Rice as the new Chief Executive Officer of the Children's Hospital Foundation. We are delighted to have found someone of Lyndsey's calibre for this incredibly important role to lead the Foundation. I'd like to thank the Executive Leadership team for their commitment during the transition period.

Thank you to all our supporters for your ongoing encouragement and support of Children's Hospital Foundation – everything in this report was made possible by you. I have an enormous sense of gratitude and pride for our incredible community. You're helping bring world-class care to Queensland because all children deserve the best. And you're allowing us to bridge the gaps and bring these kids the difference they deserve.

And finally, thank you to the team at Children's Health Queensland. You've continued to face an enormous amount of pressure, and despite it all, you continue to go above and beyond to treat and support the patients at Queensland Children's Hospital and throughout community clinics. We are indebted to your hard work and kindness. Thank you.

Karen Prentis
Board Chair

What we are investing in together



With your support in 2021/22, we invested

$20 million

into direct impact for sick kids.

KEY:

- 🟩 Research
- ■ Health Services
- ■ Equipment
- ■ Patient Family Support

We also make multi-year commitments into children’s health. This includes our larger research programs, such as:

$2.5 million
for the Queensland Cystic Fibrosis Research Program

$5 million
for the Children’s Brain Cancer Centre

$5 million
for the Woolworths Centre for Childhood Nutrition Research

$7.5 million
for the Ian Frazer Centre for Children's Immunotherapy Research

Your support in numbers

We simply could not do what we do without the incredible generosity of the community and our partners. Whether it's supporting our three key funding areas or helping us save for major upcoming projects, every dollar donated is helping us invest in the futures of our sickest kids.

$1.6m

committed to upgrading the Queensland Children's Hospital bedside Patient Entertainment System, which will greatly enhance entertainment options and access to information for patients and families.

$2.4m

of in-kind donations received from our incredible partners and community.

$20m

was invested into helping sick kids and their families.

$18m

received from both our valued corporate partners and our amazing community.

$4m

invested to support young people between 12 and 25 years of age who are experiencing mental ill-health.

$7.8m

invested into medical research.

Your impact in numbers

Because of you, we were able to invest $20 million into our patient and family services, equipment, clinical support and research.

24,290

families were assisted by our Woolworths Wayfinders.

100

Indigenous Welcome Packs distributed at Queensland Children's Hospital.

173

patients used the brand-new digital PET-CT scanner after it became operational in Queensland Children's Hospital in November 2021.

1,225

cuddles provided to babies through our Steggles Cuddle Carer program.

1

trek across Alaska.

59,250km

covered in our 2021 42k Your Way fundraising event, raising more than $175,000.

Lyndsey Rice joins as CEO

In early 2022, Children's Hospital Foundation welcomed Lyndsey Rice as Chief Executive Officer.

Following a national recruitment campaign, Lyndsey was chosen to lead the Children's Hospital Foundation following her six-year tenure at Cancer Council New South Wales.

Children's Hospital Foundation Board Chair, Karen Prentis, said Ms Rice was the standout choice from an impressive pool of applicants from right across the country.

"We are delighted to have found someone of Lyndsey's calibre for this incredibly important role, to lead the Foundation from strength to strength.

Our vision is for every sick child to have the best possible health care, with access to world-class research and clinical treatment in a healing environment, and Lyndsey's experience, teamed with her incredible energy, will further steer the Foundation to maximise our impact."

Ms Rice said she was privileged to take on the role of Chief Executive Officer and looked forward to continuing the work the team has been doing in the areas of world-class research, state-of-the-art medical equipment and patient and family support services at Queensland Children's Hospital.

"It is my honour to be joining the Foundation at such an exciting time for the organisation, following an incredibly successful 2022 Nine Telethon, and just off the back of the delivery of the new Digital PET-CT service at Queensland Children's Hospital which was co-funded by Children's Hospital Foundation.

"I am also looking forward to building on our partnership with Children's Health Queensland right across the state, to ensure we can support them to provide excellent clinical service to all kids and young people."

Lyndsey brings with her a wealth of strong fundraising experience, having led the fundraising teams of successful not-for-profits including Oxfam, Children's Medical Research Institute, Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation, and of course, Cancer Council NSW.

Dr Jeanette Young AC PSM welcomed as Patron

On 1 November 2021, Her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeanette Young AC PSM was sworn in as the 27th Governor of Queensland and representative of His Majesty King Charles III, Queensland's Head of State.

In her role as Governor, she will work to help unify and promote worthy organisations which aim to improve the lives of Queenslanders. This includes using a platform for advocacy to provide patronage to a range of organisations in Queensland. We are thrilled that Dr Young has come on board to offer her services as a Patron for Children's Hospital Foundation.

Her Excellency has extensive experience supporting Queenslanders through her exemplary work and accomplishments in medicine and public health, and most recently as Chief Health Officer.

The Children's Hospital Foundation welcomes and gives thanks to Her Excellency for supporting the work of the Foundation by becoming Patron.

We sincerely appreciate Her Excellency's work within Queensland communities and look forward to working together to help sick and injured kids achieve their best outcomes.

Research

GOAL: Improve children's health by funding research, vital medical equipment and improvements to clinical care that lead to faster diagnoses, better treatments and ultimately cures for some of the most devastating childhood illnesses and injuries.

$7.8 million

went into funding research during 2021/22. We are proud to fund world-class paediatric research through a variety of annual grant rounds, overseen by our expert Research Advisory Committee chaired by Professor Ian Frazer AO.

This committee ensures our commitment to accountability and transparency when awarding funds to researchers and projects.

Children's Brain Cancer Centre continues to bring research findings to the bedside

Since the establishment of the Children's Brain Cancer Centre in 2019, our research members have led projects across the three main research streams – basic biology, clinical translation, and patient survivorship. In this short amount of time, Centre researchers have already hit the following milestones:

- Identified potential biomarkers across two types of aggressive high-grade paediatric brain tumours - medulloblastoma and diffuse intrinsic pontine gliomas, meaning they can adapt treatment plans accordingly, with the aim to make them more responsive.
- Developed preclinical data for a small molecule drug, supporting feasibility for a new and innovative Phase 1 clinical trial for medulloblastoma.
- Established a school re-integration project and language study aimed at identifying risk factors for language and speech impairments in childhood survivors of posterior fossa tumours – a brain cancer whereby language is often impacted due to the location of the tumour on the brain.
- Established an exercise program aimed at improving cognitive function, functional strength, and aerobic fitness in childhood survivors of posterior fossa tumours.
- Established a survivorship study aimed at identifying economic burdens and psychosocial issues for survivors of childhood brain cancer.
- Identified a potential mechanism for chemotherapy-induced 'chemo-brain', which results in long term damage to brain function. Understanding the mechanism behind 'chemo-brain' will enable researchers to develop preventative strategies for paediatric cancer patients on high-dose chemotherapy, improving long term outcomes for these patients.

Inaugural Children's Brain Cancer Symposium hosted by Centre Directors

In March 2022, some of the worlds brightest medical minds came together to tackle paediatric brain cancer, sharing insights and research findings to bolster the fight against the insidious childhood disease.

The inaugural Children's Brain Cancer Symposium featured presentations from internationally renowned leaders in the field, and was chaired by Children's Brain Cancer Centre Co-Directors, Dr Tim Hassall, Prof Brandon Wainwright, Prof Bryan Day and Prof Greig de Zubicaray.

It is the only conference in Australia that is solely dedicated to childhood brain cancer research, and brought together 120 world-leading researchers, clinicians, and allied health members from Australia, Germany, Canada, the United Kingdom and North America.

Brain tumour can't stop Amarlie

Two-year-old Amarlie went to the emergency department in her home of Gladstone in May 2021, with fears she had a stomach bug.

Before long, doctors identified a large mass on the right side of her brain, believing it was a blood clot. Soon after discovering the mass, Amarlie started having unexplained seizures and she was immediately flown to Queensland Children's Hospital in Brisbane.

Upon arrival at Queensland Children's Hospital, Amarlie underwent a craniotomy – brain surgery in which a bone flap is temporarily removed from the skull to access the brain – to remove the mass.

After surgery, Amarlie was placed on a breathing tube in the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit, while her family waited by her bedside wondering why this was happening to their little girl.

It's been a long journey with many tests, but Amarlie recently received an official diagnosis of spindle cell sarcoma. A spindle cell sarcoma is a cancerous tumour that develops in the bone or soft tumour.

Amarlie's health troubles have had a huge impact on the family, having to travel from Gladstone to Brisbane every three months for MRIs, which takes a toll on their whole family as well as Amarlie's baby brother, Rylan. However, the Children's Hospital Foundation are there to help the family every step of the way.

"I am lost for words to explain the impact the Foundation has made on us… having them a part of the journey has helped us all so much" Brittney added.

Amarlie is currently under frequent surveillance at Queensland Children's Hospital, as doctors are unsure how the tumour will behave.

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> Brittney, Amarlie's Mum.

The race to catch a killer

Sepsis is the most common cause of death in infants and children worldwide. Globally, over one million children suffer from sepsis every year. It accounts for an estimated 5,000 deaths each year in Australia, and costs Paediatric Intensive Care Units more than $845 million annually.

Sepsis is a deadly disease. However, it often develops after a subtle onset of very ambiguous signs, making it incredibly difficult to diagnose quickly. The rapid nature of the disease also means by the time it is diagnosed, often it is too late.

The current gold standard for diagnosis of sepsis is blood culture, however this can take between 14 – 48 hours to provide a result, and often return a false negative for a multitude of reasons.

Children's Hospital Foundation has awarded $49,993 to Dr Devika Ganesamoorthy (The University of Queensland) to investigate the molecules that make the proteins in early sepsis, to see if they can be used to diagnose sepsis faster.

Outcomes from this project have the potential to revolutionise the management of patients with suspected sepsis, with an ambition for the diagnosis time to go from up to 48 hours to under one hour. The results generated are expected to inform national and international sepsis management guidelines in kids facing this horrible disease.

The funding of this important project was made possible thanks to our corporate partner, The Lott.

Ali's fight for survival

Ali went from being a bubbly six-year-old girl zooming around and playing with her three big sisters to, just weeks later, in the pediatric intensive care unit fighting for her life.

"She had a temperature and was vomiting, but as there had been a spate of gastro infections going around, so we thought it must have been that," Ali's mum, Bianca says.

Over the next few hours, Ali's condition worsened, and Bianca soon noticed light purple blotches on her daughter's stomach. Bianca rushed Ali straight to Queensland Children's Hospital where she was told that her daughter had meningococcal disease.

A rare bacterial infection, meningococcal causes inflammation of the brain and spinal cord and is commonly transmitted by prolonged contact with an infected person's saliva.

With an extremely low heart rate of 38 beats per minute, and a temperature of 40 degrees, Ali was placed into an induced coma.

A few days later doctors told them that Ali's little body was fighting back against the disease. However, as a result of her body's natural reaction to fight the disease, Ali contracted sepsis. Sepsis – or blood poisoning – can occur when chemicals released in the bloodstream to fight an infection trigger inflammation through the body.

In Ali's case, this meant her arms, legs, feet, and fingers lost circulation, went black, and required amputation. Despite her incredibly difficult journey, Ali remains an upbeat and enthusiastic little girl who you will always find smiling. She loves painting and is determined to become a paralympic swimmer when she grows up.

World-first research project has kids running to better health

A landmark research project funded by Children's Hospital Foundation is aiming to improve the cardiovascular health for young children living with cerebral palsy (CP) consequently reducing the risk of health complications in adulthood.

Through the introduction of a brand-new discipline of athletics – frame running – participants of the project 'Running for Health' will use a frame that allows children with moderate to severe CP the capability to run.

Children with CP often have difficulty walking or cannot walk, leading to low physical activity levels. This leads to a 300 per cent increased risk of dying from cardiovascular disease compared to the rest of the population.

Led by Dr Sarah Reedman, research fellow at The University of Queensland, the study is the first of its kind internationally to host a randomised trial of frame running training and will monitor the improvements of cardiovascular fitness for young children living with CP as they train and grow.

"Kids with cerebral palsy grow up to be adults with cerebral palsy, and adults with the condition have a high risk of dying prematurely. The risk of this cohort dying from these conditions hasn't decreased in 30 years, due to the lack of research into the area and I am hoping to change that," Dr Reedman said.

"Frame running is a very new sport and will only be introduced for the first time at the Paris Paralympics in 2024. We are currently identifying young people who want to get into the sport, improve their cardiovascular abilities, and you never know – they might end up representing Australia in their hometown come 2032!" she added.

The project could have the added benefit to improve sport equity, as frame running is one of the only accessible opportunities for high-intensity activity for people with a severe disability. Other options include swimming – which can pose further dangers to this cohort of people – or bodyweight supported treadmill training, which proves a large financial burden.

Dr Reedman's research project received almost $50,000 of funding from the Foundation and sits underneath the Queensland Cerebral Palsy and Rehabilitation Research Centre (QCPRRC) which receives significant funding support from the Foundation.

Collaborating institutes include The University of Queensland, Queensland Children's Hospital (Queensland Paediatric Rehabilitation Service), Sydney Children's Hospital Network, and University of Sydney, with research sites in Brisbane and Cairns.

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Aston finds joy in running

Nine-year-old Aston has been training oncea fortnight with his frame runner.

His mother, Morgan, said she thought they might have hit the limit with what her son Aston could do when he was diagnosed with cerebral palsy at 12 months old.

"When he was diagnosed, we were told that he would never be able to walk or talk," Morgan said.

Since then, Morgan said that frame running has brought her son out of his shell and increased his fitness.

> "We have come through so many hurdles with him, and just seeing him be able to move his body and join in with things that able-bodied people can do is such an inspiration," Morgan said.


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Aston

Equipment and Health Services

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$8.6 million

was funded into hospital equipment and health services, including for regional hospitals and health services, during 2021/22.

Newly funded innovative online support tool to support youth mental health

This year, Children's Hospital Foundation partnered with Queensland Health to engage Orygen Digital to deliver an innovative model of digitally enhanced mental health care for young Queenslanders.

Thanks to a significant partnership investment of $8 million between both the Foundation and

Queensland Health, Orygen Digital is delivering its Moderated Online Social Therapy (MOST) digital platform in Queensland as a two-year pilot project (Q-MOST). Launched in February 2022, the Q-MOST pilot operates across seven Hospital and Health Services and their local stakeholders such as headspace centres. The MOST platform is for young people aged 12 to 25 years, offering online personalised therapy programs, moderated social networking and evidence based tools to provide digital mental health care to complement face-to-face clinical care.

This pilot project comes in the wake of two uncertain years for Australians, young and old, due to the impact of the global COVID crisis. Through the delivery of the Q-MOST pilot, young Queenslanders can access 24/7 mental health support using a clinician moderated online platform, which is accessible directly from their pockets.

The funding has enhanced service options for young people with access to digital mental health care to support their mental health and wellbeing. It allows young people the opportunity to engage with online therapeutic content, connect with online clinician support and peer support at the touch of their fingertips, wherever and whenever they need it.

Children's Hospital Foundation Chair, Karen Prentis, said the pilot program launched at just the right time.

"This is an imperative time, as young Australian's grapple with the uncertainties of life during a pandemic. The digital function and service options on the MOST platform allows these young people to have 24/7 support, to compliment in-person support, including those awaiting service, ensuring timely access to effective mental health care."

The MOST platform is also being piloted in Victoria. The MOST platform has been developed in partnership with consumers and is backed by more than a decade of research, clinical expertise and innovation led by Orygen Digital.

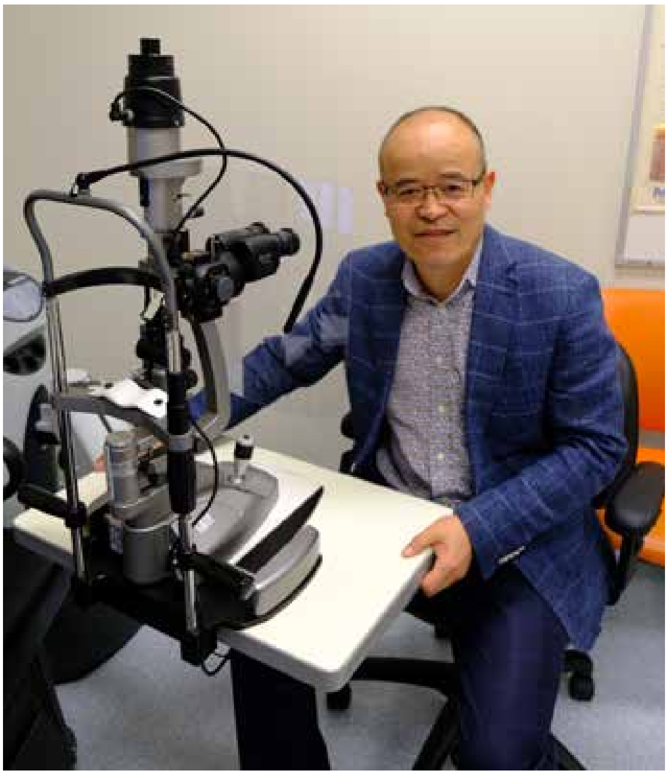
Sights set on improving eye care

Thanks to your incredible support, children aged six months to 18 years are benefitting from the Optos ultra-widefield retinal imaging device now available at Queensland Children's Hospital.

This device provides essential information for the diagnosis and management of eye disease, including retinoblastoma, and takes a photo of the entire retina with a single shot. This captures retinal images that were not possible with the previous retinal camera.

As well as reducing the risk of missing eye disease, and therefore preventing vision loss, this device has provided improved training opportunities for ophthalmology registrars and fellows.

Dr Shuan Dai, Queensland Children's Hospital Director of Ophthalmology said "We are incredibly grateful for all your support which enables us to deliver the best eye care for children and their families, in Queensland and beyond. In the last year over 6,500 children have had retinal imaging which has helped immensely to diagnose and monitor their eye conditions."



Isabelle is a retinoblastoma warrior

At just 15 months old Isabelle's mum, Kellie, took her daughter to the doctor after seeing a white reflection in her eye as she was walking around the house.

"I thought she might have a cataract or something, so I took her to the doctor and they said they couldn't see the back of her eye, so we were immediately referred to an ophthalmologist," Kellie said.

Isabelle was later diagnosed with bilateral retinoblastoma – an eye cancer that mostly affects young children.

"I had never even heard of it before, and we never really thought it could be something like that. That's why we believe it is so important to raise awareness as when kids are that young, they can't tell you that they can't see."

At three years old, Isabelle lost her left eye to the tumour, but has now been cancer free for the past five years. Now eight-years-old, she is doing very well with her prosthetic eye.

Retinoblastoma is the most common eye tumour in children, and in Queensland there are approximately nine new cases per year, with most cases presenting before a child is five or six.

Isabelle and her family, along with a team of doctors from Queensland Children's Hospital, run Bridge to Brisbane each year to raise funds for the Foundation in order to fund equipment, just like the Optos ultra-widefield retinal imaging device, to help more kids like her.

They also use the opportunity to spread awareness on how to 'Know the Glow', telling people about the early sign of retinoblastoma including a white or yellow glow in the pupil.

More kids like Harrison now helped by insulin fusion pumps

In early July 2021, at 10-months-old, Harrison was rushed to his local hospital after becoming severely ill. Hospital staff quickly identified that Harrison was suffering from DKA (diabetic ketoacidosis), and he was immediately airlifted from his hometown of Dalby to Queensland Children's Hospital.

Harrison made a full recovery after spending several days in the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit and receiving insulin and other fluids to stabilise the ketoacidosis. He was subsequently diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes. Life for Harrison and his family was changed forever.

For a young child like Harrison, it is incredibly difficult to manage diabetes using insulin pens, as the smallest deliverable amount of insulin from a pen is too much for a child of his age.

Given this, Harrison was the first recipient of an insulin infusion pump, purchased thanks to our generous supporters. This has allowed his family to administer very small doses of insulin which are more appropriate for children his age.

Harrison's family would like to raise awareness of Type 1 Diabetes in the community so that other parents and caregivers of young children are aware that diabetes can occur at any age, even as young as 10 months.

Type 1 Diabetes is not caused through diet or lifestyle choices, and knowing the symptoms allows for early identification of its onset. Some of the symptoms can be missed or explained as other things. Thirst, tiredness, tummy pains, vomiting, frequent urination, and weight loss are the main signs and symptoms.

Thanks to your support, and the support of the Cory Charitable Foundation, we are proud to be able to fund insulin infusion pumps through the Compassionate Use Pump program.

The benefit of the insulin infusion pump, particularly for young children like Harrison, is the ability to administer very small doses of insulin. The pump is worn 24/7 and allows for communication between his continuous glucose monitor allowing for simpler corrections and calculations.

> "Thank you for making this pump possible. This has allowed us to take the time and focus on our 'new normal' and getting Harrison's Type 1 Diabetes under control," Dimity, Harrison's mum.

Patient and Family Support

GOAL: Support patients and their families when they are in hospital by providing a range of programs and activities that complement and enhance clinical care and provide distraction and entertainment for children and their families.

$3.7 million

in grants was funded into patient and family services at Queensland Children’s Hospital and Children’s Health Queensland facilities.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Patient and Family Support

220

volunteers committed 10,161 hours of support.

121,000

interactions with patients and families through our services and programs.

7,500

free meals provided to families in Queensland Children's Hospital, in partnership with Scarlett May Foundation.

37,764

craft packs were provided to inpatient units and outpatient clinics.

5,055

families were supported while their child was undergoing surgery.

4,991

toys, books and games loaned to inpatients including digital distraction devices and playability toys.

Despite another year impacted by COVID, our Patient and Family Support team worked tirelessly to ensure families continued to be supported. We provided families with precious memories on special occasions like Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day and Riverfire, to name a few.

For Christmas, we organised COVID-safe activities such as PICU baby photos, family Christmas lunch at Somerville House, 12 Days of Christmas Craft including a letter writing activity with a virtual response from Santa, and Christmas Day gifts.

2,000

one on one moments of wellbeing support to families.

3,707

children and 2,250 adults visited our Kidzone playroom.

6,953

Bravery Beads awarded to recognise the incredible strength and bravery of patients.

1,225

cuddles provided to babies through our Steggles Cuddle Carer program.

466

kids engaged with Juiced TV during 348 hours of filming, creating 168 segments across 45 filming days at Queensland Children's Hospital.

24,290

families were assisted by our Woolworths Wayfinders.

2,209

handmade quilts were donated from the community and gifted to children.

Wig library boosts confidence of teens with cancer

During cancer treatment, a frequent side effect is the loss of hair. Wigs can be very expensive and, unfortunately, not all families are able to afford this cost during treatment.

Queensland Children's Hospital plays host to a Wig Library, which provides a selection of synthetic wigs for patients to borrow during the hair loss stage of their treatment.

The Wig Library received a funding boost from Children's Hospital Foundation of more than $16,000 last year, thanks to our corporate partner BIG W. This allowed an expansion of the library to boast a more diverse range of styles, colours and sizes, meaning more adolescents with cancer are able to access the service.

A volunteer hairdresser from Beaute Internationale delivers this service and assists teenagers to choose and fit their wig. Written and verbal instructions on how to care for their synthetic wig are provided with a free hairdressing service available to cut the wig to shape the face and style wigs for school formals.

> "Having a wig gave me the confidence to go out in public places. No one realises the hair on my head is actually a wig. I now feel normal again," Keasine said (pictured).

Music Therapy supports kids like Rani

Rani was only eight months old when she started choking on a piece of mango.

The piece of mango was lodged in the back of Rani's throat and could not be removed, so her father performed infant CPR until the ambulance arrived – a move which paramedics later advised saved Rani's life.

Rani was rushed to Queensland Children's Hospital and was intubated and placed on a ventilator to help her breathe.

Test results confirmed Rani had a hypoxic brain injury (formed due to a restriction on the oxygen being supplied to the brain). Rani was recently extubated and is now able to breathe on her own, however will live with a severe disability for the rest of her life.

Throughout her long stay at Queensland Children's Hospital, Music Therapy proved a vital service for Rani and her whole family.

Rani now requires 24/7 care, is fed via a feeding tube, is non-verbal, has seizures but is making small improvements day by day. Her mum says she's a fighter and always showcases how strong she is.

> Music Therapy clinical service delivery has benefited 363 infants, children, adolescents, and their families at Queensland Children's Hospital, and provided 1,833 occasions of service during the past financial year.

A symbol of siblings' bravery

In early 2022, Children's Hospital Foundation extended our longstanding Bravery Bead program to siblings of Queensland Children's Hospital patients, marking the importance of the journey they go on when they have a sick sibling.

When a family has a sick child in hospital, it isn't just a difficult time for the child, but for everyone in the family. Siblings often have their world turned upside down too, and face their own journey of being brave while mum, dad or their primary caregiver is at the hospital taking care of the sick child. Our sibling Bravery Beads are a special way to care for and support all the kids in the family, to recognise that they are also showcasing extraordinary bravery in the face of adversity.

Siblings are encouraged to wear their Bravery Bead bracelet when they're missing their family, friends or home, when they're thinking of their loved one, when things are scary and they need to be brave, or when they simply want to show support for their sibling.

Since the program's inception in early 2022, more than 229 sibling bracelets have been distributed to some very brave siblings.

> "They make me think of my baby brother and when I kiss my beads, I am sending a kiss to Lachy Bear," Olivia, Lachlan's sister.

Belle the Brave

Eight-year-old Belle was riding her horse on her family property in Kingaroy on the last day of September school holidays when she tragically fell. She had to be airlifted from the farm, presenting with a broken pelvis in three places, a broken jaw, and internal bleeding caused by multiple internal injuries.

Belle spent six weeks in Queensland Children's Hospital being treated for her extensive injuries, bravely enduring five major operations, a dangerous infection, and the loneliness of being away from home. She was wheelchair-bound during her treatment as a result of her injuries, which was so tough for a child who was usually very active. Her jaw injuries also meant she could only eat soft food, so she had a feeding tube inserted during her jaw plate surgery. She lost a lot of weight through her journey.

Throughout her recovery, Belle was part of the Children's Hospital Foundation Bravery Beads program. Our Bravery Beads recognise the strength and courage kids in hospital show every time they face an (often) painful procedure or treatment. Each bead is a bravery award for kids with serious or life-threatening illnesses, acknowledging the latest procedure, surgery or milestone they have faced in their healthcare journey. The beads are added to a string, which for some children can become metres long. Other children create necklaces and bracelets which they wear proudly as a sign of their bravery.

> "My Bravery Beads make me feel brave and they make me so happy when I get them!" Belle.

From our community

Alaskan adventure helps sick kids

A local Brisbane man set off on a journey to help sick kids in March 2022 – an adventure that saw him walk 1,600km across the US state of Alaska to raise much-needed funds.

The trek saw Daniel Cooper become the first Aussie to successfully undergo the challenge on foot. He covered 60km, walking over 20 hours per day, every day, completing the entire challenge in around one month.

Battling conditions like snowstorms and blizzards, Daniel raised more than $7,000 for critically ill kids through his amazing efforts.

Made with love

The Lady Cilento Crafters are incredible community supporters from Rosewood, in the Lockyer Valley. They donate their time to knit and sew various creations for patients at Queensland Children's Hospital and donate them to the Children's Hospital Foundation to distribute. Their donations include beautifully sewn quilts, theatre gowns, dignity capes, bereavement cocoons, eye masks and knitted toys.

Run by Rosewood local, Coralie, the crafters ensure nothing goes to waste and they continually come up with new ideas for donations. Bonding hearts are a recent popular creation worn by a parent and placed in their baby's bed to comfort them with the scent of their family.

The items are invaluable for brightening patients' rooms and making it feel more like home in the wards, and, the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU). The resources are highly sought after by the hospital staff as they help reduce the impacts the PICU environment can have on the development of some of the hospital's youngest patients.

Nate's mullet mates raise vital funds for sick kids

Three star Brisbane Broncos players, Tyson Gamble, Keenan Palasia and Brendan Piakuru shaved off their infamous and impressive mullets to raise funds for Children's Hospital Foundation, in honour of a little Broncos fan, Nate.

Three-year-old Nate (aka the Brisbane Broncos' secret weapon) has been battling acute lymphoblastic leukaemia for the past two years. During this time, he's become a regular at their trainings, loved by all of the players and club staff at their headquarters in Brisbane. In a huge milestone for Nate and his family, Nate had his last chemotherapy treatment in May 2021.

After being so inspired by Nate's journey, Broncos players wanted to support kids who might be facing a similar path to Nate, and so they lost their locks to raise funds and rally around sick kids doing it tough.

In June 2022, Tyson, Keenan and Brendan shaved their mullets off in front of teammates and fans alike, raising more than $20,000 for sick kids and their families.

Because of you...

Our sincere thanks go to the individuals and organisations who have so generously supported the Children's Hospital Foundation in 2021/22, including those who chose to give anonymously.

We could not do what we do without our incredible team of volunteers who always show up with a smile and a shoulder of support. Your gift of time makes all the difference. On behalf of the inspiring children, their families and all of us, thank you.

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