

Anatomy of a life changer

This remarkable device with so many parts brings hope to many children and their parents, by helping transform a disabled child to one with the ability to stand and walk. From being confined in wheel chair, to the ability to move around and interact with others.



The wonderful Hart Walker, thanks to the Lions of New Zealand via their Child Mobility Foundation (CMF) has over the last twenty or so years enabled scores of children with cerebral palsy and similar disabilities to lead a fulfilling life more in line with their peers. With the loving care of parents and supported by CMF with the Lions of New Zealand behind them, the children have been assessed by CMF specialist Orthotists and Physios for suitability and fitted to the walkers, enabling them to develop body and mind. The upright position helps the breathing, opening up the passages, internal organs can function better and the brain gains from the oxygen and stimulus.



NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE

Watch this dramatic video and be amazed.

UK girl in Hart Walker widens her horizons

See:-

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0fsykp>



How Natasha controls a boat with her breath. This clip is from <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0fsykp>

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One small step for us, One giant leap for them

At clinics in the main centres, children are assessed and Hart Walkers fitted and adjusted to a child's growth.



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Another achievement. The Lions of Blockouse Bay-Lynfield were rewarded for their support for CMF when at recent fundraising sausage sizzle, a familiar figure came into sight. It was Shane, the father of Brody one of the children who was a regular at the Auckland clinic for a number of years. Although for this occasion Brody was being taken some distance to his hairdresser in a wheelchair, his father proudly told us at home now he gets around without a walker. This re-inforced the Lions belief and support for the New Zealand Lions Clubs Child Mobility Foundations and continued hosting of the Auckland Clinic.



LIONS ARE CMF. Yes! the success of helping the children is due to the ongoing support of Lions in New Zealand, who volunteer to help, fundraise and provide members to serve as Trustees and District Chairpersons. To learn more about applications, fundraising, donations, how to help, go to www.nzcmf.org or see your District Chairperson.



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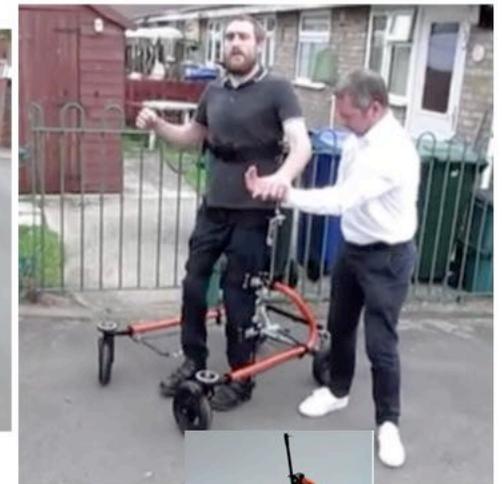
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Welcome to October 2023 issue of 'Wheely Good News'.

Like a Pheonix rising or should we say Lion, CMF has now recovered after the disruption by Covid to the clinics for our children, although with a bit of ingenuity and working "outside the box", a special clinic was held in Dunedin and CMF continued to facilitate the supply of new Hart Walkers and special trikes to several children.

We have seen our children grow from toddlers to thriving teenagers, and even others stand on their own feet and walk unaided, albeit with support of physios, loving parents and other health professionals. In the past when some children grew too big for the walkers they sadly reverted to wheel chair use, but even so, the Hart Walker had helped develop stronger muscles, improved breathing and stimulated brain development that have enhanced their lives.

But now the Wheely Good News is - the Hart Walkers have been redesigned, with many new features, and added strength to enable children growing into adults to continue with their progress in a larger walker. This same new Hart Walker shown here in photos from England is now coming to New Zealand, the first one will be used by Ben in Auckland who has outgrown his older one. That is Ben by the way in our "News" masthead.



WATCH THIS VIDEO OF THE LARGER HART WALKER IN THE UK
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-K448YhE-8w>



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