



Very Special Kids cares for children with life-threatening conditions by providing a children's hospice and professional support services to families. Sadly, many of the children we care for will not reach adulthood.

Very Special Kids built the first children's hospice in Australia 23 years ago where families access planned and emergency respite, as well as end-of-life care. The hospice provides 24-hour medical and nursing care in a warm and welcoming environment.

Following an extensive research process, it has been decided to rebuild the hospice to ensure we can continue to provide the highest level of care and support for children with life-threatening conditions and their families now, and well into the distant future.

Following the announcement of a \$7.5 million Commonwealth grant from the Federal Government, we are confident we can build a world class facility that is fit for purpose for the next 20+ years. We have commenced an in home respite pilot program and will soon be launching a capital fundraising campaign.

Ongoing funding from riders' incredible fundraising efforts will make Chain Reaction a major partner of this much needed project. Chain Reaction's support will help Very Special Kids achieve the following goals:

- Provide state of the art clinical facilities at Very Special Kids Hospice
- Increase number of families accessing the hospice for respite care
- Increase number of families accessing the hospice for end-of-life care
- Continue to support children with complex medical and behavioural needs
- Increase number of adolescents accessing the hospice