

2017

★ Starship Foundation Annual Review ★



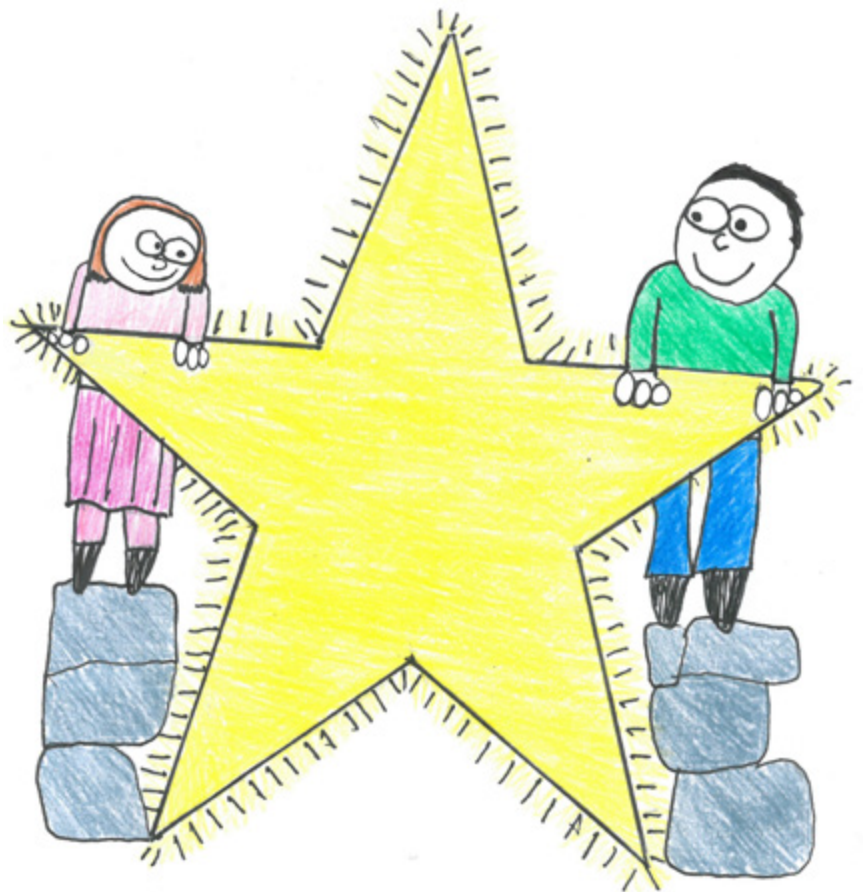
Baby Daisy Salter
with Mum Katie in NICU



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**The Starship
Foundation's vision is
to help Starship
accelerate world class
healthcare for all
New Zealand children.**



Art by 11 year old
Starship patient Austin

Thank you for supporting the Starship Foundation, and helping to better the lives of Kiwi kids faster. Your generosity means Starship can achieve things that might not otherwise be possible.



With your support we provide the latest advances in medical technology and better facilities that help the team at Starship go above and beyond for their patients and families.



With your help we ensure Starship's staff has the best training and opportunities for professional development to meet even the most challenging and complex cases.



Thanks to you we fund research and innovation to ensure Starship's brightest minds are well supported to investigate and improve the way we diagnose and treat children, and accelerate the pace of change.



Your support helps us ensure that all New Zealand children have access to the level of care they require irrespective of where they live. And you help us to lift children's spirits and support them and their families throughout their treatment.

The stories and projects you will see in this report, and many more, were supported by the Starship Foundation during 2017. We are truly grateful to all of you who share our vision and help make this possible.

**Thanks to you 2017 was
an incredible year for the
Starship Foundation.
Here are some highlights:**





\$167,000

was raised by Team Starship at the 2017 ASB Auckland Marathon



\$530,000

was raised at our 25th Birthday Through the Looking Glass Ball



6,230

supporters now do Regular Giving to Starship



\$590,000

invested by the Starship Foundation in research and innovation

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301

grants awarded - ranging from play therapy toys through to ultrasound and brain monitoring machines



20,000

Facebook fans and growing

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377

kind-hearted individuals are now Starship Guardian Angels

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\$80,000

was raised through sales of our Starship Christmas Star tree decoration



50,000+

views of our 24 Hours at Starship video



**Message of
thanks from**

Martin Wiseman Chair

It is a pleasure and a privilege to have this opportunity to thank you as Chair of the Starship Foundation, having taken over the role from Bryan Mogridge.

Bryan was Chair of the Foundation from 1995 until November 2016. He has been a driving force since its inception and one of a team who established the Foundation, forming the link between Starship, the community and the business sector. I thank Bryan, for more than two decades of championing the work of Starship.

2017 was a significant milestone year for our national children's hospital as we continued our celebration of Starship's 25th year. I thank all of our supporters for giving more generously than ever before. Individuals, community groups, trusts and foundations, and corporate partners – we're in this together, and together we raised more than \$14 million in 2017 to commit to our vision of ensuring the best possible healthcare for all New Zealand children.

I am sure you will all agree that your support would mean nothing if it weren't for the hard working, talented and passionate staff at Starship who do brilliant and lifesaving work every day. I thank them for all they do for the children of New Zealand.

I wish to recognise Brad Clark and his team at the Foundation for their hard work, commitment and resilience in support of Starship. After more than seven years of successful leadership, Brad steps down as Chief Executive at the end of March 2018, and I would like to acknowledge the passion and energy that he has brought to the role, and the impact that he and his team have had on child health in New Zealand during that time.

My fellow trustees are a dedicated group of individuals, all passionate about the health of New Zealand children and supporting the work of Starship. I extend my thanks to them for volunteering their time and expertise.

As we look to the future, the Foundation under the leadership of new Chief Executive Aisha Daji Punga is bringing a new sense of urgency to its fundraising for child health in New Zealand. This is because, despite the extraordinary work and support of many,

New Zealand's child health outcomes are still far from where they should be – we're falling behind in too many measures for health and wellbeing for our children and we must do better.

With your help, we can ensure all New Zealand children have the best chance of a better tomorrow, but we need to do something about it today.

Together, we can do more to fund the latest advances in medical technology and better facilities, so that the team at Starship have the resources to go above and beyond for their patients.

Together, we can ensure Starship's staff have the best training and professional development opportunities to meet even the most challenging and complex cases.

And together, we can invest more in Starship research and innovation to improve the way we diagnose and treat children in the unique New Zealand context, and accelerate the pace of change.

I am excited and inspired for what is around the corner for Starship and child health in New Zealand.

In whatever way you have helped – giving your time, your skills and expertise, your thoughts, or your financial support, your help makes a difference, and I thank you on behalf of all New Zealand children and their families.

Martin Wiseman

2017

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**Message of
thanks from**

Brad Clark Chief Executive

What a year! In 2017 you helped us accomplish a great deal – you helped us raise more than ever and we celebrated a quarter century together. With your help we funded a wide array of child health projects and initiatives already having a positive impact on Starship's staff and the patients and families that benefit from the national child health service and our national children's hospital.

I am exceptionally proud of the Starship Foundation team, and truly grateful to all of you who contributed to the success of 2017. When Starship succeeds, as a country we benefit from having happier and healthier children.

Through the year we celebrated Starship's 25th birthday culminating in the outstanding success of our 'Through the Looking Glass' Ball in October. With the backing of our passionate sponsors and attendees the event exceeded all expectations and raised an incredible \$530,000.

In 2017 we directed your funds to many priority child health areas, including advances in medical technology, better facilities, professional development for staff, and crucial research and innovation projects.

In June the Level 5 General Paediatrics ward re-opened after a complete transformation. Thanks to you, the Starship Foundation was able to contribute \$4.5 million – half of the total cost, and a great example of the outstanding collaboration between the Auckland District Health Board, Starship Child Health and the Foundation, to the benefit of our precious children from all over the country.

Investment in Starship research and innovation is critical to unlocking the potential of our brightest minds, to accelerating the pace of change and finding better ways of diagnosing, and treating illnesses and injuries as well as ensuring Starship can compete internationally for the best clinicians. An exciting advancement is the Starship Foundation's move to invest significantly in this area with more than \$590,000 committed in 2017 to projects to address child health priorities for New Zealand.

None of this would be possible without your support. There are many individuals, organisations, trusts and foundations who contribute to the Starship Foundation in many ways. On behalf of us all at the Starship Foundation, my deep and sincere appreciation to each and every one of you for sharing our vision to provide the best healthcare in the world for New Zealand children.

Reflecting on the year, I also wish to acknowledge the outstanding staff at Starship Child Health, who collectively contribute to the wellbeing of so many New Zealand children, young people, and their families. Day in, day out, they bring passion, extraordinary care, skill and empathy making our people and communities stronger.

Thank you to Starship Foundation Chair Martin Wiseman, Vice-Chair Gretchen Hawkesby, and all our Board of Trustees who generously volunteer their time and expertise to guide the Foundation. We have set our sights on significant growth through to 2023, with a bold new vision and a passionate desire to do even more to benefit child health in New Zealand.

On a personal note after more than seven years, I felt the need to seek new challenges and so this is my final report as Starship Foundation Chief Executive, and to welcome the very capable and passionate Aisha Daji Punga into the leadership role. I feel extremely privileged to have led such a talented team and to have made a modest contribution to child health in our country. It is difficult to express how much the experience has taught me and touched me. I will be forever grateful for the opportunity. Thank you!

Brad Clark



**Message of
thanks from**

Ailsa Claire Auckland DHB Chief Executive

It is a pleasure to recognise the contribution of the Starship Foundation and its partners and donors to Starship Child Health in 2017. The Starship Foundation continues to support Starship Child Health in achieving new goals as the nation's leading children's hospital. In 2017, there were nearly 130,000 patient visits from children and young people, who all benefited from the Foundation's dedication when they were treated at Starship Child Health.

In 2017, the Foundation allocated \$590,000 to a diverse range of clinical research and innovation projects, which will help make a difference to the patient journey for many New Zealand children.

Of particular note is a research project dedicated to improving New Zealand's youth suicide rates, which sadly stand among the highest in the developed world. This innovative study explores the use of technology to better identify and screen young New Zealanders at risk of depression and offers an innovative way to potentially save the lives of young Kiwis.

This project is one of many which aim to help improve child and youth health in this country. Others include research projects to identify risk factors for poor dental health in young children, seek out safer ways of operating and uncover answers for families seeking diagnoses for neurogenetic disease.

The Starship Foundation also made a significant contribution to the bricks and mortar of Starship Child Health in 2017, contributing \$4.5 million for the refurbishment of our General Paediatrics ward, enabling more parents to stay overnight with their child and greatly improving patient and family spaces.

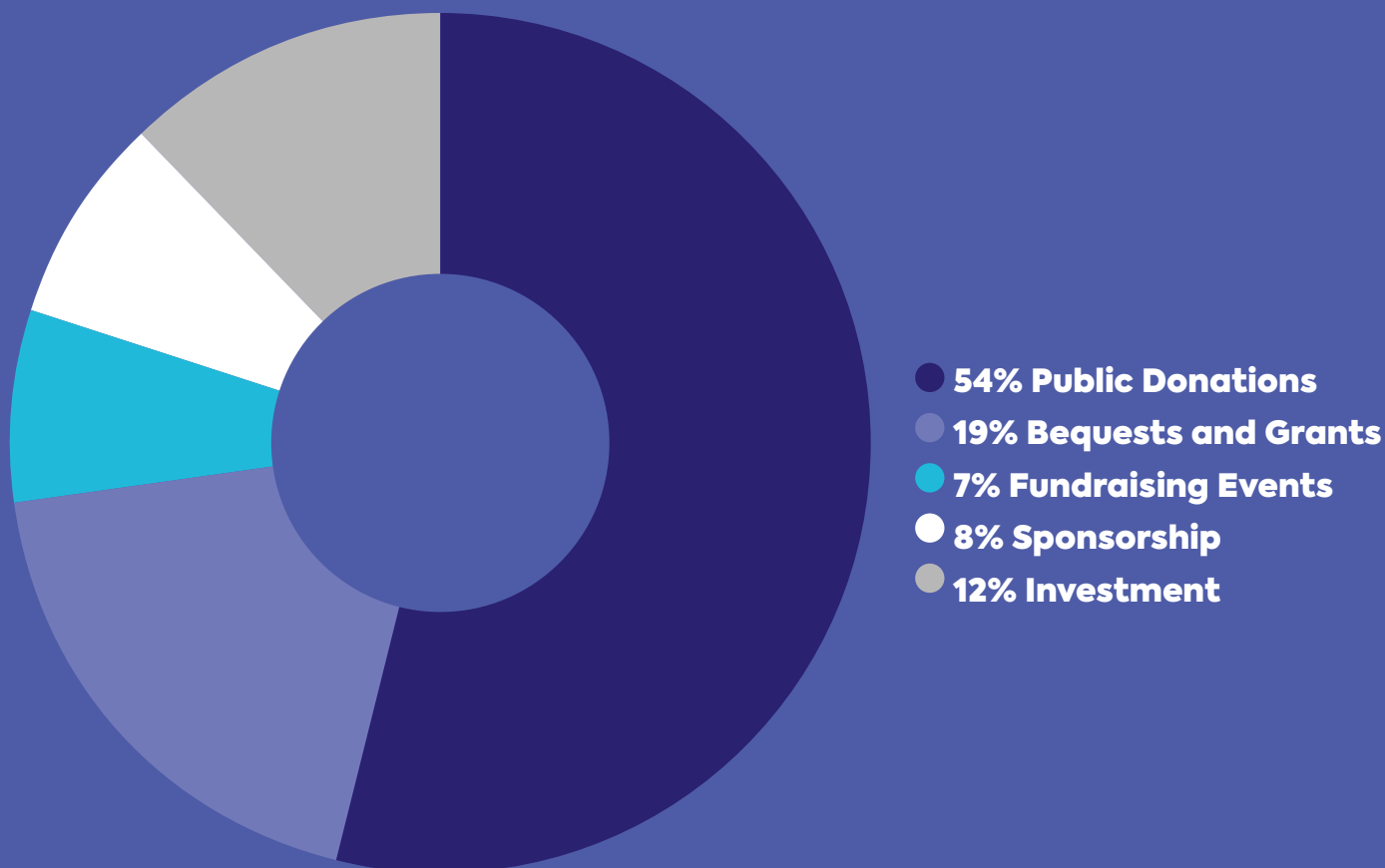
Your donations are making a real difference at the coalface of child health in primary care by investing in a range of community projects. The Starship Foundation has funded projects ranging from new equipment for public health nurses, to clinic refurbishment, to the development of an app for patients to better manage rheumatic fever. These initiatives are inspiring in their desire to help resource primary healthcare providers and empower patients to better manage their own health.

I'd like to thank the Starship Foundation team for their energy and dedication to Starship Child Health and finally, I would like to thank you, the Starship Foundation partners and donors for your generous contributions. You can truly be proud of the support you have given to help improve the health and wellbeing of New Zealand's children. Thank you.

Ailsa Claire



What we raised, together



\$13,720,430

Money received in 2017



\$1,222,609

Gift in Kind

Gifts of goods and services have assisted in the areas of fundraising programmes and hospital gifts.

Full financial statements and the audit statement are available through the Charities Register www.charities.govt.nz

Where your money went

A breakdown of Starship Foundation grants and commitments in 2017.

71%

Accelerating world class healthcare and growing funds for the future



\$3.7 million

Facilities and equipment

The latest advances in medical technology, including brain monitoring and ultrasound machines, and better facilities like a transformed general paediatrics ward and outpatients' waiting area, so that the team at Starship has the resources to go above and beyond for their patients.



\$1.1 million

People

Investing in Starship's people through training fellowships, scholarships and professional development opportunities so they are prepared to meet even the most challenging and complex cases and always striving to deliver the very best for New Zealand children.

20%

Supporting our fundraising programmes*

*Fundraising programmes includes costs associated with fundraising activities



\$3.4 million

Services and programmes

The Starship National Air Ambulance brings children from around New Zealand to Starship when they need us most, and the Starship Simulation training programme trains teams for the most stressful and challenging medical situations. We fund these and other programmes that target the health and safety of all Kiwi kids.



\$590,000

Clinical research and innovation

Through research and innovation we can accelerate the pace of change, bring new treatments, smarter ways of delivering them and also help retain Starship's brightest minds. We enable projects which tackle a broad range of important health challenges including the high incidence of teenage suicide and depression, and poor dental health in preschool children.

Transforming lives

Meet Kipp O'Sullivan

At two years old Kipp, the third of four young children in the O'Sullivan family, developed croup, a viral illness in young children which causes narrowing of the upper airways. While often mild, it can quickly become serious. Kipp's Mum, Kirsten explains how rapidly things unfolded; "He went from running around outside on Monday to being really incredibly sick in the night, struggling to breathe, coughing and vomiting."

By morning, he was almost unresponsive and Kipp was helicoptered from central Otago to Dunedin Hospital. Over the coming days Kipp's condition deteriorated and the Starship National Air Ambulance was called to transfer the young boy to Starship.

When the Starship flight team arrived and saw what a bad way Kipp was in they quickly determined that he was too unstable to move. He was in such a critical condition, he needed some of Starship's most advanced equipment and surgical expertise before he even left Dunedin.

Kipp was put on a special life-support machine called ECMO, which stands for extracorporeal membrane oxygenation. In simple terms, ECMO does the work of the heart and lungs.

Kipp got to Starship safely, but he still needed a great deal of intensive care. The toddler remained on life-support and had a specialist team of doctors and nurses attending to him round-the-clock. 'His parents, Kirsten and Tim, were able to stay at Starship, taking turns at sleeping and being with their son'.

"It was an incredibly emotional, draining, heart-wrenching, awful time. I can remember constantly wavering between being in shock and feeling emotionally out of control," says Kirsten.

After ten days on life-support in PICU, Kipp began to stabilise. "The doctors tried to take him off the ventilator three times before he was strong enough to breathe on his own. But they didn't once give up. They tried everything they could, and eventually the tubes came out and he was finally able to breathe on his own.

"That was the turning point, we were finally out of the woods. Slowly, we began to get our little boy back."

Today, Kipp is a healthy, energetic, boisterous little boy who loves running around with his sisters. "He doesn't remember anything about what he went through. I, on the other hand, will never forget what Starship did for our family."

Kipp on the
road to recovery



Transforming lives

Meet Amelia Rose

When Colin and Kelly from Napier welcomed their little girl Amelia into the world in July 2017, she seemed as happy and healthy as any baby could be and they didn't expect to need Starship. But on her first night, things started to change very quickly. Amelia was struggling to breathe and as she grew more and more distressed, an examination revealed she had choanal atresia – a condition in which skin or bone blocks the nasal passages. New babies mostly breathe through their noses, so Amelia could barely get air into her little lungs.

Like thousands of children every year, Amelia urgently needed the care of Starship's ENT (Ears, Nose and Throat) team.

The Starship National Air Ambulance picked up Amelia and Kelly from the hospital in the Hawke's Bay and brought Amelia to Starship in an incubator and on oxygen.

"They put us on the Starship plane and we flew together – that was an experience in itself," remembers Kelly. "The people on the flight were so reassuring."

Amelia underwent her first surgery to open her airways at just three days old and subsequently had another six major operations and spent seven weeks in hospital. Today she can breathe through her nose and she has the all clear from the surgeon.

"Our hearts are so full, and we're just so grateful that our baby girl is free, she can breathe, she can grow and she can get on with 'normal' life," says Mum Kelly.

"I will forever owe Starship for what they've done for us. I'd hate to think what could have happened if they hadn't have helped us with our daughter."



Amelia together with
Mr Graeme van der Meer,
Starship ENT surgeon.

The Impact of your giving



Clinical research and innovation

With your help, the Starship Foundation has committed to significantly invest in research and innovation projects addressing child health priorities for New Zealand.

Together we can fund research and innovation to ensure our brightest minds are well supported to investigate and improve the way we treat and diagnose our children, and accelerate the pace of change.

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into clinical research
and innovation



Using next generation DNA sequencing technology Starship Paediatric Neurologist **Dr Gina O'Grady** is seeking diagnoses for New Zealand families of children with neurogenetic conditions.

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Thousands of New Zealand pre-school children each year are requiring extraction of teeth and **Dr Katie Bach**, Paediatric Dentist at Starship, together with Professor Cameron Grant from

Starship's General Paediatrics team, want to put a stop to that by identifying the risk factors for poor dental health in our young children.

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New Zealand has unacceptably high rates of teenage suicide and psychological problems so **Dr Hiran Thabrew**, from Starship's Consult Liaison team is leading a project aimed at

developing new ways of detecting this early through electronic screener YouthCHAT for young people.

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Dr Paul Baker, Starship Paediatric Anaesthesiology is aiming to implement safer operating ways for children undergoing complicated airway operations by using Transnasal

Humidified Rapid-Insufflation Ventilatory Exchange (THRIVE) to ventilate paediatric patients undergoing microlyngoscopy and bronchoscopy.



A collaborative study assessing the feasibility of using pulse oximetry as a straightforward screening tool to ensure critical congenital heart disease isn't missed in newborn infants is

being spearheaded by **Dr Tom Gentles**, of Starship's Paediatric and Congenital Cardiac Services.



Dr Anusha Ganeshalingham,

Paediatric Intensivist at Starship is investigating the role blood pressure plays in avoiding brain injury for infants undergoing critical heart surgery with

the ultimate aim of improving neurodevelopmental outcomes for 'heart babies'.

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A retrospective audit of patients diagnosed with mitochondrial disease in New Zealand is being led by **Dr Sarah Missen**, of the Starship National Metabolic Service, as an

early step towards understanding mitochondrial disease in New Zealand.



Seeking answers for New Zealand families on the diagnostic odyssey

Starship Paediatric Neurologist Dr Gina O'Grady is seeking to bring diagnoses to families of children with neurogenetic conditions, through a project made possible by the Starship Foundation involving 18 New Zealand families to date. Already some families have the answer they've been seeking desperately for years.

Whole exome sequencing or "next generation sequencing technology" is at the cutting edge of medical advancement in the field of diagnosing neurogenetic conditions, which instead of looking at a single gene, is able to look across all of the genetic code for "spelling mistakes", errors in the genetic code, underlying the child's particular condition.

Dr O'Grady is excited about using this new exponentially more efficient way of testing, to bring diagnoses for New Zealand families on what she calls the 'diagnostic odyssey'.

"For a family who has wondered for many years what is underlying their child's condition or illness, through this project, new genetic technologies and international collaborations, we're hoping to be able to get an answer for why their child is the way that they are."

Dr O'Grady speaks about what diagnosis can mean for the families involved; "What we find is really important for a family is to understand why this has happened to them. Often it can be really important in taking away guilt, it is nothing that they have done, it's related to an error in the genetic code. It can help families connect with other families in similar situations around the world through the likes of Facebook groups."

"It can also provide a lot more information about what the future might hold for a child or other complications we need to look out for. And then for some families it gives them a lot of information about the recurrence risk in another pregnancy – for families who have a child affected by a severe genetic condition knowing the chance of having another child who is affected is very important."

"Sometimes when we find a genetic diagnosis it can be a bit unexpected, and sometimes that does open up new treatment opportunities."

Dr O'Grady's project is currently ongoing. To date, 18 New Zealand families have had DNA sent for whole exome sequencing. For some a diagnosis has been immediately forthcoming while for other families, data analysis will be an ongoing exercise, looking for a match in clinical signs or symptoms around the world. Sequencing will continue to be offered to families with severe neurogenetic disease, undiagnosed through commercially available tests, looking for novel genetic causes of disease.

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“20 years on from the birth of our first daughter, we have recently learned through Dr O’Grady’s project that we finally have a diagnosis not only for our first daughter who passed away at 11 months of age, but also our second daughter who is affected by the incredibly rare genetic condition.

“We are incredibly relieved that the search is finally over. We have a better understanding of how such a complex disease was an impossible battle for our first daughter who was severely affected.

“We can finally move forward from living with ‘No Diagnosis’ for our girls. No more guessing, no more searching for needles in hay stacks, which can become overwhelming.

“The information has had a somewhat positive affect on our lives as we continue to do the very best we can for our second daughter, in trying to maintain stable health, give her the best life possible and keep looking for ways that we can improve on her abilities, and above all try and keep a positive attitude.”

A Mum and Dad from New Zealand who have received, through Dr Gina O’Grady’s work, a diagnosis for the neurogenetic condition affecting their daughters.



Dr O’Grady’s research was awarded the Athlae Lyon Starship Clinical Research Award for 2017.

“As a trustee of the Starship Foundation, Athlae was a champion of children’s health and I’m delighted to see New Zealand children and their families benefit from Dr O’Grady’s research.”

Cliff Lyon, Athlae Lyon Starship Research Trust.

The Athlae Lyon Starship Research Trust has been a foundational supporter of clinical research at Starship and now offers researchers at Starship a pre-eminent annual grant.

The Impact of your giving



Facilities and equipment

With your help, the Starship Foundation can provide the latest advances in medical technology and better facilities that help the team at Starship go above and beyond for their patients and families.

\$3.7 million

in facilities and equipment

Just some of our facilities and equipment projects



Level 5 of Starship was transformed and reopened with spaces and rooms designed to suit the family-centred patient care and treatment delivered on the General Paediatrics ward.



The WaiMarie room, used as a space for families of critically sick babies being cared for in NICU, was renovated and updated to provide a more welcoming and comfortable space. Baby Hunter and Mum Melissa spent 94 days in NICU.



Spaces in the Starship Outpatients Department were refurbished including the patient and family waiting area where staff including Judi, Deborah and Kay welcome patients.



Starship's Paediatric Rheumatology Department now has a new portable ultrasound machine providing a valuable bedside tool in the clinical assessment and treatment of their young patients.

A transformation for Starship's General Paediatrics Ward

In 2017 Starship's General Paediatrics ward underwent a major transformation with spaces and rooms designed to suit the family-centred patient care and treatment delivered at our national children's hospital going forwards.

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During the seven month construction phase the whole Starship team pulled together to ensure seamless care until the newly refurbished ward reopened in June. The difference this has made to Starship families and staff is immeasurable.

"I'd like to say a huge thanks to the Starship Foundation and through them some incredibly generous donors. Without that assistance we just wouldn't be able to achieve what we're achieving."

Greg Williams, Service Clinical Director, General Paediatrics

"Thank you to all the supporters who have donated. The environment is beautiful, which complements the care that we provide here on the fifth floor. It's such an honour and a treat to work in a beautiful new space."

Mapui Tangi, Staff Nurse at Starship



The Impact of your giving



Services and programmes

Your support helps ensure that all New Zealand children have access to the level of care they require irrespective of where they live. And with a growing population, developing and delivering prevention initiatives reduces pressure on the hospital.

\$3.4 million

into services and programmes
that target the health and
safety of all Kiwi children

Just some of the programmes we support



Year-round the Starship National Air Ambulance Service flies top medical experts to life-threatening emergencies around the country to stabilise the children and allow them to be brought safely to Starship. In 2017 the Starship National Air Ambulance flew more than 150 retrieval missions bringing children from around New Zealand and the Pacific to Starship for medical care only available at our national children's hospital.

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Starship's world-class Paediatric Simulation Programme uses state of the art medical manikins and advanced technology to prepare clinical teams in their real work setting both at Starship and around New Zealand to help achieve the best possible outcomes for the children who come to them. In 2017 Starship's simulation training specialists travelled to Tauranga, Waikato, Waitakere, Middlemore and Taranaki to run crisis management training for frontline teams who help sick children.



Safekids Aotearoa's Safety Where looks like a real house, but with digital, interactive and artistic demonstrations showing how to prevent falls, burns, swallowing of button batteries, cutting and piercing, drowning, poisoning, driveway run over injuries, as well as how to encourage safe sleeping. The travelling exhibition visited communities throughout New Zealand in 2017 raising awareness about the leading injuries in tamariki; those that happen in the home.

The Impact of your giving



People

With your help we can ensure Starship's staff has the best training and opportunities for professional development to meet even the most challenging and complex cases.

In 2017 the Starship Foundation supported 56 Starship staff through training fellowships, scholarships and other learning opportunities.

\$1.1 million

into opportunities for
Starship's people



Starship's Romana Raby
and Teressa Grant

Romana Raby, Surgical Nurse Unit Manager at Starship and Teressa Grant, Charge Nurse of Starship's Day Stay Unit visited the day stay units of three Australian Hospitals to observe their nursing routines and practices.

"There are almost 6,000 children who come to Starship every year for a day visit. We think it's really important to provide these children and families with a positive experience during their stay and enable staff to provide them with the best care.

"Having the opportunity to look at comparable units overseas allows us to learn and share ideas to further develop our service and improve the environment for these patients."

Romana Raby

The educational trip was possible through the Starship Foundation's Judith Philipson Scholarship which enables Starship nurses to improve their nursing knowledge, skills and competency and to advance their nursing expertise.

Lifting spirits and reducing discomfort

Special visits and seasonal celebrations all help to brighten up the day and put smiles on the faces of patients and their families spending time in Starship.

Child centred care makes a stay in Starship as pleasant as possible for sick and injured children and play therapy reduces anxiety and lets sick children express their feelings and concerns and understand the medical treatments they need.





Meet some people who give to Starship

Thank you to everyone who supports Starship, believing that the health and wellbeing of our children is worth investing in.



Thank you Tracy Nicholls

Tracy Nicholls' inspiration to be a Team Starship runner stems from the care her two children have received at our national children's hospital. In 2017 she took on both the Ports of Auckland Round the Bays run and the ASB Auckland Marathon.

"It's not an understatement to say Starship saved both my babies' lives. And for this I will always be thankful. It's incredibly rewarding to be able to give back to an organisation that saved both of my children and continues to care for our daughter." – Tracy Nicholls



Thank you the Luo family

The Luo family's motivation to support Starship comes from their love of children and their belief that philanthropy should be part of their children's lives.

"We wish to teach our children that it is a good and natural thing to help other people. We are thankful for Starship and the wonderful work that they do." – Alan Luo



Thank you Stephen and Julia Hunter

More than 6000 passionate people, including Stephen and Julia Hunter, are part of our Regular Giving programme donating monthly to help better the lives of Starship children. "New Zealand is lucky to have a world-class children's hospital. We felt reassured at the care our own children received for what were thankfully passing illnesses. We are pleased to contribute in a small way to Starship's provision of specialist care to other families in our community facing much greater challenges." – Stephen and Julia Hunter

Starship's 25th Birthday Ball

In late October 2017 the Starship Foundation held a glittering 'Through the Looking Glass' themed charity ball at Auckland's Spark Arena.

The event was to celebrate 25 years of our national children's hospital and the foundation that supports it.

There was something for everyone – from the whimsical to the magical, beautiful to quirky. More than 600 guests stepped into a welcome zone that included roaming characters such as the Mad Hatter and Cheshire Cat, a 180 degree photo booth experience, a virtual reality wall and VR goggle experiences, diamond raffle and Champagne bar.

MCs Antonia Prebble and Mike Puru expertly guided guests through the evening's entertainment; and performances from Hollie Smith, Tiki Taane, The Royal New Zealand Ballet, Bubblegum Hip Hop Group, The Black Quartet, Richard O'Brien, Shane Cortese and the 8-Track Band, and Sweet Mix Kids.

The goal was to fundraise \$250,000 to support vital initiatives for our national children's hospital. The event ended up raising more than \$540,000 – a phenomenal success.

Thank you to principal sponsor Barfoot & Thompson, event sponsors ASB and DLA Piper, event partner Uno Loco, the entertainers, businesses and individuals who so generously supported the event, and of course the guests who were there on the night to help celebrate.

Special thanks to Starship Foundation Board Trustee and Friends of Starship Auckland Chair Sarah Lynds who was involved in this event from the outset, and her hard working Friends of Starship Auckland committee for helping pull off a very successful and special event.



A record-breaking year for Friends of Starship

The eighth annual Auckland Diamonds & Stars tea party was held at The Langham in August, with the goal of fundraising \$107,000 to support Starship's Newborn Intensive Care Unit (NICU).

Amy Smith and Lisa Courtney stepped in as guest hosts to help run the event, while Friends of Starship Auckland Chair Sarah Lynds and the Friends of Starship committee focused on Starship's 25th Ball.

Amy and Lisa added their own style and flair to the afternoon, with extra special touches to mark the 25th celebrations. We are so thankful for their support.

The event was attended by 330 generous guests and raised a net total of \$140,316 for NICU. This enabled the purchase of four Drager Gemina wall mount systems to increase floor space and flexibility while preserving functionality required for babies with intensive care needs.

The money raised will also support the upgrade of the NICU reception area and a clinical room which is a shared space for families and staff. These improvements will enhance the hospital stay for the 900 infants and their families that are admitted to the NICU each year.

Sarah Lynds, Chair of Friends of Starship Auckland, and her hard-working Friends of Starship committee were instrumental in organising Starship's 25th Birthday Ball which was held in late October.

The culmination of events raised over \$680,000 to support our national children's hospital – a phenomenal result and a great finale to the 25 year celebrations.

Plans are underway for further Friends of Starship events in both Auckland and Christchurch in 2018.

Starship patient Daisy
together with Dale Garton,
Nurse Unit Manager of
Starship's NICU

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A Special Thank You

The Starship Foundation is privileged to have the support of individuals, families, organisations, trusts and foundations throughout New Zealand who share our commitment to bettering the lives of our children.



Nga mihi hino nui

Thank You

He waka eke noa



“ASB is proud to have supported the Starship Foundation since the hospital first opened its doors to help New Zealand families in 1991.

“Across the last 12 months a key highlight for our Starship relationship was being involved in the 2017 DHL New Zealand Lions Series, together. ASB created a set of rugby ball payment terminals to follow the tour across New Zealand and raise money for the Starship Foundation, the official charity of the tour.

“The balls were fitted with a Smartpay mobile EFTPOS terminal so fans could tap their contactless-enabled credit and debit cards to make an automatic \$3 donation to the children’s hospital.

“We’re delighted to mark ASB’s 25-year partnership with Starship through a much-needed upgrade to the children’s emergency department assessment area and waiting room. We hope this upgrade will make Starship’s Children’s Emergency Department less daunting for Kiwi kids.

“We are proud of our long-standing relationship with Starship Foundation, and we have an enormous amount of respect for the work it does to enhance the well-being of New Zealand children.”

Vittoria Shortt, ASB Chief Executive



Keven Mealamu, Brad Clark, Kiri Barfoot and Peter Thompson at the launch of Triumph, Twists and Tasty Treats, the tenth Storybook for Starship

“2017 was a year full of highlights for Barfoot & Thompson. We were delighted to be a part of Starship’s 25th birthday celebrations – in particular as Principal Sponsor of the Through the Looking Glass charity ball. This was a truly special night that will be remembered for a long time to come.

“We partnered with the Blues for our charity match day, raising \$20,000 throughout a thrilling game of rugby. And our staff ice-skated, sang, danced, zumba-ed, auctioned, and raffled – all fundraising for a cause close to our hearts.

“One milestone that we are especially proud of is celebrating ten years of our Storybook for Starship. Over the last decade, our Young Authors’ Challenge has been entered by over 10,000 students, and we have published 57 short stories. All of the ten storybooks have been illustrated by Keven Mealamu, our ambassador to Starship.

“The storybooks have raised over \$250,000 for the Magic of Reading, which has given 160,000 books to young hospital patients. To commemorate this final book, a launch event was held for all previous authors and illustrators, and we released a special ten book box-set.

“Thank you Starship for a memorable 2017. As we look now to the year ahead, we have high expectations for what it will hold for you, us, and our partnership.”

Peter Thompson, Barfoot & Thompson Director



NEW WORLD

“It was a milestone year for New World in 2017, as we surpassed \$1.2 million raised for the Starship Foundation since we became a Five Star Partner in 2014.

“Over the last four years alongside our generous customers, we’ve funded numerous important initiatives through the Starship Foundation, many of which endure today.

Like our fresh and fun cooking classes for families and outpatient children with Phenylketonuria; and supporting children with eating difficulties, starting with the tube weaning project in 2015 that has evolved into the national multidisciplinary feeding clinic. We’re so pleased to be able to continue programmes like these that benefit children from all across New Zealand.

“In 2017 we brought the very popular Little Garden promotion back for another round, resulting in thousands of Little Starflower seedlings growing for Starship and raising \$150,000. The Starship Christmas Star was also a sell-out fundraiser in all New World stores nationwide and we are looking forward to partnering with the Foundation on this again next Christmas.

“Looking ahead we’re excited to grow our very important partnership with the Starship Foundation and continue to do our bit for New Zealand’s young people and their families when they need it most.”

Steve Anderson, Managing Director – Foodstuffs New Zealand



DJ and Giana helped make a video to say 'thank-you' to all the Mercury customers who have given to Starship since our partnership began.



“Mercury’s customers are amazing. This year Mercury and Starship said ‘thank you’ to Mercury’s generous customers as together we passed an incredible milestone: \$10 million given to Starship over the past 18 years.

“Our wonderful customers have become ‘part of the magic’ by giving to Starship through their monthly electricity bill. And Mercury stands side by side with them, through our own donation and by making sure that every dollar goes to support Starship.

“Mercury’s customer crowdfunding means there’s a steady flow of support for the hospital, helping the wonderful people at Starship to get on with what they do best – providing world-class care for New Zealand children.

“This year’s donations have gone towards:

- total refurbishment of the Outpatients Department for the 73,000 young patients who visit each year, including an advanced nurse call system.
- Brand new ceiling lights for the Orthopaedics, Surgery and Urology and General Paediatrics wards.
- A revamp that brings added ‘wonderful’ to the playroom on the General Paediatrics ward.

“Thank you Mercury customers!”

Julia Jack, Chief Marketing Officer, Mercury



Photo by: Tristan Meulenbroeks



“SKY is proud and honoured to have supported the Starship Foundation’s efforts this year to help Starship provide the best healthcare to Kiwi children.

“Being a local company, we’re passionate about making a positive difference to New Zealand. Our partnership with the Starship Foundation began 16 years ago, born of a shared aspiration to help bring good times, family entertainment and as we like to call it, magic, to our national children’s hospital.

“We enjoyed many magical moments in 2017, including working with the Foundation to delight nurses on International Nurses’ Day, surprise patients on Random Act of Kindness Day, hold special movie nights and donate toys for Starship patients at Christmas.

“We hope many more magical moments came from having SKY on a TV at every Starship bedside, there to entertain (and sometimes just distract!) patients and their families during their stay.

“Another highlight from 2017 has been supporting the Starship National Air Ambulance, which has been our major fundraising project for the past three years and has enabled our support to go beyond the walls of Starship, into the regions of New Zealand. Donations of hundreds of thousands of much needed dollars, raised by SKY and our community of customers, have been dedicated to this vital service.”

John Fellet, CEO, SKY

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2017 Facts and statistics

January – December 2017



27,555

Inpatient admissions
at Starship



25,584

Visits to Starship
for patient review



76,166

Clinic appointments
at Starship and around
New Zealand



34,328

Visits to the children's
emergency department



2.5 days

The average length of
stay for inpatients



54%+

of admissions were
children under six
years of age



3787

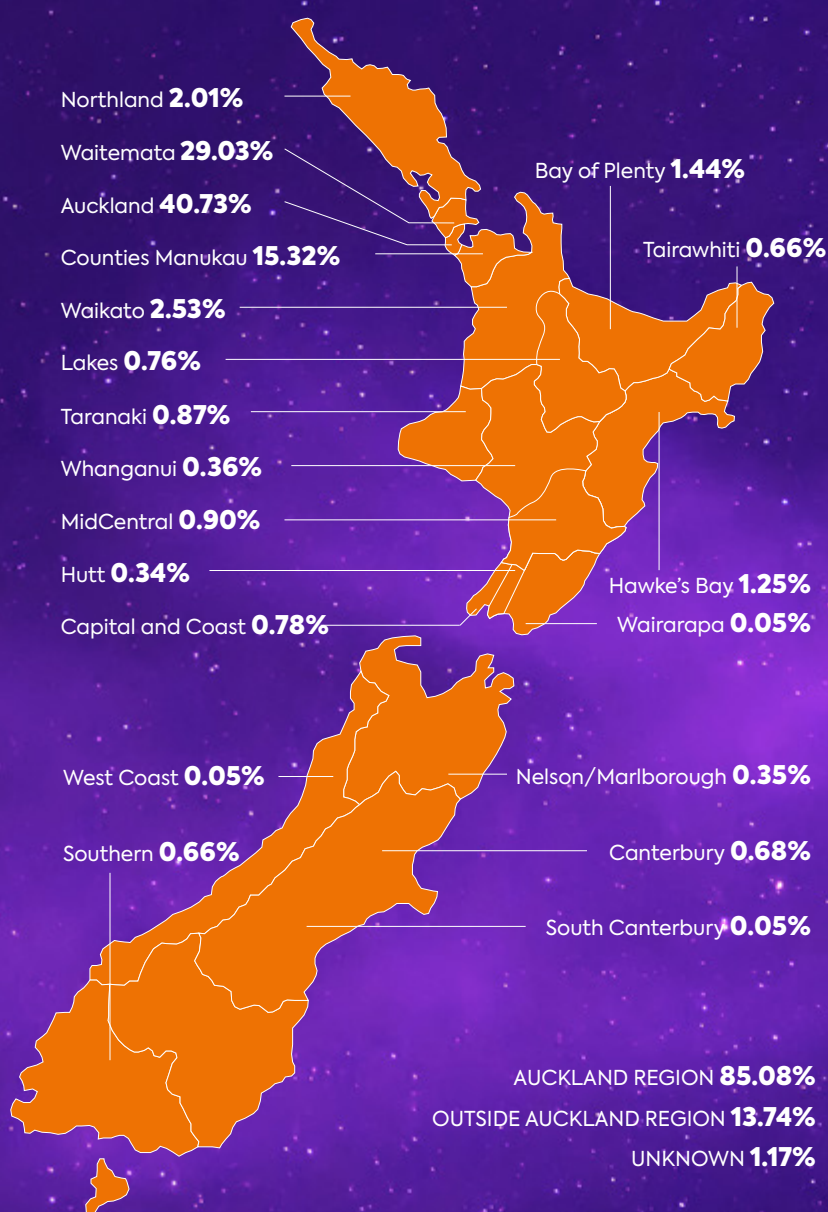
admissions were from
outside the Greater
Auckland Region
(not Auckland DHB,
Waitemata DHB or
Counties Manukau DHB)



493

admissions to
Starship of children
from the South Island

Where our patients came from



Age Group	Number of admissions	% Total Admissions
0-28 Days	1558	5.65%
29 Days-1 Year	3357	12.18%
1 Year	2803	10.17%
2-5 Years	7369	26.74%
6-10 Years	6366	23.10%
11-15 Years	5328	19.34%
> 16 Years	774	2.81%
Grand Total	27555	100.00%

District	Number of admissions	Average length of stay (days)
Auckland region		
Auckland	11224	1.9
Waitemata	8000	1.9
Counties Manukau	4221	3.0
Outside Auckland region		
Waikato	696	4.4
Northland	553	4.6
Bay Of Plenty	397	4.3
Hawke's Bay	344	4.9
MidCentral	249	5.1
Taranaki	241	3.8
Capital and Coast	216	6.4
Lakes	210	4.7
Canterbury	186	5.9
Southern	183	5.2
Tairarwhiti	182	3.0
Whanganui	98	4.2
Nelson Marlborough	96	4.0
Hutt	93	9.5
Wairarapa	15	10.1
South Canterbury	14	7.5
West Coast	14	7.3
Unknown	323	3.4
Grand Total	27555	2.5

LOS: Length of stay

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