



GIVING 2022

A group of seven diverse children are positioned around the large white text "GIVING 2022". One child in a wheelchair is behind the letter 'I'. Another child in a wheelchair is behind the second '2'. A child is crawling through the bottom of the '0'. Other children are standing or sitting around the letters, some wearing Telethon 7 t-shirts. The background is blue with white dotted lines forming circular patterns.

WORKING TOGETHER TOWARDS
BRIGHTER FUTURES

A colorful rainbow graphic with bands of pink, yellow, green, and blue, curving across the bottom left corner of the page. The background also features white dotted lines forming circular patterns.

Together, we are ensuring a better and brighter future for WA children and their families.

In 2022, Telethon is proud to be supporting:



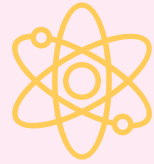
97
beneficiaries



118
programs that provide critical services for children with disabilities and life-changing opportunities for disadvantaged children



211
funded grants



113
pieces of state-of-the-art equipment and advanced technology



66
world class, cutting-edge research grants into childhood diseases



35
new beneficiaries





Chairman's Report

Our 2021 Little Telethon Stars, Ollie Lim and Lucy Antipas, are incredible examples of the Telethon spirit. They both have seen more than their fair share of challenges over their lives, but their positive attitude, humour and resilience was on display for all to see last year.

Their passion and commitment to raise awareness and encourage WA to support and help sick, disadvantaged and vulnerable children set the scene for an incredible fundraising result for Channel 7 Telethon.

Raising over \$62.1 million was an incredible achievement and a record-breaking result that will have a real and positive impact on the health and wellbeing of our children now and in the future.

This significant fundraising total means Channel 7 Telethon will be supporting 97 beneficiaries and children's charities in 2022 – a big jump from our 65 beneficiaries in 2021.

We can all reflect proudly on what was achieved last year as Telethon truly symbolises our shared passion, common bond, and dedication to give generously to help the children and young families in WA who need our support the most. On behalf of the Channel 7 Telethon Trustees, we would like to thank everyone who played a role in Telethon in 2021.

Whether you were a major donor, one of our many tireless volunteers, or the incredible 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 have a significant impact.

Every cent is valued. We have some amazing philanthropists in WA and the shared community support for Telethon is inspiring.

We look forward to sharing with you the wonderful work being delivered by our beneficiaries and highlighting some of the impactful outcomes and feel-good stories that can only be achieved thanks to your generosity.

Let us all be inspired by how WA came together last year, led by Ollie and Lucy, as we were reminded that helping and giving to others less fortunate is the greatest gift of all.

Richard Goyder AO

Lucy and Ollie, our 2021 Little Telethon Stars

Lucy Antipas and Ollie Lim graced our TV screens and warmed our hearts over the 2021 Telethon Weekend.

LUCY ANTIPAS

Eight-year-old Lucy lives with cerebral palsy, spastic diplegia.

Lucy's cerebral palsy was not discovered until she missed milestones as a baby.

Prior to hip surgery in September 2020 Lucy was able to walk in a foldable walker most of the time. Unfortunately following her surgery, Lucy lost her confidence, experienced pain, and had significant fear about taking weight through her legs again. She was limited to the confines of her wheelchair. Understandably Lucy was anxious about learning to walk again.

She started an intensive program of therapy at Healthy Strides.

Lucy loves a laugh; she is fun and cheeky! Lucy was an incredible role model to her peers, repeatedly saying hello to the other children and cheering them on during their sessions. She also kept the therapists on their toes, always coming up with new and inventive ways to keep her sessions fun.

Lucy loves reading Roald Dahl, riding her trike and board games.

“I feel so special to be a part of Telethon and help a lot of kids like me get stronger and healthier. I loved sharing Telethon with Ollie and his family; I think Ollie is so funny.”





“The most special moment was being there on the stage with all my family when the final tally was announced. It made me feel excited and proud.”

OLLIE LIM

Fourteen-year-old Ollie was diagnosed with systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) at 19 months of age. The condition affects his skin, hair, blood, and brain, which has resulted in significant hair loss due to his lupus.

Ollie is short for his age due to long-term steroid therapy. He has endured multiple treatments, including chemotherapy, and has had multiple hospital admissions in relation to low platelets and flare up of his disease.

Despite the significant disease that has been resistant to multiple treatments, Ollie has an incredibly positive attitude, an awesome sense of humour and is very quick witted. He always has a smile on his face.

Introducing the 2022 Telethon Grant Recipients

Since Telethon was established in 1968, more than \$457 million has been raised to fund and support state-of-the-art equipment, life-changing programs, and ground-breaking medical research, to ensure a better and brighter life for WA children. Thanks to the WA community and our generous donors, this year Telethon will be supporting more beneficiaries than ever before.

There can be no more worthy cause.





Big Buckets and Future Leaders are group mentoring and personal development programs for educationally disadvantaged students from local high schools who need guidance and additional support during years 7-10 of high school. These programs are led by a Youth Co-ordinator with assistance from a support worker and 12 Buckets' volunteer mentors.



The All Abilities Art project aims to use innovative modified activities and adaptive equipment to enable fun, engaging artistic expression for those children who otherwise have limited opportunities to participate in these sessions at their own discretion. The Telethon High Care Kids project will work closely with children living with complex and severe disabilities under the age of 18 across Perth Metro and Regional areas of WA.



The In-Home Baby Intervention Service (IBIS) provides specialist early intervention therapy to babies 'at risk' of developmental delay or disability. IBIS provides high quality, evidence-based support with an experienced team of therapists in their own home. Without IBIS, these vulnerable families would otherwise not have had access to critical early intervention support.



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



Young Hearts supports children profoundly impacted by family and domestic violence. This unique, free-of-charge service provides professional counselling to under 18, women, and non-offending caregivers. Young Hearts empowers vulnerable children to overcome physical, psychological, and emotional trauma, whilst developing the skills to build healthy relationships and thrive in the future.



Asthma WA's Paediatric Respiratory Hub provides three essential services for children. The only service enabling children with respiratory conditions to access lung function testing, a paediatric specialist and education. This ensures accurate diagnosis, correct treatment, and increased knowledge of managing the condition at home which decreases hospitalisations and life-threatening asthma attacks.



Cross-agency case review is a common approach to improving the quality of decision-making of professionals responding to child abuse. This study will examine whether cross-agency deliberation results in changes to the perceived risk of child abuse and recommended actions, and the conditions under which change is most likely to occur.



The Australian Children's Music Foundation will deliver long-term meaningful music education and instruments to children and at-risk youth. The music program allows these children the opportunity to learn and develop musical skills whilst experiencing the joy of creativity, develop imagination and achieve positive educational and behavioural outcomes.



Kookaburra Kids, a leader in clinically designed early intervention mental health services nationally, is helping young people in WA thrive beyond the impacts of family mental illness via a sophisticated combination of online connectivity and activity days; all designed to improve mental health literacy, help-seeking behaviours, and resilience.



Autism Connect optimises long-term outcomes for children with autism by providing specialist programs in vulnerable communities of WA through playgroups for families of young children with signs of autism, training for community professionals that increases early identification of Autism and strengthens the family unit by facilitating groups for dads and siblings.



Maduringga Bulura is a suite of intergenerational programs to support the positive futures of Roebourne children. The design of these projects includes weekly workshops, place-based events, country trips, community participation and the development of creative content made by Roebourne young people promoting health and wellbeing delivered to children state-wide.



Providing Advanced Biomechanical Rehabilitation (ABR) therapy to children with cerebral palsy or similar disabilities. It develops and restores the myofascial 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.



Bully Zero's Perth Bullying Prevention Project aims to reduce incidents of bullying and its harmful effects on the physical, mental, and emotional wellbeing of WA children. The project aims to achieve this through the delivery of powerful bullying prevention programs in 100 schools across the metropolitan area of Perth.



Camp Autism WA are camps for families run by families inclusive of siblings, parents, and caregivers with a person on the autism spectrum. Camps are across WA with further events and online support 24/7. We encourage connections with others through adventure and support to help our autism families shine.



The enormity of a parent's (carer's) diagnosis has a profound impact on a child's emotional and physical wellbeing. Camp Quality has developed a program that supports these children; allows them to make friendships with others in a similar situation; and have a break from what can be a frightening reality.



Cahoots Arts and Wellbeing Program is a collaborative, holistic art therapy program designed to engage, educate, and support children aged 7-13, living with a disability or at a disadvantage, in a safe and inclusive environment to discover the benefits of art therapy on mental health and wellbeing.



The Child and Adolescent Health Service (CAHS) treats children from around WA 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.'



Cancer Council WA's Crawford Lodge and Milroy Lodge are a home-away-from-home for regional cancer patients and their families who need to travel to Perth to access critical cancer treatments. Telethon's support will allow us to purchase comfortable new mattresses for all the children's beds in our Lodge family suites.



Claremont Therapeutic Riding Centre will purchase saddles for use on ponies and horses that are specifically designed for therapeutic riders. The saddles have several features to accommodate different size children and aid in balance. Features to assist children include adjustable seat sizes, sturdy removable handlebar, and two buckle-on seat pads and padded flaps. These saddles will assist children as young as three.



A unique program empowering at-risk Aboriginal students in remote WA to deal with mental health issues. The safe environment of filmmaking is used to explore challenges and drive positive change. Students will develop skills in teamwork, empathy, critical-thinking and decision making, enabling them to develop solutions to challenging issues.



Professor Peter Gething is a global expert in geospatial modelling and epidemiology. He leads the Malaria Atlas Project and has been applying geospatial methods to issues in WA like COVID-19 in schools, mental health, and child development.

The Help While our Children Wait project will establish the feasibility of providing an evidence-based psychological intervention while young people wait for specialist services and whether earlier access to treatment alleviates their psychological distress.



The Regional Support and Vulnerable Families Program improves access to critical services to support children with Cystic Fibrosis, regardless of geographical or socioeconomic status.

The Collaborative Chronic Wet Cough Education Program is aimed at empowering regional Aboriginal communities with lung health knowledge, directly improving early recognition and access to critical treatment and preventing serious life limiting diseases such as bronchiectasis.



Our statewide programs help improve the wellbeing of children 0-17 years diagnosed with Down Syndrome. We provide family support and resources through morning teas, playgroups and the Trisomy 21 clinic at Perth Children's Hospital. This creates a solid foundation for the child with the knowledge and skills for life.



A team of the brightest minds from across the globe collaborate to enhance the lives of those with ear and hearing disorders, delivering innovative treatments and developing ground breaking cures for tomorrow's generation. This means the development of a novel inner ear cell culture system will benefit children with Usher syndrome, an internationally acclaimed novel scaffold to repair perforated eardrums in children and a nano-gel for children with cancer to prevent chemotherapy-induced hearing loss, all enhanced by use of a Scanning Electron Microscope.



"Little Aussie Bugs" are a series of educational books designed for children aged 2-4 years. The material gives Early Childhood Education and Care service providers a unique opportunity to increase literacy, develop personal hygiene skills, healthy eating, and exercise habits whilst growing resilient children.

Disordered eating (DE) affects 1/3 of adolescents and is a precursor to clinical eating disorders. We will address DE in adolescents by implementing a novel emotion regulation group therapy program.

Making every day better

Alicia was just 10 when after weeks of constant vomiting she lost sight in one of her eyes, at the same time she lost the feeling in her right foot. Her parents Kirstie and Wayne knew it wasn't normal but the diagnosis rocked them to the core – their daughter had cancer.

Tests revealed Alicia had a 4cm tumour growing in her Cerebellum.

“There are no words to describe the heartbreak,” mum Kirstie says.

Alicia was about to embark on the fight of her life and her family was about to learn what a fighter she was. The first round was surgery and four weeks in hospital followed by radiation therapy and chemotherapy.

Almost a year later and surrounded by her amazing team of medical specialists, Alicia with Dr Nick Gottardo by her side rang the bell at Perth Children's Hospital – her treatment was over.

Alicia still has side effects but thanks to the remarkable team at Perth Children's Hospital they are greatly reduced.

Battles like these are waged every day at Perth Children's Hospital and Telethon is very proud to support Dr Gottardo and his team as they work on ground breaking trials, to give WA kids the world's best treatments right here at home.

Alicia, Age 11
Supported by Perth Children's Hospital

“Had Alicia not gone through Dr Nick's trial, her side effects would have been so much worse. He was able to tailor her treatment, for her tumour.”

Mum, Kirstie



Power to participate

Anisha is a bright and bubbly five-year-old girl. She also has spinal muscular atrophy.

The debilitating condition makes life challenging for someone as little as Anisha, but fortunately Healthy Strides pushes every day to help her focus on what she can do – and forget about what she can't.

The Telethon-supported Participate program has been life changing for this remarkable family and given Anisha the power to participate socially and physically.

Anisha, Age 5
Supported by Healthy Strides Foundation

“It is up to us as a community to find better ways to ensure that all of our children are included and as the name of the program suggests – participate!”

Healthy Strides Foundation



Edmund Rice provides the opportunity for more than 500 disadvantaged children in WA aged 7-16 to attend 15 camps throughout the year. The program also facilitates the training of more than 100 volunteer mentors who attend each camp with the children and lead the activities.



The Children & Epilepsy Program is aimed at providing seizure alert technology accessibility, support, and epilepsy education to WA children living with epilepsy and those newly diagnosed. This ensures they can have timely access to all support necessary and help assist in their epilepsy management and assist in improving outcomes, reducing risk, promoting independence, and normalising bedtime routines.



Recycle & Donate - Reach for the Regions! will deliver pre-loved sports shoes and equipment to children in some of WA's most socioeconomically disadvantaged communities, increasing access to the physical, mental, and social benefits of participating in sport.



Every year more than 1200 children attend Perth Children's Hospital with a burn. Despite receiving world-leading care, these children are susceptible to illness for many years. This affects their psychological and physical wellbeing, their education and future. We aim to understand the impact of burns and how we can improve their recovery.



The School Breakfast Program provides healthy food for more than 68,000 breakfasts per week across 475 schools in WA. While food security is the primary aim, benefits of the program extend beyond food provision to education, health and social outcomes.

Food Sensations® for Children is a comprehensive nutrition education and cooking program, employing qualified nutritionists to support parents through valuable healthy eating education classes.



Fostering Joy is a program of parties and fun and educational events for foster children where they can enjoy themselves and be treated to an exciting event. These events are primarily based around holiday events such as Christmas, Easter, Halloween, and cultural education.



Children with autism currently have poor academic and social outcomes. This project provides services for children with autism using science-based methods currently unavailable in Australia that support improved educational, social, and mental health outcomes for children with autism, their families, peers, and teachers.



Shooting Stars

The Seven Sisters program is delivered in partnership with children, their families, Aboriginal Elders, local Aboriginal communities, and the school, as a component of the Shooting Stars program. The program develops vital preventative mental health strategies, enabling participants to adapt to emerging challenges as they progress through life. Over a 10-week program, participants learn to recognise and name their emotions, develop strategies for cheering themselves up or calming down, and learn how to build healthy relationships, both on and off the netball court.



Hannah's House is dedicated to supporting children with life-limiting and complex conditions and their families to live their best quality of life. We do this by offering vital in-home respite care, play therapies and other services to support the wellbeing of the child and their family. With the generous funding of Telethon, we can provide care, comfort, and joy to seriously ill children, enabling them to participate fully in home and community life.



HeartKids provides vital in-hospital, regional and local community services to thousands of families and parents ensuring they are supported, informed, and educated throughout their child's health journey. HeartKids works with health professionals, and service providers to provide the best outcomes for heart kids and their families.



The Aboriginal Support Fund is a targeted, collaborative, culturally sensitive effort to support Aboriginal parents with premature or sick babies to overcome barriers to attending hospital to be part of their baby's care and attending essential early intervention follow-up clinics with the fundamental aim of improving medical outcomes.



The Stepping Stones program supports Aboriginal children, aged 10-18, in the Broome/Derby areas. Using a whole-of-person-centric, co-designed, culturally, and linguistically appropriate and collaborative approach, the program includes education and empowerment, and enables access to health and mental wellbeing service delivery. The program uses storyboards and activities such as football, healthy lifestyle and eating habits and cooking classes to support, develop and maintain healthy minds, healthy bodies and make healthy decisions. The program enables today's Aboriginal children to become tomorrow's leaders and role models.



HorsePower Swan Valley provides therapeutic and recreational equine related activities, to children and young people with physical, intellectual, or mental health challenges.



The United Reds Football League, (partnership between Inclusion Solutions, Telethon, Manchester United Foundation and Football West), is a league providing children with disabilities opportunities to play football for local clubs. It is helping clubs and the sport to become inclusive of children with disabilities, and their families, providing a sense of belonging, developing skills, and creating social connections.



To enable young people with complex physical disabilities, and complex communication needs, in regional WA to access and use eye gaze technology for communication, recreation and education. Following successful projects in metropolitan and regional schools, this project aims to develop a model of school-based alternative access support within regional areas.



Children living with type 1 diabetes (T1D) experience shorter life expectancy and poorer health than their healthy peers. The Global Centre of Excellence will deliver improved life expectancy and health outcomes for children with T1D in WA, including those in regional & remote communities, and millions around the world.



The ORIGINS Project is the largest study of its kind in Australia, following 10,000 families over a decade. The study involves pregnant women, babies, and their partners to improve the health of the next generation through early diagnosis and intervention. ORIGINS is collecting detailed information on how a child's early environment and lifestyle influences child development. Acquiring a BOD-POD GS-X provides a comprehensive and accurate measurement of body composition in children and adults, and the Nevisense system will investigate skin barrier integrity and/or dysfunction, a novel and non-invasive tool for detailed skin barrier investigations.



The Kalparrin Hospital Support Program provides practical and emotional support to WA children with a disability and their families at Perth Children's Hospital. The project helps families, often at the point of diagnosis when their world is turned upside down, to understand the implications of the diagnosis, and to get necessary supports in place quickly.



KCSG Playgroup provides a safe and supportive environment for families with immunocompromised children undergoing cancer treatment to come together. The program provides a much-needed opportunity for children aged 0–8 and parents to socialise with play. There is a focus on music and relaxation therapy techniques to assist the children and parents cope with trauma and stress.



Kites’ Dog Assisted Therapy uses highly trained dogs to deliver creative ways for children to achieve their therapy goals. Dog Assisted Therapy is designed to help children build their skills across several therapy focus areas. Sessions are facilitated by Kites’ highly qualified occupational therapists. Children of all ages with a range of therapy needs can benefit from Dog Assisted Therapy.



Leeuwin Ocean Adventure’s Ultimate Dockside Camp is about play, physical activity, social interaction and learning for young people with disability. Exploring the magic of WA’s only tall ship, the STS Leeuwin II, a taste for adventure, getting active and making new friends all without leaving the Fremantle harbour.



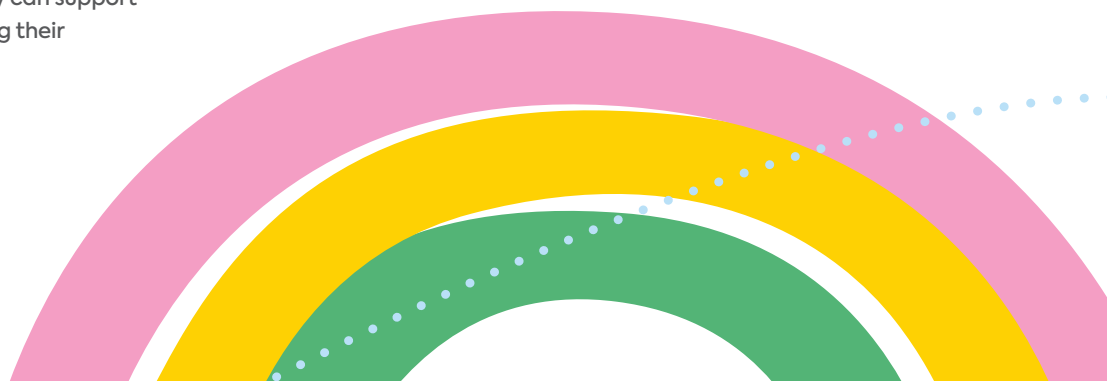
For 100 years Legacy WA has been delivering on our promise to help families of those who served to build a sustainable future. With Telethon’s support, Legacy works with these children to ensure they are not disadvantaged as a result of their parent’s service through an annual camp, as well as a series of one-day activities throughout the year. They have also designed an education and training program so they can support these children in pursuing their future goals.



An expansion of the Life Education’s WA 2021 “ROCKS” project, partnering with primary schools in the Goldfields region in educating children in Early Preventive Health and Safety education through direct delivery and virtual delivery.



Tragically, suicide is the leading cause of death among young Australians. Sadly, this cohort is also the less likely to phone Lifeline’s 13 11 14 service. Lifeline WA knows that digital contact is less intimidating for young people and so they are determined to offer a text and online chat service from Perth 7 days a week.





Lionheart's new family camp is a two-day bereavement program supporting grieving children following the death of a loved one. Our camp provides a safe space for children to learn critical skills and thrive despite their loss. It also empowers the family unit, so children are supported at home.



A not-for-profit organisation and centre of excellence, combining world-class ophthalmology treatment with ground-breaking scientific research in eye and vision health. With a rich history of research translation and community engagement, the Lions Eye Institute and its community outreach service, Lions Outback Vision, strive towards its mission to prevent and cure blindness and eye disease, from infancy to childhood and throughout adulthood in metropolitan, regional and remote WA.



Make-A-Wish grants inspirational wish journeys for critically ill children. We have made unicorns fly, sent kids to the moon, and brought dinosaurs back from extinction. For everyone involved the impact of a wish has an immediate uplifting and positive effect, empowering children with hope and joy when they need it most.



Meningitis Centre Australia will develop a targeted outreach campaign in the community, education providers, and clinicians to raise awareness and understanding of the signs of meningitis, meningococcal and related diseases which can kill within 24 hours. Through this program we will defeat these diseases and reduce their burden.



Researchers 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; developing new rapid diagnosis and treatment methods for sepsis in preterm infants; and generating novel treatments for children with severe chronic debilitating disorders. Acquiring an Incucyte SX5 live-cell visualisation system will make the screening process of cultured cells for compounds that overcome genetic disorders more efficient.



MDWA's "Little Ones" will see several strategies integrated to support children aged 0-6 years with neuromuscular conditions and their families. This first-of-its-kind pilot project provides education and advocacy, counselling, resources, and social support to complement their ongoing medical management, providing a holistic approach to achieve better overall health outcomes.

Connections for life

The joy of looking into the eyes of your newborn for the very first time is a moment etched in the mind of every parent, but to then be told your baby needs open heart surgery to survive is almost impossible to fathom.

Doctors told Angie and Mark their baby Annie would die without critical, lifesaving operations.

Angie says handing over their five-week-old baby Annie to a team of strangers was the hardest day of her life, trusting her little life to their care.

Twelve anxious hours later Annie was out of surgery, their prayers had been answered but the fight had only just begun.

“My heart broke the day I saw Annie hooked up to all the machines, I wanted to swap places with her. But the amazing part is she made it.”

Mum, Angie

At only four years of age, Annie has had three surgeries and every step of the way through Telethon-supported HeartKids has been right by the family's side. Simple things like support, financial help and just providing a shoulder to cry on, have meant so much to Annie's family.

Annie, Age 4
Supported by HeartKids



Telethon supports better hearing and happier kids

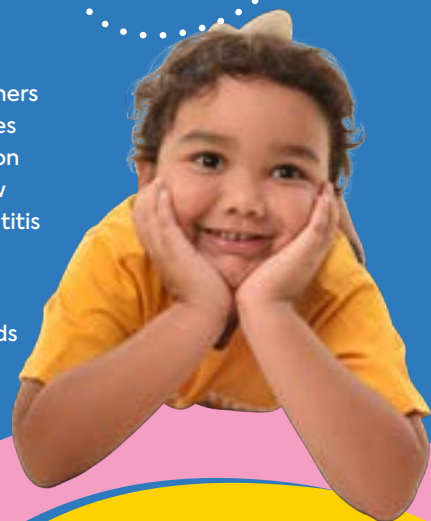
As common as they are in early childhood, ear infections can have devastating impacts on a baby's learning and development.

650,000 Australian children are diagnosed with middle-ear infections (Otitis Media) each year, but research from Telethon Kids Institute shows Aboriginal kids suffer the most, with around 40% developing infections between two and four months of age.

Some children spend more than two years waiting for treatment, and some suffer irreversible hearing loss.

With Telethon's support, researchers at Wesfarmers Centre of Vaccines and Infectious Disease at Telethon Kids Institute are working on new therapies to prevent and treat Otitis Media in kids.

Jerone, Age 4
Family supported by Telethon Kids Institute, Ear Health Study



Beneficiaries Snapshot



35,600
points of
contact

Mental health matters

Delivering support to 4,599 young people through 35,600 points of contact, Youth Focus are making children's mental health a priority.



1,502
hours

Helping at home

Ability WA has provided more than 1,500 hours of in-home one on one therapy sessions.



3,523
hours

Immeasurable support

Hannah's House provided more than 3,500 hours of in-home care for children with complex or life limiting diagnosis.



165
students

Singing a different tune

Thanks to The Australia's Childrens Music Foundation, 165 students connected through 1,127 hours of music lessons.



1,141
pieces of
equipment

Paying it forward

Over 1,100 pieces of repurposed sports equipment were gifted to children in need, thanks to Fair Game Australia.



on
3,000
occasions

Guiding the way

The Heartkids Family Support Co-ordinators connected with families on 3,000 occasions, to help guide their hospital journey.



Over
7,500
dads

Building connected families

The Fathering Project have helped connect over 7,500 dads through playgroups, workshops, breakfasts and lego nights.



600
families

Connecting families

Supporting families through a new diagnosis is never easy, but Kalparrin have supported over 600 families navigate their new life with a child with additional needs.



21,000
students

Feeding little mouths

Foodbank WA are feeding 21,000 hungry bellies each week with the School Breakfast Program.



300
families

Easing the worry

Helping Little Hands supported 300 NICU families with meal packs, transport assistance and take-home baby safe kits.



3,029
children

Building resilient communities

Over 3,000 children built their resilience and understanding on health, safety, drugs and alcohol, thanks to Life Education.



205,852
meals

Saving the environment one meal at a time

OzHarvest delivered over 200,000 meals and saved 138,628 kg of food from landfill.



Foodbank WA

We're proud to celebrate working with



over
4,000
children

Digital crisis support service

The Lifeline WA Text and Online Chat service has helped more than 4,000 young people since November 2021.



868
students

Stopping the spread

The Amanda Young Foundation educated 868 students on how to stop the transfer of diseases such as meningococcal.

50
years
Asthma WA

10
years
WA Child
Research Fund

20
years
Youth Focus

10
years
Thriving in
Motion



Supporting world leading research



Telethon Kids Institute

Discovering causes, cures and treatments

The Telethon Kids Institute SToP Trial, currently underway in the Kimberley, is helping decrease the burden of skin sores in remote-living school-aged Aboriginal children. Since the trial commenced over 2,236 skin checks have been conducted.

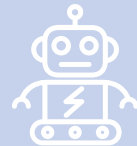
The respiratory team at the Telethon Kids Institute have travelled over 66,000km to regional and remote communities to educate 749 families, assess 392 children, and perform 184 lung function tests.



Curtin University

Reaching critical acclaim

Thriving in his role at Curtin University and the Telethon Kids Institute, Professor Peter Gething, Kerry Stokes AC Chair of Child Health, is now in the top 1% of citations for his field, with his work being cited 72,186 times.



Lions Eye Institute

First robot in WA

The Lions Eye Institute are accelerating research to clinical testing faster through the use of patient-derived stemcells, with WA's first stemcell robot.



Women and Infant Research Foundation

Reducing the rate of preterm birth

Saving 240 babies, the Women and Infant Research Foundation's PretermBirth Prevention Initiative has seen a reduction of preterm birth from 20.6% to 16.20% since 2013.





Nature Play WA and a diverse group of 11 to 14-year-old girls are co-designing a Talk 'n' Walk app to help turn around the dramatic decline in physical activity among teenage girls that is impacting their physical and mental health. With Telethon's support we will pilot, refine, and launch the app to at least 800 girls.



ABC is a 10-session evidence-based parenting intervention for caregivers of infants and toddlers (6-48 months) who have experienced early adversity. ABC intervention helps caregivers nurture and respond sensitively to their infants and toddlers to foster their development and form strong and healthy relationships.



This research-integrated project is for young Aboriginal people to learn how to develop and lead a Coolgardie Aboriginal Youth Safe Space, emphasizing leadership, Aboriginal culture, values of inclusion and responsibility. It is a partnership between Millennium Kids, Notre Dame, Judumul Aboriginal Corporation, Shire of Coolgardie and WA Police.



Ocean Heroes is a WA-based charity that aims to improve the wellbeing of children on the autism spectrum and their families through surfing. Our regional events program is a unique opportunity for children with under-served needs to access a fun, supportive and free outdoor activity within their local community.



Nourishing Our Country

“Nourishing Our Schools” innovatively tackles children’s food insecurity both in schools and at home. Working with 60 disadvantaged Perth metropolitan schools, the program will provide Food for Learning (food supplies enabling schools to deliver student food relief, nutrition, and cooking programs year-round) and Food for Thriving (nourishing hampers for vulnerable families).



The innovative Multiagency Investigation and Support Team model provides WA's first integrated response to those who have experienced child sexual abuse by co-locating all supports needed to reduce the impact of this trauma, including child and family advocates and psychologists.

The Education, Employment and Training Program aims to give young people aged 14-16, who are at risk of failing school, the tools to create a successful future.



Telethon's funding contributes to sophisticated imaging tools and their application to study brain development and repair in infants and children, and track responses to environmental and genetic trauma. One aim of Perron Institute's research is to reduce the impact of infant brain injury – a leading cause of death and disability in children under five. Another aim is to further understand how the brain develops and evaluate new treatments to benefit child brain health.



Perth Children's Hospital Foundation is the official and largest funder of the Perth Children's Hospital after government. Their support in the past 25 years has totalled more than \$92 million.

Through the support of Telethon, the Foundation is helping to transform the healthcare of WA's sick children through the most advanced equipment and technology, ground-breaking research, innovative education and training programs, investment in the expertise of world class clinicians, and positive patient experiences.



Our unique Giving Kids A Go program aims to help children with a physical disability to become more confident within themselves and in a peer environment, learn new skills through different activities tailored to their needs and provides valuable support networks for families, especially during the socially isolating COVID-19 pandemic.



Children with cancer, and their families, from regional/remote areas of WA experience heightened emotional, financial, and educational challenges compared to those living in metropolitan areas. Redkite provides tailored, high-level support, empowering them to manage cancer's immediate and ongoing effects and have the best possible wellbeing and quality of life.



The Developing Abilities and Enriching Lives Project will focus on building and development of Hippotherapy and Equine Therapy sessions by introducing new sensory, assisted technology and educational elements whilst creating a healthy and welcoming environment and community, increasing physical activity, and improving the mental health of our children.



The Early Start Intervention Program for children at risk of rare disease will be expanded to address emerging needs in mental health and social supports. The 2021 Telethon-funded pilot program delivered physiotherapy, speech pathology, occupational therapy, and hydrotherapy, this will be enhanced in 2022 by the inclusion of social work and psychology services by referral.

The AusSWIM trial will seek to nurture foundational skills to support participation in swimming and water safety awareness for children with autism.





The Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) provides emergency aeromedical care to babies and children across WA. Retrieving more than 1,300 children a year, it is essential RFDS medical crews have the equipment and ongoing training required to provide excellent care to critically ill children. Telethon is providing life-like newborn and toddler manikins for clinical training and transilluminators for neonatal IV insertion to improve the quality and delivery of care RFDS crews provide across regional WA.



Save the Children and Western Desert Lands Aboriginal Corporation are partnering to establish accommodation and support services for Martu students in the Pilbara, WA. Twelve children will attend Newman High and live in the hostel. Funding provides educational tutors, mentors, and cultural support throughout the transition.

The Home to School program supports culturally and linguistically diverse families who have migrated to WA and are likely to experience language and knowledge barriers to critical services.



SensesWA's brand and ethos is rooted in the themes of nurture and support, so New Buds will provide a new style of developmental therapy; a group-based approach, delivered by eminent experts, using specific techniques and tools required by infants who have vision and/or hearing loss.



Sensorium's Imagine Program 2022 will deliver a high quality, multi-sensory, performing arts intervention program to schools, libraries, playgroups & parent child centres throughout WA, improving the wellbeing of children who are disadvantaged and marginalised as a result of disability and/or socio-economic circumstances.



Sony Foundation's Children's Holiday Camps are a series of camps providing free respite care, overnight and educational, for children with disabilities and complex needs, and their families/carers; a lifeline for vulnerable children in the Perth metropolitan and the Kimberley Region who face challenges accessing critical services.



The Sotos Syndrome Australasia Association aims to help our juniors living with Sotos in the community to engage alongside an older person living with Sotos to encourage them to grow and feel connected to their peers as they navigate those challenges that come with puberty, mental health, navigating teenage years and early adulthood.



Community connection

Belinda describes parenting a child with down syndrome as “more of everything.”

“More worry, more heartache, more appointments, more advocating. But also, more laughs, more silliness, more appreciation and more gratitude.”

And what’s more, is the amazing community Jessica’s family found in the Telethon supported Down Syndrome WA playgroup.

“We meet families at a challenging time, when they’re coming to terms with a diagnosis. Our aim is to provide knowledge and support and connect them to a loving and warm community.”

Down Syndrome WA

She says the love, lifelong friendships and the incredible sense of unconditional support and shared experiences are why grants like these are so important to so many families.

Jessica, Age 6

Supported by Down Syndrome WA

A place of hope and amazement

Dexter had just celebrated his first birthday when his parents were left stunned by a diagnosis that would shape their lives forever.

Their beautiful boy had a rare condition – soon they were hearing crushing phrases like “life limiting” “no cure” and “no treatment options”.

The genetic condition affects motor neurons, muscles you can see like those that control movement in your arms and legs, but also those needed for breathing and swallowing.

Dexter’s mum Donna says the diagnosis was devastating but she now lives in a place of hope and amazement.

Dexter has certainly defied the odds, he is vibrant, and sports mad and

brings happiness to those around him. Through Telethon support, Muscular Dystrophy WA are able to help create programs that gives kids like Dexter a supportive community.

Dexter, Age 8

Supported by Muscular Dystrophy WA

“Telethon enables us to target and reduce social isolation, build resilience and provide support for kids like Dexter and their siblings through their backing of our social programs.”

Muscular Dystrophy WA





The Telethon Holiday Makers Program provides a safe and inclusive place for autistic children amongst like-minded peers. The program provides parents with peace of mind knowing that there are suitable holiday activities for their children, run by qualified professionals, who build participants' social skills, confidence, and self-esteem whilst they have fun.



FibroScan® is a non-invasive device that assesses the “hardness” (or stiffness) of the liver via the technique of transient elastography. It will provide doctors with a conceptual scaffold for disease diagnosis, risk stratification, and improved clinical and multidisciplinary care.

A cross-sectional assessment of fatty liver in overweight and obese children, this study will be the first to examine the prevalence and metabolic impact of fatty liver using the liver Fibroscan in WA children.



After the measured success of Stage 1 in 2021, the ‘world first’ and innovative E-PALS platform has been a game changer in reconnecting ‘at risk’ children with their own dedicated Sports Challenge mentor (24x7) outside the school gate, to improve mental and physical health and this will be expanded to more needy communities in 2022.



Livewire at Perth Children’s Hospital supports the psychosocial and emotional wellbeing of young people living with serious, chronic, and lifelong health conditions through a range of activities that promote creative expression, personal development, and social connection.

The Captain Starlight Program at Perth Children’s Hospital supports the wellbeing of hospitalised children and families through fun, entertainment play and distraction.



Telethon Superfins Learn to Swim Program will provide quality swimming instruction for school aged children with disabilities, to promote safety in and around water, to promote positive health and fitness outcomes for participants, and to encourage children to learn the techniques involved in swimming, a sport for life.



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. Our researchers are searching for answers to the big issues in child health, including the impact of COVID-19 on our kids and the extra challenges faced by Aboriginal kids and families. Because all kids deserve a healthy childhood.



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, diagnostic, therapy, and support services in the one location. Children are supported through individual and group-based therapy while caregivers are provided with the necessary skills to support their children at home.



With Telethon funding, DSF will train selected WA librarians to deliver an early language and literacy development program in their communities. The Boost: Help your Child to Read and Spell program provides parents with vital information about how children develop language and literacy. DSF will also update a locally developed language screening tool – the Screen of Communication Skills. The test materials will be updated to embrace diversity and inclusion more effectively.



The connecting and supporting disadvantaged children, fathers and families program seeks to connect and support disadvantaged children by providing activities in schools to enhance the father/child relationship and school connection. The program provides individualised levels of support to schools and strategies to connect with families traditionally not involved in the school community.



Mentally Strong empowers victims of bullying from disadvantaged households, aged 10 to 15 through a sporting program focused on building a sense of purpose, sense of belonging, increased confidence, and a strong support network. Providing these elements will assist our youth to build protective barriers to prevent suicide as a result of bullying.



The Healthy Strides Foundation is a dedicated intensive therapy centre. We provide treatments that have been informed by the latest research to enable children and youth to have the best opportunities to achieve their goals and participate in everyday life. As well as providing evidence-based treatments to children with neurological conditions and injuries, together with Telethon we can undertake world leading research right here in WA.



The Humour Foundation delivers the Clown Doctors Program at Perth Children's Hospital at no cost to the hospital. The program benefits over 17,000 children and their families every year, distracting at times of distress and bringing joy where it is needed, but least expected.





This 12-month project aims to support 20 refugee/migrant children recently arrived into WA. Working with Beaconsfield Intensive Language Centre, Department of Education and Training's Early Childhood Support Unit and referrals from families and schools, we provide cultural and educational support to these children to help them adjust to their new life in WA.



Graceville provides a safe place for women and children escaping domestic violence. The introduction of a child counsellor to the program would provide children with immediate support while in crisis care to improve their mental, emotional, and physical wellbeing and identify pathways for long term recovery.



UWA will support mothers in hospital to feed colostrum and quantify formula supplementation; investigate respiratory syncytial virus transmission in childcare centres to prevent future infections; provide biological evidence linking pregnancy complications with nitrate contaminated groundwater; generate data to ensure multiple medications concurrently administered intravenously are safe; improve outcomes for central auditory processing disorder through rhythmic exercise and music; and help children with complex needs to thrive through afterschool exercise programs.



Therapy Focus will deliver therapeutic tools to meet individuals' sensory and emotional regulation needs and, oral motor development as part of their individualised therapy programs.

The Neuro Now program will provide children living with neurological conditions greater access to specialised rehabilitation devices, equipment and holistic therapeutic approaches. Providing access to such resources will enable many more children to achieve their goals and allow them to become more independent within their everyday lives.



Thriving in Motion provides various inclusive, accessible and fun exercise programs to improve the health outcomes of children and young people. The team use its expertise to target young people whose experience challenges or barriers to participating in physical activity at school or in the community. Alongside the exercise, Thriving Minds is a community mental health education program developed to improve the mental health literacy of Telethon beneficiaries, and improve timely access to critical services for WA young people experiencing mental distress or crisis.



Tiny Sparks Developmental Playgroup, funded by Telethon, provides children born early or sick with early intervention in a play-based setting. By educating, empowering, and supporting families with a unique and comprehensive program, we can assist them to flourish and live their best lives.

Neonatal Unit Care Packages, funded by Telethon, provide essential items to support families during their unexpected Neonatal Unit stay. Each item, such as a cooler bag for safe transport of expressed breast milk, or baby's first tiny outfit has been selected by graduate families for both practical and memorable reasons.

When Max met Bazza

Being a kid is an exciting, challenging, and complex experience, no matter who you are. Young, developing brains are constantly trying to decipher social situations, and figure out their place in the world.

But for a kid with autism, the challenges don't stop there.

Max loves animals and a good chat.

His mum, Shannon, describes him as a "beautiful, caring soul, with a wonderful sense of humour".

When Max's autism made it hard for him to interpret tasks correctly, school-life started to get him down. As he grew increasingly self-conscious about appearing different to his peers, his negativity towards school and his own abilities began snowballing.

Max began a Dog Assisted Therapy program with Kites, where he met his new best friend, Bazza. The two had an instant connection, and spending time with Bazza saw Max's mood improve significantly. He grew brighter, confident, and motivated.

Max, Age 11

Supported by Kites

"With Bazza by his side, Max stood in front of his classmates and proudly taught them about Bazza and demonstrated his tricks. His classmates were intrigued and impressed, and it gave Max a huge sense of accomplishment and pride."

Natalie, Kites Occupational Therapist



Growing as a carer

Like most kids her age, two-year-old Harper loves lying in the grass looking for cloud animals and hitting her local playground.

But unlike most kids, Harper lives with a tracheostomy and PEG button. Born unable to breathe or swallow on her own, Harper underwent more than 30 surgeries in her first six months of life.

Telethon funding allowed Harper's mum, Gemma, to access support from Kalparrin.

The importance of this support can be lifesaving for parents like Gemma, Kalparrin's family support team help her navigate the health

and disability systems and offer a friendly shoulder to lean on. It's a service that helps the wellbeing of families often living with extremely challenging, complex health conditions.

Harper, Age 2

Supported by Kalparrin

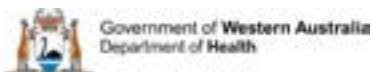
"We may be exhausted but we are so proud of how far she has come and been able to achieve with our support and Kalparrin rallying around us."

Mum, Gemma





The Type 1 Diabetes Family Centre is the go-to organisation for families impacted by type 1 diabetes (T1D) in WA. This project will extend the Family Centre's existing CONNECT program to two regional areas, providing the families of children with T1D with accurate health information, practical support, effective advocacy, and vital peer connections.



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.



WADSA's vision is that people with disabilities are empowered to participate in sport and recreation. WADSA enhances the lives of people with a disability through meaningful participation in sport and recreation including families, volunteers, staff, and the wider community.



Through its unique program, Wheels for Hope changes lives for WA families through the gift of mobility. With a fleet of 40 vehicles, which are insured, licensed, service and maintained by the organisation, Wheels for Hope provides eligible families a loan wheelchair accessible vehicle to transport their child to medical and remedial appointments, school, community, and family activities.



Grants awarded by Telethon to the Women & Infants Research Foundation in 2022 have shaped pioneering research studies that are focused on improving the health and outcomes of WA neonates and infants from pregnancy to childhood.

With Telethon support, our researchers are pioneering a new era of preventative medicine, solving problems at the earliest stages. Through this partnership, we are delivering the healthiest possible future for the next generation of WA families.



The world-changing events of the past 18 months have severely impacted the mental wellbeing of WA adolescents. Supporting Youth Focus to meet the continuing demand for its free youth counselling services via face-to-face and telehealth platforms in office, community and school-based settings will ensure this vulnerable cohort can access professional early intervention support and build long-term mental wellbeing. Support from Telethon will also enable expansion of counselling to four high schools in south west WA.

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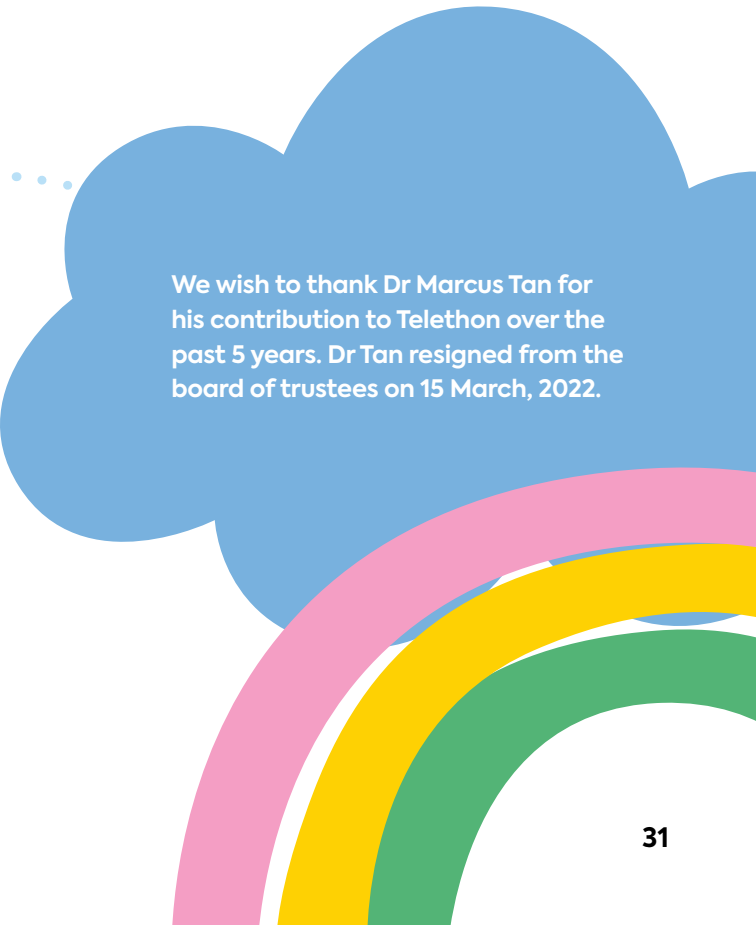
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We wish to thank Dr Marcus Tan for his contribution to Telethon over the past 5 years. Dr Tan resigned from the board of trustees on 15 March, 2022.

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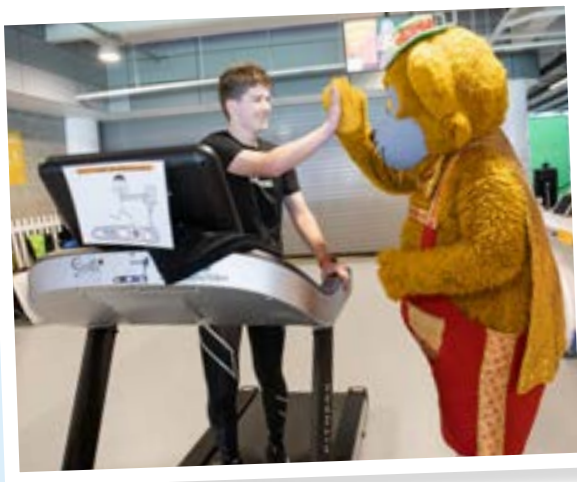


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We are forever grateful for the many ways every one of our community fundraisers supports and contributes to Telethon.

Thank you so much to our 2021 Community Fundraisers and School Ambassadors.





“We started community fundraising so my kids could learn service to others and the joys of helping those less fortunate. We’re still raising money nine years later and the lessons these young people have learnt, will last a lifetime.”

Isaac, Rockingham Senior High School



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