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**Like all parents, Oli and Maria were so excited with the arrival of little Zoe. A little sister for Isaac, their son, made them feel that their family was complete.**

**Isaac was a healthy child and they assumed that Zoe would be the same. So, they were surprised when the clinic called and asked to speak with them in person regarding the results of Zoe's heel prick test.**

**Not only was Zoe diagnosed with cystic fibrosis, but little Zoe also carries two rare genes. She is among the rarest of the rare, less than 10% of people living with cystic fibrosis.**

**There is no cure for cystic fibrosis and for Zoe, sadly there are currently no therapeutic modulator treatments which greatly benefit more than 90% of the cystic fibrosis community.**

**Your generous donation today could help Cystic Fibrosis Queensland solve the genetic cystic fibrosis puzzle for other families, just like Zoe's, tomorrow.**

Upon hearing their child's diagnosis of cystic fibrosis, Zoe's parents, Olie, and Maria, were shocked, overwhelmed, frustrated and angry all at the same time. Their older child was perfectly healthy and like most cystic fibrosis parents, they were unaware of their symptomless carrier status.

For a child to be born with cystic fibrosis, both parents must be carriers. Even then the chances of having a child with cystic fibrosis is one in four. The two defective genes which were diagnosed in little Zoe's cystic fibrosis status are incredibly rare, making her part of a community for whom there are no existing modulator therapy treatments.

Zoe is one of less than 10% of our cystic fibrosis community.

With limited knowledge of what was required to keep Zoe healthy, Oli and Maria reached out to Cystic Fibrosis Queensland.

"We were juggling trying to understand cystic fibrosis and how it would affect Zoe's daily life, and of course the long-term impact into her teens and adulthood, while also learning about our role as parents and carers of a child living with cystic fibrosis," said Maria.

The family was determined to give little Zoe the childhood she deserved.



**Please will you kindly donate this tax time?  
Your generous gift will provide vital education needed for  
parents receiving a diagnosis for the first time.**

Receiving the diagnosis – as one Australian family will do every four days – was a moment neither parent will forget. Even reminiscing on it almost five years later brings back uncomfortable emotions.

I'm delighted to share that with thanks to donations received, Cystic Fibrosis Queensland was able to step in and support the family immediately.

"Being a member of Cystic Fibrosis Queensland allows up to be part of a connected community. The team at Cystic Fibrosis Queensland makes us feel that we are not alone", said Maria.

Cystic Fibrosis Queensland provides practical support through welfare subsidies for out-of-pocket costs associated with hospitalisations, medication, physical, mental, and emotional needs.

**Please will you donate today? Your generous gift will help provide  
emotional and practical relief for families whose children are  
diagnosed with cystic fibrosis.**

Cystic Fibrosis Queensland gave the new parents essential education about how to keep Zoe physically fit and healthy. The rigorous life-saving routine they must follow daily would begin immediately.

Information for newly diagnosed parents was also provided and gave Olie and Maria a much better understanding of what would be involved in Zoe's care.

Because of donations previously received, the family also received invaluable financial support and welfare subsidies as well as practical airway and nebuliser equipment from Cystic Fibrosis Queensland at what was undoubtedly one of the scariest, saddest times of their lives.

**Please will you donate today and give hope to Zoe, Olie, and  
Maria, and the 3700 other families living with cystic fibrosis in  
Australia today?**

While practical support such as a nebuliser to administer inhaled antibiotics helped make life easier for this family, Olie and Maria are also extremely grateful for the financial subsidies provided by Cystic Fibrosis Queensland for medication and activities that encourage physical activity to keep Zoe's airways clear.

Zoe especially loves trampolining, and the family is grateful for the grant Cystic Fibrosis Queensland received to provide this. For a cystic fibrosis child, a trampoline is daily percussion treatment disguised as play. It is not only fun but helps to keep her airways clear of the sticky mucus which can lead to life-threatening exacerbations.

Zoe also looks forward to receiving Boredom Buster Bags from our charity, consisting of age-appropriate toys and books, when she attends hospital clinics. Hospitalisation can be a lonely and isolating time for Zoe as she really misses her big brother Isaac, and this red bag packed full of cheer really brightens her up in her time of need. These simple yet significant donor-funded touches can lighten the mood during hospital admissions and accelerate healing allowing the child to return home sooner.



We simply can't provide this support to families without you.

**Please will you donate one last time this financial year? Your kind support will provide airway clearance equipment, subsidise the costly out-of-pocket expenses for families and essential nebulisers and oxygen concentrators.**

I'm proud that donor support allows Cystic Fibrosis Queensland to remain future focused. We provide education, support and services, practical equipment, fund research and advocate for access to life-giving treatments and medication.

"My greatest hope is that Zoe can stay happy and well. While there is currently no treatment for her, we are grateful that Cystic Fibrosis Queensland actively advocates for drugs to be listed on the PBS when they are developed. We are also thankful that the charity plays a role in supporting research and the search for a cure," said Maria.

**From the bottom of my heart I ask you to please donate this financial year. Your kind support will provide vital education, practical equipment, emotional and financial support to those diagnosed with cystic fibrosis. Especially those in our community for whom there is currently no modulator therapy; the rarest of the rare.**

Your help will support us to improve outcomes and extend the life expectancy of those living with cystic fibrosis even further. But this is only possible thanks to support from donors just like you.

Thank you for your continued generosity,



Petrina Fraccaro  
CEO and Managing Director  
Cystic Fibrosis Queensland and Trusted Care


PS While there is currently no cure for cystic fibrosis, advances in research mean the average life expectancy for somebody diagnosed today has now extended to approximately 52 years.

All donations over \$2 are tax deductible and will help improve outcomes for those living with cystic fibrosis to extend this life expectancy even further.

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