



The Foundation's News in 2020

This year, through your generous support, JMB Foundation has been able to help young people with an acquired brain injury live better lives. Here are some of JMB Foundation's community stories.

Helping Sam gain more independence

11-year-old Sam Moloney lives at home in Rutherglen, Victoria with his family. He received funding from the JMB Foundation for equipment that will aid in furthering his independence. When Sam was 1-year-old, he suffered an illness and was further diagnosed with Acute Disseminated Encephalomyelitis (ADEM), resulting in a permanent disability. Sam requires one-on-one assistance with self-care and has no bowel or bladder control. He also, requires daily body checks, as he is unaware when he hurts himself.

The JMB Foundation Grant Program has

funded Sam in this round to purchasing equipment that will help him be more independent with his toileting, and aid in his ability to catch the school bus by himself. Thus helping bridge the gap between the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the cost of much-needed equipment, particularly in this case, when the school is a 55km bus ride away.

It is thanks to our generous donors that JMBF has been able to help Sam with funding to assist him in his goal for self-reliance.

We are very grateful for our supporters who enable the Foundation to make grants available to young Australians, like Sam, who need our assistance. With your help, we can – and do – make a positive difference to their care, comfort and quality of life.



Photos : Sam cooking pancakes (far left and bottom) and riding a tricycle (left)



A letter from the Chair



Dear Supporters,

I hope you and your families are well.

2020 has been a challenging year for all but the JMB Foundation continues to provide financial assistance to those people who apply through our bi-annual grant system. The money they receive helps pay for care needs such as extra therapy hours, special equipment, home modifications to increase independence, or participation in community access activities.

Young people living with Acquired Brain Injury needs have not been put on hold due to this pandemic. Our usual fundraising efforts have been postponed but if there is anything you can do to assist, we would be most grateful.

Thank you and hold your loved ones close.

Dianne Rule

Carey ladies contribute to the cause with a special online fundraising evening

This year the Ladies Fundraising event ran online, and we are delighted to report the event raised more than \$3,500 for JMBF.

It's the third time this special event has been held, and we thank everyone for their contribution – in particular, Titilayo Adetunji, Maggie Bassily and Sofie Carfi (*pictured right*) as the organisers. Despite the set backs of 2020 these ladies still wanted to assist the JMBF. 'We rallied our friends and families, set up an online platform and sent out emails to our previous supporters. We are lucky and very blessed to be surrounded by such generous women and men,' Titilayo said.

A very special thanks to these ladies.



Make a donation

The James Macready-Bryan Foundation can only continue its work with the ongoing support of generous donors.

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Noticeboard

Applications for funding

Applications for the Foundation's first round of funding for 2021 will be accepted until 30 April 2021, for grants payable in the 26-week funding period 1 July to 31 Dec 2021.

The application form and guidelines for applying for funds can be downloaded from our website at

www.jmbfoundation.org.au/applications

2021 Melbourne Marathon

Save the date! The 2021 Melbourne Marathon will be held on Sunday 10 October. We're already looking forward to being involved, and we hope you are too.

It's never too early to commit. Let us know now if you would like to join a JMBF running (or walking) team, start a Melbourne Marathon fundraising campaign, or join the JMBF volunteer team to help manage the event on the day.

If you have any questions or you would like to register your interest, please email info@jmbfoundation.org.au

Christmas a time for giving

With just a few weeks until Christmas, we hope you and your family will be enjoying all the happiness and fun this time of year brings, and making the most of time to spend with your loved ones.

There are many ways in which you can enter into the spirit of Christmas, and giving gifts to those you care about is often number one on the list. But what if your gift this year was a gift to a young person suffering with an acquired brain injury? If you can't think of what to give for Christmas, chances are it's because your recipient doesn't really need anything. Or at least not as much as JMB Foundation grant recipients need the funds we provide for them to help make their lives that little bit better. Make your gift a donation to JMB Foundation's Christmas Appeal on behalf of your partner, friend, mum or dad. It's a gift that gives twice. Fill out the donation form or donate online at:



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