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GIVING 2021

IMPROVING CHILDREN'S LIVES, TOGETHER.





Chairman's Report

2020 was a year that I doubt any of us will forget in a hurry.

The COVID-19 Pandemic created challenges for countries and industries across the globe, with most people affected in some way. While we can all feel grateful to live in WA where the impact has been less drastic, there's no doubting that we've encountered difficulties. The charity sector in particular has been hit hard. Services were disrupted due to social distancing restrictions, and challenges to secure funding were experienced by many.

But how we, as a WA community, have risen together to overcome these challenges has been inspiring, and it's no more evident than in the record breaking fundraising total at the 2020 Telethon Weekend. Raising \$46.3 million dollars in a year where we had significant uncertainty, restrictions and

doubts on whether Telethon would proceed at all, is a result we can be proud of and celebrate.

Telethon is a charity institution that has been created and owned by the people of WA and on behalf of the Channel 7 Telethon Trustees, we'd like to thank everyone who played a role in Telethon in 2020. Whether you were a million dollar partner or a major donor, one of our many tireless volunteers, or the incredible and mission-led beneficiary charities we support - you all make Telethon happen. Generous partners and sponsors, Mum and Dad donors, our many dedicated community fundraisers especially the children who donate their pocket money - your generosity really does change the lives of young children who need our help the most

Today, we are proud to share with you that a record 65 charity beneficiaries will be

recipients of Telethon grants this year, sharing in the incredible \$46.3 million raised last year.

This is a day to reflect proudly on what we can achieve as a community when we come together to have a real impact for the most important cause, the health and wellbeing of our children and creating a healthy future for them.

Richard Goyder AO

Nora and Eamon, our 2020 Little Telethon Stars

Nora Holly and Eamon Doak graced our TV screens and our hearts over the 2020 Telethon Weekend.

The youngest of 3 kids, Nora seemed to be a perfectly healthy baby, developing well and even reaching some of her milestones early. Then one afternoon she woke from her afternoon nap and had lost movement in her legs.

In a matter of days, the family's world came crashing down when doctors found a fist-size tumour in her chest crushing her spinal cord.

Nora was diagnosed with the rare early childhood cancer called neuroblastoma.

Nora started treatment straight away and hospital became their second home. Naomi said amid all the pain, their little girl's fighting spirit shone through.

Mum Naomi was caring for Nora 24/7 with a lot of time at hospital, while dad Hannes reduced his working hours. It was a struggle as the family felt torn in half.

The one bright light during Nora's long and grueling time in hospital was discovering Captain Starlight and the Starlight Express Room.

Affectionately dubbed the Ginger Ninja, Nora is so happy doing the normal kid stuff she missed out on like ballet, swimming in the ocean and jumping in the pool. When asked what she enjoys, Nora said "The outdoors, playing outside. I like everything, I like flowers, deer, music, dancing, pink and orange, sparkle dresses, puppies, painting, arts and crafts... I just love everything"

While Nora has finished treatment for now, she still needs to be in hospital for regular check-ups and tests.

"I like flowers, deer, music, dancing, pink and orange, sparkle dresses, puppies painting, arts and craft... everything!"



EAMON DOAK

Eamon, as well as his brother Kaelan, was born profoundly deaf. This was traumatic and heartbreaking for his parents, but they managed to 'fix' their deafness through cochlear implants. Then, in 2018 (when the boys were 5 and 3 respectively), they had genetic testing done and were told that the little boys have Ushers Syndrome type 1D. This means that they are born deaf and will gradually lose their eyesight due to Retinitis Pigmentosa.

As an infant, Eamon had delayed developmental milestones and balance issues which we know now are linked to Ushers Syndrome. He only sat at around 9 months old and walked unaided at 18 months.

He still battles with his balance and this is made worse by his deteriorating eyesight. In a normal classroom environment, he tires faster than his peers because he really must concentrate to hear in a noisy

environment. He does, however, always put 110% into whatever he does, he never gives up, and has a quirky personality that makes everyone fond of him.

As a family, the Doaks prefer to concentrate on Eamon's abilities instead of his disabilities. Eamon really wants to be a pilot, so they supported this by taking him to flight simulator sessions. Eamon himself does not consider himself any different to other kids in his class and lives his life to the full.

2020 Telethon Grant Recipients

Telethon is transforming the lives of children in WA. Through the support of an incredibly generous community this year Telethon is giving out over \$46 million dollars to organisations that support the wellbeing of children and their families.



12 Buckets helps local children to flourish regardless of background or circumstance. It has been identified that some primary school students in educationally disadvantaged areas show less resilience at school due to adverse childhood experiences or trauma. Through our one to one mentoring program, our volunteer mentors, help identify a child's spark, and then, seek to strengthen and grow that spark to help foster resilience and confidence. 12 Buckets is a place for connection and a place to be challenged to grow. It is a space for kids to have a break from their reality, dream big and know anything is possible! We believe fullness in life comes when you pour yourself out for others.



The All Stars Telethon Teen Mentoring Program provides an exciting opportunity for autistic high school students to mentor autistic primary school students. This ground-breaking initiative enables autistic children to connect, collaborate and inspire each other as they work together on creative and meaningful community-driven projects.



Telethon and Ability Centre are partnering again in 2021 to deliver the In-home Baby Intervention Service (IBIS) for babies and toddlers who are at risk of developmental delay or disability. Experienced IBIS therapists empower families in the crucial early years of a child's life to positively support their development.



The All Abilities Art project aims to use innovative modified and adaptive equipment to enable fun, engaging artistic expression for those children whom otherwise have limited opportunities to participate in these sessions at their own discretion.

The High Care Kids project is focused on children under the age of 18 living with severe and complex disabilities. These children require assistance with physical support and personal care on a daily basis. The High Care Kids project aims to brighten up these lives through social and physical interactions.



At Anglicare WA, we believe everyone deserves to belong, have a hopeful future and the support they need to flourish. Telethon will support Young Hearts – a free counselling service that empowers young children to overcome physical, psychological and emotional trauma and abuse caused by family and domestic violence.



The Asthma WA Paediatric Respiratory Hub provides children and their families with a 'one-stop-shop' for asthma diagnosis, treatment and support. It combines paediatric respiratory testing, comprehensive individualised education with device technique training and an appointment with a paediatric respiratory specialist if required – all in the one location and during the same appointment.



“Music takes me out of the place I don’t want to be and puts me in the place I like.” Thanks to Telethon, ACMF will deliver weekly music tuition sessions to disadvantaged children and at-risk youth in Perth and the Kimberley – providing a creative and imaginative outlet whilst achieving positive education and behavioural outcomes.



Autism Connect aims to minimise the trajectory of a child’s disability through a program that creates specialist support for families in vulnerable communities of Western Australia. Autism Connect includes: Specialist playgroups for young vulnerable families who suspect their child has Autism; Specialist training for community organisations to better identify early signs of Autism and to provide enhanced support; Specialist dads program to create stronger & more connected families.



Government of Western Australia
Child and Adolescent Health Service



The Child and Adolescent Health Service (CAHS) treats children from around Western Australia and is committed to programs that promote lifelong health in children and adolescents. CAHS is made up of Neonatology, Community Health, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services and Perth Children’s Hospital. Discovering new ways of preventing, diagnosing and treating childhood diseases and conditions to improve the health and wellbeing of children, thanks to the generous support of donors like Telethon, is one of the ways we aim to give children and young people the best start in life and achieve our vision of ‘healthy kids, healthy communities’.

CONDUCTIVE EDUCATION
CHARITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Conductive Education thanks Telethon and the Western Australian community for supporting WA’s first and only Conductive Education High School program at Castlereagh School. Your support enables children and young people with complex physical needs access to a life changing program in a High School setting that maximises their potential.



Constable Care Foundation is undertaking a pilot program in primary schools designed to assist children to develop critical thinking, empathy and ethical reasoning skills that research indicates will help them make better life decisions. This study will explore the benefits of weekly volunteer-led discussion groups for students and school communities.



Professor Peter Gething is a global expert in geospatial modelling and epidemiology. He uses cutting edge technologies to understand how health and wellbeing of children varies geographically, pinpointing hotspots of risk and underlying drivers. Peter leads an international collaboration called the Malaria Atlas Project and has been applying geospatial methods to issues like COVID-19 in schools and the rising rates of obesity in Western Australia.



Providing Advanced Biomechanical Rehabilitation (ABR) therapy to children with cerebral palsy or similar disabilities which develops and restores the myofascia in the body improving children’s range, mobility and strength. Family support is also provided for those in need that are partaking in the ABR treatment.



Together, Cahoots and Telethon continue to change the lives of Western Australians who face exceptional challenges. Cahoots Cultural Camps have grown rapidly in response to community need, especially during COVID-19. Cahoots focus on connection with culture and community, through online blended learning, for young First Nation’s people, and their families – building capacity of WA’s next generation.



The enormity of a parents (carer) cancer diagnosis can have a profound impact on a child’s emotional and physical well-being. Research shows that providing children assistance in developing their resilience in a fun, safe, ‘normalising’ experience is needed. In partnership with Telethon, Camp Quality will develop a program supporting kids impacted by carers cancer.



The Regional Support and Vulnerable Families Programs provide school, community and hospital-based education, financial support, counselling, occupational therapy, advocacy, and a means to connect parents and carers including siblings and offspring. These early intervention and prevention strategies improve equity of access to essential support services and improve health outcomes.



The Down Syndrome Western Australia (DSWA) Peer support program is the first point of contact for parents of a newly diagnosed child with Down syndrome. DSWA support families with both a prenatal and postnatal diagnosis. The Playgroups are open to families of 0-5 year olds and are valuable in the early years of the child’s life.



The ECU Pregnancy to Parenthood (P2P) Clinic supports early relational health between parents and their babies. A Family Engagement and Support Coordinator enables P2P to connect with families in need of mental health support earlier and prevent more serious long term mental health problems developing in very young children and their families.



Edmund Rice Camps for Kids serve the needs of kids aged 7–16 and their families. We provide camps and other recreational and developmental activities for children who would not otherwise have such opportunities, supporting kids who are ‘at risk’ or experiencing some form of disadvantage.



Fair Game – Ensuring equitable access to healthy lifestyle choices through recycled sports equipment, fitness and health education. Our Recycle & Donate program makes the significant mental, physical and social benefits of community sport more accessible for children in Western Australia.



Foodbank WA’s School Breakfast Program (SBP) ensures WA school children have equitable access to a healthy breakfast, fuelling young minds and bodies to learn and play. Program benefits extend beyond food provision to positively impact school attendance, education, health and social outcomes with flow-on effects to the wider school community.



Hannah’s House provides health and support services to children with life-limiting and complex conditions and their families. Life-limiting conditions are those for which there is no reasonable hope of cure.

The challenges of providing ongoing care for a child with complex care needs places families under great strain. Hannah’s House focus on quality of life through clinical and social support from diagnosis through to recovery or bereavement and beyond. Their vision is to provide care, comfort and joy to every child with a life-limiting or complex condition, enabling them to participate fully in home and community life.



Telethon generously fund the HeartKids Family Support Program which provides support to parents of children with congenital/acquired heart disease. Through vital in-hospital and state-wide community services to thousands of families in consultation with health care professionals, parents of heart kids are supported, informed and educated throughout their child’s health journey lessening the burden of care.



Horse Power provides healing through horses by offering therapeutic and recreational equestrian activities for children with disabilities and special needs.

Clare’s story



DEFYING ALL ODDS

Born more than 14 weeks premature, Clare was given a 95% chance of physical or mental disability. Because of her prematurity, Clare’s parents were having regular reviews with the Child Development Centre in Perth, who placed Clare in the bottom one percentile of cognitive ability at the age of two.

By the time she reached kindy, it was clear to Wylie and Sharon that Clare wasn’t keeping up with her peers, despite having speech therapy. They began looking for somewhere that offered a multifaceted approach to learning, encompassing speech with occupational therapy and other developmental disciplines. They enrolled Clare in the Telethon Speech and Hearing’s Talkabout program for kindy.

Supported by a Telethon grant, the program, compared to others treats the whole child. They work directly with the child to rewire the brain to support speech, language and fine motor skills. Clare competed the Talkabout program alongside mainstream schooling.

Without the support of Telethon, Wylie and Sharon Collins would never have foreseen that Clare would be excelling at school and above some of the kids in her class for reading and writing.

“Clare was above the national average and in some regards, she was in the top 25%. That blew us away ... and Telethon Speech and Hearing was part of the puzzle of achieving that success.”



The United Reds is an entry-level league for children aged 8 – 12. Teams are made up of children with and without a disability who want to experience a fun and friendly competition. Eight clubs are participating in the 2021 season. Supported by Inclusion Solutions, Telethon, Football West and Manchester United Foundation. Clubs are now recruiting!



Country Kids Communicate seeks to support children and young people with a disability and complex communication needs in regional WA to use augmentative and alternative communication (AAC). Following successful projects in metropolitan schools this project aims to broaden the reach to develop a model of school-based AAC services within regional areas.



The JDRF Global Centre of Excellence in Diabetes Research aims to improve health outcomes for people living with Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) and their families, now and into the future. The Centre will accelerate new therapies and evidence-based research to improve practice and policy that will deliver better outcomes for all living with T1D.



Usher Syndrome is a rare genetic disorder affecting young children that results in a combination of deafness and blindness. This project will be the first to test a unique gene therapy approach to treat the vision loss symptoms directly in a patient-derived stem cell organoid model of Usher type 1.



Unique. Inspiring. Extraordinary. Each and every day, Make-A-Wish® Australia brings amazing people together to grant life-changing wishes for children with a critical illness. Wishes are designed to complement medical treatment, supporting families and empowering sick children with hope and joy when they need it most. Telethon's grant will go towards helping us make 26 wishes come true to critically ill children in Western Australia.



Researchers at the Australian National Phenome Centre at Murdoch University are mapping the metabolic development of infants and children to understand the impact of maternal and early life environment on their health. The research, led by Professor Jeremy Nicholson, will improve knowledge of the origins of major diseases including diabetes and cancers, as the roots of these disorders are often set early in childhood.



The ORIGINS project is a ten year research study of pregnant women, babies and their partners aimed at improving the next generation through early diagnosis and intervention. This study will investigate how early environment and lifestyle influences affect child development, with the hope of preventing diseases.



The Kalparrin Hospital Support Program provides practical and emotional support to parents of children with disability or health conditions at Perth Children's Hospital. The program helps parents, often at the point of diagnosis, to understand their child's diagnosis, get supports and services in place quickly and connect to other families.



“Rocks” Resilience of Country Kids, is Life Education WA's program that will through partnering with Primary Schools in the Goldfields Region give young students' access to vital Preventive Health and Safety education around mental health, cybersafety and the issues they will face with drugs and alcohol in the future.



When people with disability are socially isolated they experience worsening physical and mental health. Our Adolescent Resilience and Capacity Building (ARC) Project aims to reduce isolation in those living with neuromuscular conditions by providing opportunities for social and community engagement that build resilience, confidence and develops leadership skills.



Thanks to Telethon, Helping Little Hands continues its vital work in supporting Aboriginal families impacted by the birth of a premature baby. By overcoming practical obstacles, including transport and food costs associated with travel, families are empowered and enable to spend precious time with their premature baby.



OzHarvest's Nourishing Our Schools program innovatively tackles children's food insecurity both in schools and at home. The program will provide disadvantaged school communities across Perth with Community Essentials Boxes which they can distribute to vulnerable families, and School Essentials Boxes for youth outreaches; breakfast and lunch programs; and sports programs.



Kobe's Story

Two-year old Kobe has Dravet Syndrome, a rare and catastrophic form of Epilepsy.

Kobe has multiple seizures daily and requires 24/7 care. He can also have prolonged status seizures which can last for more than 60 minutes. His seizures have caused many emergency trips to Perth Children's Hospital, which is demanding and emotionally draining for his parents and causes distress to his four-year-old sister.

Telethon funding allowed Hannah's House to provide two respite shifts a week with a Registered Nurse.

Having someone experienced in seizure management gave mum the confidence to enjoy some 'free time' knowing that Master K was very well cared for.

"I was just hoping for a little time out to recharge my batteries and time to spend 1:1 with our daughter, but we have gained so much more out of this than we could ever have expected."



Child and Family Advocacy and Therapeutic Services are a key component of the operation of the Multiagency Investigation and Support Teams (MIST). The Advocate role supports children, young people and their families following disclosures of child sexual abuse in such a way that some of the harmful impacts of disclosing child sexual abuse can be ameliorated whilst complementing the investigative, child protection and justice processes that ensue.



Opportunities for Children with a physical disability are severely limited, especially now with the socially isolating COVID-19 pandemic. This year it is even more essential to reconnect our community back together. Our successful Giving Kids A Go program offers a unique opportunity for children and their families to reconnect and become involved in a wide range of fun sporting, recreational and social activities tailored towards their abilities.



Western Australia's Perron Institute is researching a promising intervention for a form of infant stroke responsible for 23% of neonatal deaths worldwide. Telethon funding will contribute to this research, adapting a peptide for adult stroke sufferers that has shown promising results in preclinical paediatric applications of brain injury.



The Perth Children's Hospital Foundation is the official and largest funder of the Perth Children's Hospital and the wider Child and Adolescent Health Service after government. By working closely with those on the frontline, the Foundation has an in-depth understanding of what clinicians and researchers need in order to have a tangible impact where it counts most.



Children with cancer, and their families, who live in regional/remote WA experience significant challenges as they need to travel or relocate to Perth for treatment. Redkite provides vital emotional, financial and educational support so they can have the best possible wellbeing and quality of life, during treatment and beyond.



Rocky Bay's Early Start Intervention Program will provide children displaying signs, symptoms or risk factors for rare disease with intensive therapy during the critical early-years of development. With access to both land and aquatic based therapy, the program will help children and families to achieve their individualised goals leading to positive developmental outcomes.

Major Telethon Achievements

SUPPORTING VULNERABLE YOUTH

Telethon funded clinicians at Youth Focus provided 7,677 free counselling services to 400 young people across the state.



SUPERB SWIMMERS

Since 2010, around 220 children have been involved in the Superfins Learn To Swim program, and 8 swimmers have competed internationally.



50 YEARS WITH MDWA

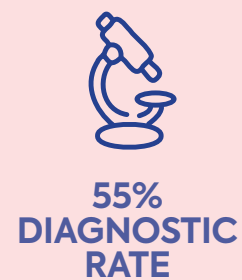
Muscular Dystrophy WA has been supported by Telethon for over 50 years, changing the lives of many children and families through Muscular Dystrophy research and support programs.



21 YEARS

MILESTONE SCHOOL BREAKFASTS

Foodbank's School Breakfast Program has been running in WA for 21 years! With support from Telethon since 2005, Foodbank has fought against hunger and supplied breakfast foods to hundreds of schools each year.



DIAGNOSING RARE DISEASES

Telethon funding was key to delivering the first Undiagnosed Disease Program in the Southern Hemisphere, which now supports a world leading 55% diagnostic rate for children in WA with the most challenging medical mysteries.



100,000 HOURS

HOUSE OF LOVE

With Telethon's support, Hannah's House has provided over 100,000 hours of in home care to families of children with life-limiting conditions.

WORLD-LEADING RESEARCH AT TELETHON KIDS INSTITUTE

Led the development of the RHD ENDGAME Strategy, a blueprint to eliminate rheumatic heart disease in Australia by 2031.



TACKLING BULLYING

Kalgoorlie Boulder High students tackled key social issues such as bullying and peer pressure via The Constable Care Foundation's Youth Choices program. **92% of participants found the 2 week intensive program useful in dealing and managing these issues in the future.**

DISABILITY INCLUSION

Inclusion Solutions is working with 8 local soccer clubs to provide over 60 children with disabilities and their families the opportunity to gain a sense of belonging at their local club and play the world game.



SUPPORT FOR TEENS

Starlight delivered 11,094 Livewire experiences for hospitalised teens at Perth Children's Hospital in 2020 alone.

11,094 experiences



200,000 meals

With Telethon support in 2020, OzHarvest delivered 200,000 meals, diverting 66.667kg of fresh food from landfill.



LITTLE TELETHON STARS

Since 1989, we have celebrated 74 Little Telethon Stars!



74 stars



16 local Aboriginal practitioners

16 local Aboriginal practitioners qualified to deliver Equine Assisted Learning program to support mental health of Aboriginal young people in the Kimberley.



TWO YEARS TO 10 DAYS

Successfully cut waiting times for Ear Nose and Throat consultations from two years to just 10 days for Aboriginal families enrolled in the Urban Aboriginal Ear Health program helping support the 50% of Aboriginal children developing ear infections by six to eight months.

1,664 families SPECIALIST AUTISM SUPPORT



1,664 young families accessed specialist support through the Autism Association of Western Australia.

OVER THE YEARS...

- Over **\$395 million** has been raised over the past 54 years
- Over **168 different charities** have been supported over this time
- We are supporting a record **65 charity beneficiaries in 2021**
- Gifted **over \$40 million to Perth Children's Hospital (formally Princess Margaret Hospital)** for research, equipment and better care of the most vulnerable of children
- Granted **over \$153 million to Telethon Kids Institute** to lead clinical trials and conduct ground-breaking research to find life-saving solutions to complex diseases and children's conditions



LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCES

Cahoots has delivered 260 camp days, connecting first nations children with their culture and land, and providing life changing experiences.



260 CAMP DAYS



The Saba Rose Button Foundation is a not for profit charity focused on raising funds to help children who have special needs and their families. Our rehabME INTENSIVE COLLECTIVE program is an 'intensive' rehabilitation program for children to set and achieve specific developmental goals. Thanks for your support Telethon!



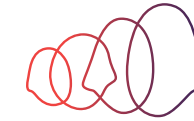
The Broome Camps Program is a pilot regional model of Sony Foundation's Children's Holiday Camp program providing free respite care for children with disabilities, physical and mental health needs, and their families and carers; a lifeline for vulnerable children in the Kimberley Region who face challenges associated with social isolation.



The Telethon Holiday Makers Program allows young people with autism to explore their interests and strengths in a fun and engaging atmosphere. It's a great opportunity for participants to meet like-minded peers and have some fun, new experiences along the way.



At Telethon Kids Institute, our vision is simple – happy healthy kids. With top scientific minds and world-class facilities, we bring together researchers, community, practitioners, policy makers and funders who share our vision of making a real difference to benefit children, young people and families everywhere. Our researchers are searching for answers to some of the big issues in child health – cancer, health, diabetes, infectious disease, early life -- and the extra challenges faced by Aboriginal kids and families, and those living with a disability or poor mental health. Because all kids deserve a healthy childhood.



Telethon Speech & Hearing

Telethon Speech & Hearing provides children aged 0-8 and their families affected by hearing, speech and/or language difficulties access to a suite of educational-based, health and therapeutic services and programs. Children are supported through individual and group-based therapy while caregivers are provided with the necessary skills to support their children at home.



Fighting meningococcal disease

AYF is excited to release a new primary school health program called Detect & Protect in 2021. Buddy, our new German Shepherd mascot, will guide students, teachers and parents through detecting potential meningococcal disease threats and finding ways to protect against the disease. This fun and interactive program will be available online and as an incursion.



Sports Challenge Australia (SCA) in partnership with local IT Company JH Computer Services will build, roll out and evaluate a (24x7) 'E-PALS' platform for mobile devices to assist in building improved physical and mental health in 'at risk' children. The 'E-PALS' platform will be combined with a SCA experiential mentoring program running parallel in school time. The project will run in one low socio-economic community in North East Metro Perth to build back connectedness heavily affected by COVID-19.



Starlight's Livewire Program at Perth Children's Hospital supports the wellbeing of adolescents living with chronic illness, mental health conditions or disability. Livewire provides engaging workshops for hospitalised young people, giving them a creative outlet, a sense of choice and autonomy and fostering social connections- helping them to thrive during hospitalisation.



Superfins WA provides swimming lessons for children with disabilities to improve health and fitness, to create a lifelong pathway in the sport of swimming, to reduce the incidence of drowning by promoting safety in and around water and to encourage social interactions in a safe environment.



Vitally important foundation skills in language and early literacy are first developed in the home. The Dyslexia-SPELD Foundation's Literacy Booster Pack project will provide families throughout WA with access to a collection of engaging and easy-to-use home activities aimed at boosting these skills through downloadable materials and informative videos.



The Fathering Project is the most powerful force in Australia to change the future of our kids. Research shows the profound impact of an effective father on kids' outcomes. The Fathering Project's Dads Group schools program inspires and equips fathers and father figures to be the best they can be.



Non-ambulant children with cerebral palsy (CP) experience more sedentary behaviour, spending up to 96% of their waking day sitting. With no evidence-based interventions available, this can have a devastating impact on health and well-being. CP-Movetime aims to develop new interventions that reduce sedentary behaviour for better health outcomes.



Legacy WA has been delivering on our promise to help the families of those who served to build a sustainable future for almost 100 years. With Telethon's support Legacy WA will offer disabled dependents and youth an opportunity to pursue their education and training goals and provide an early intervention and prevention program supporting youth who have lost a parent, or are living with a parent suffering ill health (physical or mental).



In partnership with Telethon, The University of Western Australia (UWA) will make a difference to child health through world leading research in partnership with patients, families, health professionals, non-profit organisations, government and the wider WA community. UWA researchers will work to detect residual leukaemia to improve treatment for teenagers; use exercise expertise to improve health outcomes for those affected by illness; understand milk production difficulties for breastfeeding mothers to improve support; provide paediatric eye health services in the North West; develop new treatments for eye disease (Usher syndrome) and help schools to provide trauma informed programs for vulnerable students.



Providing access to specialised assistive technology through a transitional rehabilitation program and therapeutic interventions that support community inclusion and participation of children with disability, helping them realise their potential and achieve their goals.



Thriving Exercise Rehabilitation Inc. uses exercise expertise to improve the health outcomes of children and young people. Thriving AfterSchool, is a unique exercise service targeting children and young people whose ability to participate in community or school-based physical activity is impacted by physical, mental or behavioural conditions.

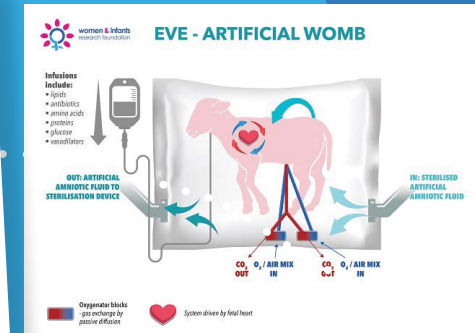


The Type 1 Diabetes Family Centre is the go-to organisation for families impacted by type 1 diabetes in WA. Telethon funding supports the Family Centre's Type 1 Connect service, providing vital information, advocacy and peer support to parents of kids with type 1 online, via telephone, and face-to-face.



Telethon's Kites Sensory Zones, an initiative of VisAbility, enables families of children with sensory challenges to improve their experience and engagement at local community events.

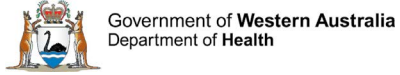
Kites achieves this by creating sensory spaces that meet the preferences of children with a range of sensory needs, allowing them to chill or let off steam.



Encouraging Ground-breaking and Innovative Research

An artificial womb has been successfully used to incubate healthy baby lambs. Researchers hope the technology will one day be able to do the same for the 3,000 babies born pre-term each year in Western Australia.

Chief Investigator, Associate Professor Matt Kemp from the Women and Infants Research Foundation said that Telethon's support has been essential to this project. He said there are very few funding bodies that are prepared to invest in innovative or 'left-field' approaches to child health.



The WA Child Research Fund was established in 2012 and is co-funded by the WA State Government and the Channel 7 Telethon Trust. It was established to fund research of direct significance to the health of children and adolescents, enhance the translation of research findings into evidence-based health policy and practice and contribute to integrating research capability across universities, research institutes and health services by encouraging the development of research-policy-practice clusters.



Grants awarded by Telethon in 2021 will accelerate the Women and Infants Research Foundation's work to improve the health of WA mothers and babies. Projects focused on delivering greater community access to obstetric care, an enhanced role of family in neonatal intensive care, and much-needed new treatments for mothers at risk of preterm delivery will all benefit from this generous funding. With Telethon support, these projects will greatly advance the Foundation's mission of treating babies before or soon after birth to ensure a healthy start to life for all West Australians.



WADSA enhances the lives of people with a disability in WA through meaningful participation in sport and recreation. This extends to families, volunteers, support workers, staff and the wider community.



Youth Focus is a leading mental health provider that supports the wellbeing of young people aged 12 to 25 in the Western Australian community with free and professional face-to-face counselling. The Youth Focus mission is to equip young people who experience mental health challenges to lead meaningful lives.



Since its inception, the Western Australian Motor Industry Foundation Inc. has grown its fleet of Wheels for Hope vehicles to 46, changing the lives of Western Australian families through the gift of mobility. Wheels for Hope's fleet of vehicles are loaned to eligible families, during which time Wheels for Hope insure, license, service and maintain the fleet through the assistance of our industry partners to make a difference to the lives of families of people with a disability in need of assistance with transport.



Trustees



Richard Goyder AO
Chairman

Richard is the former chief executive and managing director of Wesfarmers, one of Australia's top-10 companies. He is the current chairman of the Australian Football League, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Australia, the West Australian Symphony Orchestra, Qantas Airways and Woodside Energy. He was made an Officer of the Order of Australia for distinguished service to business, the arts and indigenous programs.



Kerry Stokes AC

Kerry is chairman of the Seven Network and Australian Capital Equity, which has interests in media and entertainment, resources, energy, property, pastoral and mining. He is chairman and fellow for the Council for the Australian War Memorial and, along with many awards, has received Australia's highest honour, the Companion of the Order of Australia, in recognition of his contributions to business and philanthropy.



Bill Beament

Bill is a mining engineer with more than 20 years experience in the resource sector and is executive chairman of gold producer Northern Star Resources. He is a past chairman of the Western Australian School of Mines Alumni Patrons Group. He has been named CEO of the Year by the Australian Financial Review and Pinnacle Awards' Business Leader of the Year (WA).



Anthony De Ceglie

Anthony is the Editor in Chief of West Australian Newspapers. Before taking up this role in 2019, he was the deputy editor of The Daily Telegraph in Sydney and spent time on secondment to New York as part of News Corp's international development program. He has won multiple Walkley Awards and his first jobs were at rural newspapers in Collie and Mandurah before joining The Sunday Times and PerthNow where he was deputy editor.



Maryna Fewster

Maryna is the Chief Executive of Seven West Media WA and had previously been the company's Chief Operating Officer. Prior to joining Seven West Media, she was Chief Operating Officer of iiNet and held senior executive roles in the Telecommunications sector in Australia and New Zealand for over two decades. Maryna is a Non-Executive Director of Crown Resorts Perth and Celebrate WA.



Tonya McCusker AM

Tonya is a director and administrator of the McCusker Charitable Foundation, working closely with more than 100 charities. She is also an advisory board member of the McCusker Centre for Citizenship, director of the Minderoo Foundation and patron of a number of other organisations. Tonya has a law degree, a postgraduate diploma in management and was a former dancer with the Australian Ballet Company. She is married to former governor of Western Australia, Malcolm McCusker, and has three children.



Tim Roberts

Tim is the managing director of the Warburton Group, which oversees a diverse portfolio of investments in property, infrastructure, aquaculture, aviation, agriculture, and healthcare. Formerly an executive director of construction company Multiplex, Tim is also the operator of the Perth Jet Centre, a non-executive director of mining company Mineral Resources, a board member for Crown Resorts Perth and patron of the Perth Symphony Orchestra.



Christine Simpson Stokes AM

Christine has extensive experience in business management and media, is a philanthropist and supporter of the arts. She is a director of Australian Capital Equity and an ambassador for Legacy Australia. A former TV news presenter, Christine is also a board member of the government's funding and advisory body The Australian Council for the Arts.



Nick Stagg

Nick is a co-founder and legal practice director of Perth boutique law firm Steedman Stagg Lawyers, where he works in commercial litigation and dispute resolution. He has almost 25 years' experience managing large-scale legal affairs for media organisations, mining companies, statutory corporations, politicians, company directors, business people and individuals. A former journalist with The West Australian, he specialises in defamation, freedom of information and publication laws.



Marcus Tan

Marcus is chief executive and medical director of online medical booking system HealthEngine. He is also a contributor to innovation in the health-tech industry. Marcus is a director of WA Primary Health Alliance, board member of the Australian Medical Association (WA) and an adjunct associate professor in health leadership and management at Curtin University.



Shane O'Connor
Honorary Treasurer

Shane is the chief financial officer at Seven West Media WA, overseeing the finances of Australia's largest integrated media company.

Formerly a finance director with Vocus Communications and associate director with Macquarie Bank and KPMG, Shane has over two decades of experience in managing large teams, executive reporting, business improvement, tax and technology.

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