

## **ABOUT THE CHILDHOOD CANCER ASSOCIATION**

*The Childhood Cancer Association is South Australia's key organisation supporting children living with cancer, and their families. The Association delivers a range of emotional, practical and financial support to families including: free accommodation for country families, respite accommodation for all families, peer and family support, bereavement support, educational assistance, financial assistance and tailored services and support as required. For further information about the Childhood Cancer Association please visit [www.childhoodcancer.asn.au](http://www.childhoodcancer.asn.au)*

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## **WESTPAC STAIR CLIMB**

All funds raised from the Westpac Stair Climb will go towards the Family Support Programs, delivered by the Childhood Cancer Association to support siblings, parents and grandparents of children living with cancer.

**Please see below, further information about the Family Support Programs:**

### **HOSPITAL VISITATION PROGRAMME (HVP)**

The corner stone of the work done by the Childhood Cancer Association is the daily support provided to children and families through personal visits to the Women's and Children's Hospital by CCA's trained councillors. These visits average 100 per month. Through the Hospital Visitation Programme, trained CCA councillors identify the needs of the children and their families and develop early intervention strategies to meet those needs. These include referrals to the programmes offered by CCA, as well as other service providers or specialist councillors.

### **SIBS (Super Important Brothers & Sisters)**

SIBS is a program designed for children aged between 5 and 12, who have a brother or sister with cancer. The group aims to offer siblings access to support when they need it as issues arise, and encourages peer support and friendships between the children in the group. The group sessions alternate between a 'home' session - designed to offer emotional support and understanding of specific issues facing siblings of children with cancer (in a fun environment), and an 'away' session which involves an excursion.

### **COFFEE MORNINGS FOR PARENTS**

Coffee mornings are held each Thursday morning and are hosted by our trained counselors. It provides parents with a chance to get a much needed break away from the hospital, for families to meet each other and share their experiences and also to discuss any issues they have with our counselors.

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## BEREAVEMENT PROGRAMS

- **GSE (Great Sibling Escape)**  
GSE is a program designed for children aged between 5 and 12, who have experienced the death of a brother or sister from cancer. The children meet together to have fun with other children who "understand", and to explore feelings around their loss.
- **SPECIAL PARENTS**  
Special Parents is a program designed for parents who have experienced the death of a child from cancer. The parents meet together bi-monthly with other parents who share the grief of losing their own child through cancer and who "understand" to explore feelings around their loss.
- **SPECIAL GRANDPARENTS**  
Special Grandparents is a programme designed for grandparents who have experienced the death of a grandchild from cancer. The grandparents meet together bi-monthly with other grandparents who share the grief of losing their own grandchild through cancer and who "understand" to explore feelings around their loss.

