



**SYDNEY
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NEWS**

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CHARLOTTE'S STORY

In late 2009, Rebecca was worried about her 1 year old daughter Charlotte. Charlotte had already learned to walk a few months earlier, but now she often fell over and was more irritable. Rebecca knew something wasn't right, so she took Charlotte to their local GP, who referred her immediately to Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick. The following day, doctors diagnosed Charlotte with a life-threatening tumour one third of the size of her brain.

The Neurosurgical team rushed Charlotte into surgery and operated tirelessly on her for 15 hours to remove the tumour. While in the operating theatre, surgeons discovered that Charlotte's brain tumour was located in a particularly delicate position close to the brain stem, which regulates the body's cardiac, respiratory and central nervous systems. After what Charlotte's mum Rebecca describes as "an enormous and heart wrenching wait", the doctors succeeded in removing 75% of the tumour.

Devastatingly, pathology reports then revealed that the type of tumour that had grown around Charlotte's brain was rare, malignant and aggressive. Doctors prescribed further surgery and extensive chemotherapy treatment for little Charlotte.

In the 16 months since her diagnosis, Charlotte battled through several emergency operations - including having a shunt inserted to relieve fluid and pressure on her brain - and 28 rounds of chemotherapy. Finally, Charlotte has now completed her treatment and is happy to be heading home, but she'll still need to have ongoing check-ups and appointments into the future.



"The hospital staff at Randwick have been absolutely fantastic," says Rebecca. "We could not have made it through these tough times without the brilliant Neuro-oncology team, all the hospital staff and, last but not least, Charlotte's strong will. We're so happy that we have our little fighter back home!"

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MESSAGE FROM ADAM

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Welcome to 2011 – a year that promises some fantastic events and activities aimed at benefitting our young patients at the Hospital with the care they need now and into the future.

This Gold edition of our News showcases our major fundraising activities through until June concluding with our 2nd, all-day, live-to-air Gold Week Telethon on the Queen's Birthday Holiday Monday, 13 June. It concludes our growing Gold Week campaign that kicks off in May, and our outstanding Gold Dinner that has made an indelible and positive impact on our outstanding Hospital and the sick and injured children under its care.

I'm calling on you to be part of these Gold celebrations by hosting a Gold Lunch and asking your guests to make a donation. You can find out more or register your support by visiting our website or calling the number below. It's your support that truly makes the difference in the lives of precious children like Charlotte, whose story you can read on page one.

If you can't host a Gold Lunch, we invite you to attend one of our 5 official Gold Events held at prominent Sydney restaurants, an excellent social and business networking opportunity.

How ever you choose to support, make sure you get involved in the 2011 Gold Week Telethon on 13 June. Thanks to our wonderful partners, Channel Nine and The Daily Telegraph, everyone in NSW can be part of our very special Hospital that aims to provide the best of care to hundreds of thousands of children and their families. I guarantee you will be inspired.

Thanks in advance to everyone who will support the Children's Hospital this year. Please know that our children, their families and the Hospital staff deeply appreciate it.

Warm regards,

**Adam Check, Chief Executive
Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation**

HOW YOUR SUPPORT OF GOLD WEEK 2010 HELPED

Thanks to the generous support of the community, 2010's Gold Week campaign raised \$1.2 million for vital services and equipment to support the life-saving work of Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick.

Equipment purchased includes wheelchairs for the Adolescent Ward; insulin pumps for diabetic patients; heart monitors for the Intensive Care Unit; and specialised imaging equipment to assist children with difficult epilepsy.

Gold Week also supported the major refurbishment of the Emergency Department's waiting area. The refurbishment, which is currently underway, will support the Emergency staff to provide an improved child-friendly environment for children and their families with the latest equipment, a re-configured triage area and increased visibility of children in the waiting room.

Other services supported by Gold Week include a Play Therapist to provide distraction and coping techniques for children undergoing procedures, art supplies for the Hospital School and a laptop and DVD players to help make life a little easier for the children on the wards.



COMING UP

GOLD WEEK TELETHON

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On Monday 13 June, 2011 (Queen's Birthday Public Holiday), tune in for a special broadcast with the stars of Channel Nine, inspiring stories from inside our Hospital, special performances and more! The 2nd annual all day Gold Week Telethon - proudly presented by Channel Nine and The Daily Telegraph - is the finale to Gold Week and an opportunity for the wider NSW community to make a difference for our kids. On 13 June, watch Channel Nine and call the Telethon hotline to make your donation – you could even host your Gold Lunch on that day and celebrate the Gold Week Telethon together with friends and family!

Visit www.goldweek.org.au for more information.



Register your Gold Lunch or make a donation at www.goldweek.org.au or call **1800 644 336**.

HAPPENINGS IN THE COMMUNITY



SUNSCINE ON THE BEACH

The inaugural fundraising event sunSCHine kicked off the summer party season last December at Nielsen Park Beachhouse in Vaucluse, with 200 guests raising an impressive \$50,000 for the Hospital!



BIG W BIG HEART DAY

For the past 16 years, staff from BIG W stores state-wide have supported SCH by holding fundraising events in their local communities, which have totalled \$5 million since 1994. In November, BIG W staff came to the Hospital to meet our young patients.



LITTLE LIGHTS

Thanks to everyone who so generously donated to the Foundation's inaugural Little Lights campaign at Christmas which was a huge success. Thanks also to our supporters who sent messages of support to SCH patients, families and staff.



ART IN THE HOSPITAL

The Hon. Carmel Tebbutt MP opened our end of year exhibition, which showcased the exciting work of Australian and international artists, as well as artwork from staff from the Randwick hospital campus as part of the 'Hospitals' Got Talent!' project.

SPOTLIGHT ON...

HOST YOUR OWN GOLD LUNCH

This year during Gold Week (30 May – 5 June), 'Eat, give, laugh, live' and host a Gold Lunch at home or work with your family, friends and colleagues. Simply invite everyone to your house for a yummy lunch or BBQ, set up a working lunch in the office or at a café and ask your guests to make a donation – it's that easy! Every dollar you raise at your Gold Lunch helps sick kids get better.

Can't do a Lunch? No worries! Simply choose any social occasion to host your Gold event – a champagne breakfast, a brunch picnic in the park, a networking event or even a DVD and popcorn night!

To register your Gold Lunch or for more easy and fun ideas on how to plan your Gold event, go to www.goldweek.org.au or call us on **1800 644 336**.



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UPCOMING

EVENTS

OFFICIAL GOLD LUNCHES

Celebrate Gold Week at one of our official Gold Events at prominent restaurants across Sydney.

- 26 May** Hugos Manly
- 27 May** Nick's Bar and Grill, King St Wharf
- 1 June** The Bathers' Pavilion, Balmoral
- 2 June** Summer Salt, Cronulla
- 3 June** The Victoria Room, Darlinghurst

To buy your ticket or table, call the Gold Week team on **(02) 9382 1188**.

ONYA BIKE 4 KIDS

30 April – 6 May

Join a group of enthusiastic cyclists as they ride around regional NSW to raise money for the Hospital! Find out more at www.onyabike4kids.com

COMEDY FOR KIDS

20 May

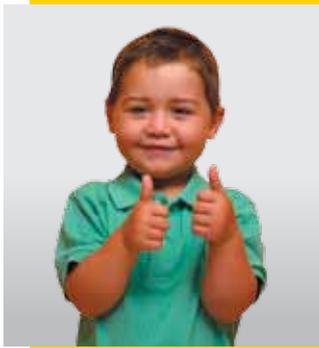
Enjoy side-splitting performances from Aussie comedians, live ABBA tribute band Bjorn Again and a buffet BBQ and seafood dinner. Call the Foundation on **(02) 9382 1188** for tickets (\$100pp).

TOUCHED BY OLIVIA BUTTERFLY BALL

21 May

Dine and dance 'Viva Las Vegas' style at the 5th Butterfly Ball and help raise \$150,000 for SCH. Email justine.perkins@touchedbyolivia.com.au for tickets (\$170pp or \$1600/table of 10).

HOW ARE THEY NOW?



Every year some of our special patients at the Hospital feature in our Gold Week fundraising campaign. Last year, 4 year old Koby, one of the 'faces' of Gold Week, was battling leukaemia. He spent many months in and out of Hospital while receiving chemotherapy treatment.

One year on and Koby is passing all his health tests and check ups with flying colours and his mum Rachelle couldn't be happier. She says,

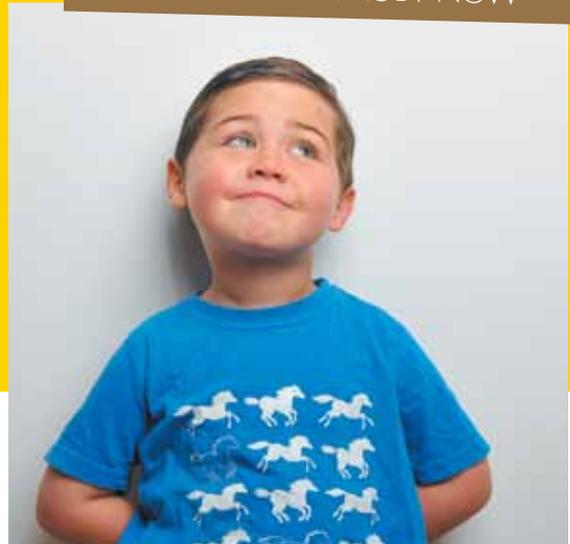
"I AM VERY PROUD TO SEE MY BABY HEALTHY AGAIN AND ENJOYING LIFE. HE TAKES NOTHING FOR GRANTED AND IS JUST THE SWEETEST AND MOST CARING CHILD."

Now that Koby's treatment is behind him, he goes to preschool full time. He enjoys swimming and playing backyard cricket and football with his two big brothers, and Rachelle is thankful that he is fit and healthy again.

"We are grateful each day to the staff at the Hospital for the wonderful care that they gave to my boy."

Your support of Gold Week helps kids like Koby recover and grow up to be happy and healthy.

LEFT: KOBY FEATURED IN GOLD WEEK 2010
BELOW: KOBY NOW



YES! I would like to help sick kids at Sydney Children's Hospital. Amount of tax deductible donation: \$ _____

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Suburb: _____ **State:** _____ **Postcode:** _____

Please send me more information about how to leave a gift in my Will

Please return this form to Locked Bag 5, Randwick NSW 2031 or visit www.schf.org.au to donate online. We respect your privacy and will not give your details to any other organisation. Donations are tax deductible, we will forward a receipt. If you do not wish to receive information about Sydney Children's Hospital and Foundation, please tick this box'

SYDNEY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FOUNDATION WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OUR SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS. YOUR GENEROSITY AND COMMITMENT TO OUR HOSPITAL IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.