

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE TEAM AT CURE KIDS

Cure Kids ambassador Isabella, who
lives with cystic fibrosis, with mum Alley



Merry Christmas from all of us at Cure Kids!

Thank you so much for your generous support throughout 2017. Your commitment to helping improve the health of children in New Zealand and around the world ensures that critical life-saving research can continue.

Together, we have achieved a lot this year - most importantly, the research you have helped fund which will result in improved health outcomes for our kids and their families. And, we stand by our promise to never give up on the children that need our help.

We are thrilled to announce that recently we confirmed funding for eight new research projects, which you can be proud of helping make possible.

Included among the projects is one looking to reduce hospital admissions from bronchiolitis - the most common reason infants less than one year old are admitted into hospital. We are also providing follow-up funding for a project investigating whether increased protein intake in extremely low birth weight babies improves disability-free survival at 2 years-of-age.

These projects are a direct result of the support you continue to give Cure Kids. So, thank you! We look forward to sharing more about some of the projects funded in the new year.

On behalf of all the team at Cure Kids I would like to wish you a safe and happy holiday with your loved ones.

Frances Bengé,
Cure Kids CEO



Cure Kids ambassadors (from left to right) Harry, Hunter, Corin, Bella and Myka, with Frances Bengé.

Ambassador Families Share Their Personal Journey - Jen's Journey with Finn

Having a child in your family that lives with a serious health condition is an emotional journey with many challenges along the way.

We are grateful to work with many brave families who are advocates for the importance of funding research.

This Christmas, we reached out and asked them personal questions about their journey, how their family has been impacted, how they stay strong, advice they would give to parents going through a tough time, and more.

One of those families is the Corbins. Finn lives with hypoplastic right heart and has had 24 operations – 3 open heart surgeries, 2 strokes, and endless medical procedures. Jen, Finn's mum, shares her personal insight into her family's journey.



Jen's journey with Finn

What has been the most challenging part of this journey?

"The unknown, the longing for Finn to grow up living his life without limitations, the chance that he might not get this opportunity. Every year that he grows older, you are so proud, but also so scared for the fact that as he grows older his heart and his body, have to work harder every day just to function. You do what you have to do and push it to one side and hold your head high and keep going. Why? Because that's what he does every day."

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