

Give the gift of hope this Christmas

Pain, multiple operations, loss of hearing or sight and the debilitating effects of chemotherapy, should never be a child's "normal." Unfortunately, it is for thousands of Australian children diagnosed with Neurofibromatosis (NF). NF affects 1 in 2,500 Australians and is more common than Cystic Fibrosis, Muscular Dystrophy and Huntington's disease.

Macy was just 18 months old when she was diagnosed with NF. Like most people, her mum Suzannah had never heard of NF and listened in horror as the doctor explained that tumours could potentially grow throughout her toddler's precious body. He cautioned her not to "Google" it, as it would be "too confronting." But how could she not? The images of pain and disfigurement she saw that day, of children and adult sufferers alike, each felt like an additional stab to her heart.

Whilst Suzannah hoped Macy's case of NF may be mild, unfortunately, that was not to be. At just 3 years old, after being constantly lethargic and fatigued, Macy was diagnosed with multiple brain tumours. She had lost partial mobility down her left side and was scheduled for brain surgery. However, as is the harsh reality for many NF sufferers, surgeons were unable to remove the tumours due to the risk of paralysis. Since then, Macy's only option has been to fight this disease by undertaking constant rounds of chemotherapy. She is now 9 years old with extended stays in hospital being her "normal," yet things like attending school, playing netball or having sleepovers are not. Despite everything she has been through, Suzannah says: "Macy remains positive, hilarious and determined!"

You can help provide for all this important work, and more, by making your donation today.

Together, we can make a difference in our fight to conquer NF. Please donate today by completing the details on the next page to help fund much-needed research into the treatment of NF. Tumours should never be a child's "normal."

Feel free to include a message of support for Macy's family and we'll make sure it reaches them.



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There is hope. Australia has some of the best doctors and research teams in the world working hard each day to find a cure for this terrible disease.

The Children's Tumour Foundation provides vital funding to enable these experts to continue their research. **At the same time, we provide the practical support needed to assist families, like Macy's, in their everyday struggle.** This support includes: providing specialist clinics, connecting sufferers to appropriate health services, educating GPs and providing social opportunities, like family camps, so that these children can feel "normal" and families can make vital support connections.

Suzannah's Christmas wish is that all families affected by NF have access to the latest information, best healthcare and treatment options. Her hope is that one day soon, a cure will be found.

Please help us conquer NF! Your one-off or regular monthly donation would make a real difference:

\$25

Would enable us to send an NF Information Package to those recently diagnosed

\$120

Or \$10 a month
Would help our support co-ordinators visit isolated families

\$240

Or \$20 a month
Pays for one NF family to attend a state camp where children can feel "normal" and mix with others who have NF

\$420

Or \$35 a month
Would enable our facilitators to run additional seminars

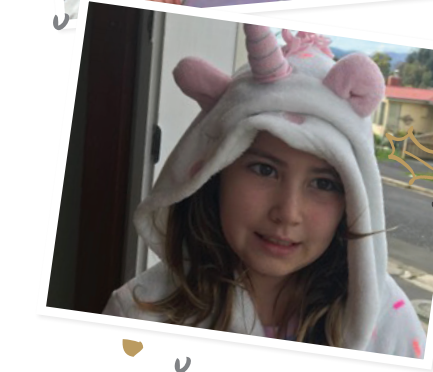
\$600

Or \$50 a month
Allows us to build our online webinar capability, so that remote NF sufferers can access information, resources and feel connected

Donations over

\$1,200

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Could enable us to expand our clinics to other states and regions



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