



Annual Report
2023



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Grandcarer Families

Grandparents provide the most common form of kinship care in Australia.

They provide grandchildren loving, safe and secure homes, keep siblings together, and ensure continuity of extended family relationships.



And having themselves experienced the loss of connection with their own child, they understand the profound sense of loss felt by their grandchild.



About iDareDream

iDareDream believes every child matters and is born with valuable innate abilities and potentials.

Our Vision

We envision caring, connected and collaborative communities in which every child feels valued, supported and empowered to be his/her greatest self.

Our Mission

We provide children being raised by their grandparents the opportunity to participate in activities which foster the self-value, confidence and life-skills essential for happy, fulfilling futures.

Our Values

Integrity

Compassion

Accountability

Contribution

While there has been a gradual increase in public awareness and community support for the grandcarers, very little has been done to directly address the special needs of the children in their care.

How We Help

iDareDream is here to support grandparents in their unexpected role as full-time carers of their grandchildren. Most of these children have experienced severe trauma before coming into the care of their grandparents and frequently have high physical and psychological needs.

We have found the healing journey for these children is greatly strengthened by opportunities to participate with their peers in extra-curricular activities.



Not only does this provide them a sense of community connection and belonging, it also allows them to discover new interests, identify innate talents, and begin to believe they too, can enjoy happy and fulfilling futures.

But with most grandparents unsupported and relying solely on the aged-pension, such extras are well beyond their financial means.

Thanks to our generous donors and corporate partners Harvey Norman Osborne Park and Joondalup we are able to ensure these children enjoy the same opportunities as their peers.



Message from our CEO



Dear Friends,

It's hard to capture in a few brief paragraphs just how rewarding the last year has been.

Our beautiful community continues to grow both in numbers and geographical reach, and we are thrilled to be serving more families in isolated regional areas.

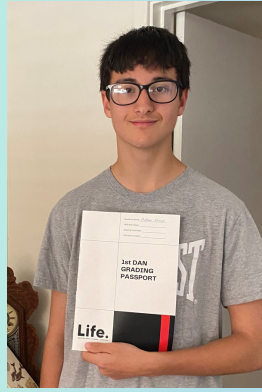
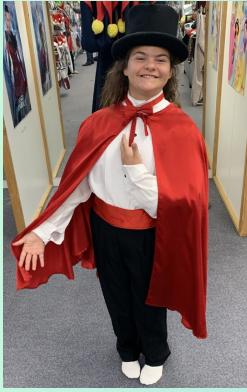
In August 2022 I attended the 5-day International Trauma Conference in Melbourne and returned with greater insights into the devastating effects early trauma has on childhood development and behaviour.

As CEO I am privileged to personally meet with our city members and chat by phone with those living afar. Every exchange reaffirms to me the incredible commitment of the grandparents to the children now in their care. Their dedication through countless difficulties to ensuring these young lives heal and thrive, is supremely inspiring!

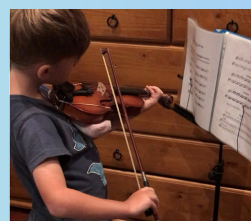
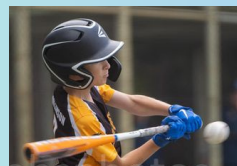
Thanks to the continued support of wonderful donors and our corporate partners, Harvey Norman Osborne Park and Joondalup, we have been able to greatly increase our sponsorship of activities for the grandchildren.

I'm proud of the growth and results achieved in our short 5-year journey. It is indicative of the dedication and commitment of our small voluntary committee, together with the generous assistance and guidance of a few professionals, and I thank them all, as I thank you, for this trust, encouragement and support.

Virginia Huupponen
Founder & CEO



CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
 This year's total activity sponsorship increased by 38.6%
 Activities covered a wide range not shown here including athletics, cartoon-making, circus-skills, gymnastics, parkour, singing, surfing, swimming and woodcraft.



Vision Quest Workshops

We arranged two workshops to help our teens define and share their dream for their future, and explore what it might require mentally and practically to achieve it.



The Impact

'Your help has taken a lot of stress out of the situation.'

'This has made a huge change in her attitude at home and school.'

'The boys were thrilled to have the chance to do the term 2 football clinic.'

Thank you to all the sponsors that help me achieve in the field of theatre . . . it helps me with a lot of areas that as a teenager can get hard. Girl aged 13

'The ice skating tuition is developing her confidence and giving her a positive view to her future.'

'He used to only play Xbox, now he looks forward to Saturdays and his sports. Even the school has seen a change in him.'

'He really has found the ideal activity . . . He's been behaving so much better and is improving immensely with his communication, attitude and ability to interact positively.'

'I can't convey how much these activities have helped our grandchildren. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.'

Year's Highlights



Annual Christmas Picnic 2022



Quiz Night Fundraiser



Mother's Day High Tea 2023



How We've Grown

OUR COMMUNITY

During the past year **17** new families from both city and regional areas joined, bringing our year end total to 66 families.



CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

We sponsored **136** activities, up from 92 the previous year.

CORPORATE PARTNERS

Harvey Norman Joondalup joined Harvey Norman Osborne Park as our 2nd corporate partner.



Those Who Dare To Care

Our work would be impossible without the wonderful caring support from others, both individuals and organisations. iDareDream gratefully acknowledges the ongoing support from the following -

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Joondalup & Osborne Park

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