



Newsletter

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The Developing Foundation Has Moved...

We have not gone far, in fact our new office is just down stairs from the old one. What in the past was used as the *Hey Hey It's Yesterday* store and sort room is now being used as The Developing Foundation office. The space was renovated using a grant from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund and assistance from Developing Foundation supporters. A big thank you to all those who assisted with the renovation and the move including Russell Burgess, Ben Tinson, Steven Gunderson and Jane Dixon. The upstairs area is now privately rented. Please take all donations which are intended for *Hey Hey It's Yesterdays* directly to the shop (located at 129 Latrobe Tce Paddington).

Secure Your Family's Future

The Future starts now! The Developing Foundation is hosting a 3 hour Pave The Way seminar. Pave The Way will work with you and your family to clarify your vision and assist you to plan for a good life and future for your relative with a disability.

Pave The Way works with families on some key beliefs;

- *The future starts now* – it is never too early or too late to plan for the future.
- *Imagine better* - future planning begins with developing a clear vision for the best possible outcome.

- *There is no template or recipe* – every family will create their own vision and plan, at their own pace.
- *People keep other people safe* – inviting others to share our vision and our planning is one way to help secure our hopes for the future.

The seminar will be held at The Developing Foundation's office on **Tuesday March 31 at 10 am**. Morning tea will be provided. Please RSVP to Jane or Kellie. For more info see

Ian Hunter will be conducting NDTP therapy assessments from April 12 to 16. Please contact the office for an appointment on 3871 0530

Therapy Success Story

The following is an extract from a letter to Ian Hunter from a past Neuro Developmental Therapy Program Family...

My name is Tina and I did your program here in Perth with my daughter Mindy about 21 years ago. Mindy was 12 months old the very day we first met you (November 14th 2006) . We spent about 2 ½ years doing your program 5 days a week. We were told that she was deaf and blind and that she would never walk. OMG I wish she would sit down and shut up. Mindy is now working in a sheltered workshop 3 days a week. She leads a very social life, she is very easy to have a conversation with and everyone who meets her understands her very well. She has a great network of friends and carers that we have developed over the years. I hope you remember us for we will never forget you, you changed our lives forever and for that we will always thank you .

My Time

Mytime groups provide local support for those caring for children with disabilities or chronic illness. The groups are an opportunity for you to socialise and exchange ideas with others who share the rewards and intensity of the caring role. Mytime groups provide structured activities and learning on issues relevant to each group.

workers— a facilitator for parents and a play helper for children. Mytime is a national program funded by the Government of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs. For more information or to find your local Mytime group visit www.mytime.net.au or call 1800 889 997

Each Mytime group is supported by two

King's Beach Unit Suggestions

Following the feedback from our client survey in July 2008 we are investigating the following suggestions:

- Screens on small windows
- Heated pool
- Air condition twin and single rooms
- Shower chair
- As well as some more minor items such as additional crockery, game for rainy days, TV in master bedroom, additional towel rails, guest book/tourist book with information about restaurants, shops and attractions nearby

If you would like to book the King's Beach unit for the following available dates please contact Jane-
April 27 (for 4 nights)
May 25 (for 4 nights)
June 1—22
July 20—August 3

The first three suggestions would have to be approved by the body corporate. Unfortunately the heated pool is not an option at this time but has been suggested by other unit owners so will hopefully be actioned in the future.

Online Business Sponsorship

Those families participating in online fundraising would have received personalised materials that can be used to seek business sponsorship. For a successful campaign there are a few things to remember.

- It's important to build a network of people who are interested in helping you achieve your vision. Manage these networks in an organised manner.
- Keep talking— Before you approach companies for sponsorship, connect

with them, tell them about your team vision and goals. People prefer to support a cause they feel emotionally connected to.

- Follow up— Follow your written request for sponsorship with a phone call.
- Stay in touch- Remember to thank your donors and sponsors, keep them updated with your team's progress. Your campaign is equally about building relationships as it is about seeking funds.
- Stay positive— People want to be involved in a campaign that they feel is making a difference. Keep your story and interaction with potential and existing supporters optimistic.