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**MEET REMY,**  
**the little ambassador**  
**for the 2017**  
**Good Friday Appeal >**



< Remy, 18 months old

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**Thanks to life-saving brain surgery**  
**at The Royal Children's Hospital,**  
**Remy is an energetic toddler who**  
**loves playing with trucks and reading**  
**books with his family.**



Remy, 8 months old >

It was Remy Dyer's grandmother who first noticed he had stopped moving his left hand.

Remy's parents, Matt and Jen, sought advice at The Royal Children's Hospital Emergency Department and two days later neurosurgeons were preparing to remove a large tumour that had spread its tentacles through Remy's brain.

Jen reflects, "even though we didn't know what was wrong, when we walked into Emergency we felt like we were in safe hands."

Doctors believe the tumour, desmoplastic infantile ganglioglioma, most likely developed before Remy was born.

Remy's recovery on his left hand side was almost immediate and he returned home with a U-shape scar a week after arriving at The Royal Children's Hospital.

Through regular monitoring and scans the doctors advised on another surgery to remove more of the tumour and Remy underwent his second brain surgery three months later.

"We had confidence in The Royal Children's Hospital, it was what Remy needed and that's all that mattered," says Jen.

Remy is now well and at home with his family, thanks to the expert staff at The Royal Children's Hospital. Remy continues to thrive and clinicians across several departments are monitoring his development at regular check-ups and appointments.

Thanks to the generous community support, we can make a difference to children like Remy and ensure The Royal Children's Hospital is a world leader in paediatric care.



# Your donation makes a difference to Remy and children at The Royal Children's Hospital.

## **JULIET CLAYTON, Remy's Neurosurgeon**

If it wasn't for the Good Friday Appeal and people's efforts in the community to fundraise and donate then we wouldn't be able to provide outstanding care to our patients. We treat children at their sickest and most vulnerable and it makes such a difference to their lives. Funds raised through the Good Friday Appeal help

provide us with research and training opportunities and ensure we have the latest equipment so we can continue to be one of the world's best children's hospitals. It means we can literally save lives and help patients like Remy achieve their greatest potential.



## **ED OAKLEY, Chief of Critical Care**

To determine what problem a child like Remy has when they present to the RCH Emergency Department (ED), they undergo a detailed examination in ED, which is usually followed by a series of investigations.

We look at the child's problem and the list of possible causes. We also review tests needed to determine whether those causes are present or not.

Following the brain scans kids like Remy need, the images must be reviewed and interpreted to determine why a child is unwell. We then break the news to the family and explain the care to

follow and introduce them to the doctors and teams who will manage the ongoing care.

Thanks to the support of the Good Friday Appeal, The Royal Children's Hospital Emergency Department is leading Australia in paediatric emergency medicine research output. The funding provided by the Good Friday Appeal allows the Director of Emergency Medicine Research to double the time dedicated to research activities and improve our capacity to include a sustainable research culture and assist staff in undertaking research.



## **STACY KELLY, RCH Physiotherapist**

The great care we offer through the RCH Aquatic Physiotherapy Service is largely possible thanks to the Good Friday Appeal. Our on-site pool is specially designed to cater for the complex needs of the children treated at the hospital, including those with cancer and reduced immunity from their medical treatment. For kids like Remy,

the warm pool environment relaxes stiff muscles, reduces pain and helps to build strength and balance in ways that children are unable to do on land. It also provides a fun and enjoyable alternative to land based exercises for children like Remy who require intensive or long-term physiotherapy as part of their recovery.

