MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY
NEW SOUTH WALES

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VISION, AMBITION, PURPOSE AND VALUES

Vision

Improved quality of life for our clients and their families.

Ambition

Deliver diverse, quality services and support innovative research that engenders client well-being and confidence.

Purpose

Cultivate a community of support which empowers clients.

Values

Compassion and responsiveness.
Integrity and respect.
Partnerships and teamwork.

THE ORGANISATION

Back row: Rob Ferguson (President), Colin Gunn (Vice President), Professor Alastair Corbett, Percival Baptiste, Ian Williams
Front Row: Graeme Troy (Treasurer), Dr Heather Johnston (Medical Director), Ross Parker, Dr Kristi Jones, David Jack (CEO)

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MEMBER DRIVEN

The objective of Muscular Dystrophy NSW is to provide support and services to our clients, all of whom have a neuromuscular condition, or are caring for someone with a neuromuscular condition. As a charity with a DGR (Deductible Gift Recipient) status Muscular Dystrophy NSW is committed to delivering quality services to its clients while keeping administrative overhead to a minimum.

Muscular Dystrophy NSW has a Board of Governance which provides strategic direction. The Board comprises health professionals, people with a neuromuscular condition, or who care for one who does, and people who have skills in areas such as finance, governance and strategic planning. The Board's direct link to the management of the organisation is through the CEO who is the conduit between the strategic direction and the operational delivery of services.

At an operational level, the organisation is split into four teams, each with specialised skills in their area. The teams are: Client Services, Fundraising, Finance and Operations. These teams work collaboratively and cohesively to ensure support and services are being delivered in response to the needs of clients.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Our deepest and most heartfelt thanks to all of our supporters, including donors, sponsors and volunteers.

The past two years of Muscular Dystrophy NSW have been ones of strong growth and the implementation of key strategic directions.

Almost 3 years ago the board implemented an important new blueprint for the future, which it called 'Building Strength'. With a strengthened board and the right CEO to develop and implement this vision, Muscular Dystrophy NSW today provides more relevant services to its members, particularly in terms of satisfying social and emotional needs of members and carers, so that life can be more balanced and fulfilling.

We are fortunate that we have people with a clear vision of our members needs driving MDNSW, at a board, and executive level, and the results speak for themselves. Our staff are very dedicated and focussed and there is a strong ethos of motivation within our office.

The formation of 6 board committees has provided an even better focus and greater productivity from the board. These are the Vision & Strategic Planning, Finance, Governance, Health & Medical, Equipment, and Staff Remuneration and Review committees

I am delighted to be able to say that MDNSW board can look back at the 3 year strategic plan, satisfied that the majority of its major goals have been achieved.

These include:-

- *Receiving increasing amounts of Government funding, including 3 years for annual camp funding from ADHC, along with a substantial home visit/case study grant, in addition to the highly successful existing Flexi-Rest, and Carer's programs).*
- *Moving to suitable, centrally located office premises, with excellent transport access, parking, shops and nearby community centre.*
- *Adopting a new logo and graphics.*
- *The development of a well maintained, informative and popular web site.*
- *Developing a successful camp program.*
- *Developing a weekend retreat program.*
- *Developing a home visit program.*
- *The development of online communication access for younger members using Live Wire.*
- *Vastly improved accounting procedures using MYOB.*
- *Succesful implementation of a state of the art data base for all membership and fundraising purposes.*
- *Assisting with the development of MDF to a point where it should provide substantial benefits to MDNSW in coming years.*

Our main focus now is on expanding our range of our services by providing the funding and professional personnel to provide them.

Most pleasingly on a national front, Western Australia is now a participant in Muscular Dystrophy Foundation (MDF), of which we are a founding member. MDF is forming a critical mass and providing a huge increase in national profile, advocacy and funding for MD in Australia, as it was planned to.

I would like to express my gratitude to all of our supporters, including donors, sponsors and volunteers. It is individual people who are our greatest asset and we could not provide the support and assistance to the hundreds of families affected by a neuromuscular condition across NSW if we did not have your support.

ROB FERGUSON
President

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

During the past two years Muscular Dystrophy NSW has experienced significant growth and there are many new areas of focus and importantly, there are new opportunities for the organisation and people who live with a neuromuscular condition.

CAMPS

An important first for Muscular Dystrophy in 2009 has been the first Camp for kids and teenagers with a neuromuscular condition. The Camp was extremely popular with 38 campers in attendance. It was wonderful to attend Camp and to see kids, many of whom rely on electric wheelchairs, experience things for the first time; things like flying a kite, holding reptiles, and dressing up for a Halloween Ball. A second Camp was run in September 2010 with another 39 campers. The 2010 Camp was described by the young campers as 'Lots of fun', 'Challenging', and 'Exciting'.

RETREATS

Another first for Muscular Dystrophy NSW has been the Weekend Retreat program for young adult and adult clients. The feedback received from those who attended the first Retreat was extremely positive and we have now expanded the Retreat program.

STAFF

To enable Muscular Dystrophy NSW to provide these increased services, including increased Home Support, Camps, Retreats and Education, we have expanded our team to 9½ staff as of September 2010. The greatest increase has been in our Client Services Unit where we have a new Metro Case Coordinator, Event Coordinator (for Camp, Retreats etc), and Educator; to add to the existing staff of Client Services Manager and Carer Program Coordinator.

FUNDING

This growth in support to our clients is the result of increased funding, particularly recent program funding offered by the NSW State Government agency, ADHC (Ageing, Disability and Home Care). This will enable Muscular Dystrophy NSW to run a Camp and a Retreat each year for three years, deliver a one year pilot of the Home Support program and employ an Educator for a year to commence setting up a training program for health professionals and disability workers. In addition, ADHC has generously helped to purchase our first mobility van to enable Muscular Dystrophy NSW to transport clients to events, camps and retreats and increase their access to activities. We would also like to acknowledge the generous grant from the Shane Warne Foundation which provided essential funds to purchase the van.

DONORS AND SPONSORS

We also continue to be grateful for the support shown to us by Red Rooster stores and Spotless Catering. Spotless have recently expanded their support to include the Domestic Airport. Through the support of both Red Rooster and Spotless, we raise over $74,000 each year. This income is vital in helping us to provide services to individuals and families affected by a neuromuscular condition.

All of our fundraising activity is now being coordinated by our new Fundraising Manager who is expanding the income streams of the organisation. Already new funding has been accessed, providing important new services and opportunities to our clients.

ADVOCACY

In addition to the provision of client services, Muscular Dystrophy NSW is committed to representing the needs of clients and advocating for improved and increased support. During the past year Muscular Dystrophy NSW has sought feedback from our client members in response to a number of Government inquiries on the provision of support for people with disability. Muscular Dystrophy NSW has made submissions to the relevant Government department on behalf of our clients on a number of key issues, including equipment, education and the proposed National Disability Insurance Scheme. The results of these submissions are usually not felt for a number of years, but we believe that it is extremely important for our clients to have a voice and an advocate in Government policy making.

PARTNERSHIPS

Partnerships are important to Muscular Dystrophy NSW. Through the national body (the Muscular Dystrophy Foundation), Muscular Dystrophy NSW has recently made two key alliances, one with the newly created Australasian Neuromuscular Network (ANN) and the second with Neurological Alliance Australia (NAA). These networks have enabled a more cohesive, strategic and collaborative approach to neurological and neuromuscular research and client support, and enable stronger advocacy on issues of common interest.

WONDERFUL SUPPORT

The future of Muscular Dystrophy NSW is very bright and it is encouraging to see our client members participate in the many different events and seminars available. There is more to be done and we acknowledge the difficulties of living in such a vast State and the challenges of visiting every client family on a regular basis and ensuring that every service is available to all. We are aware of these challenges and committed to continuing to identify new resources to meet ever-increasing needs.

THANK YOU

Muscular Dystrophy NSW is fortunate to have the amazing support of many businesses, organisations and individuals. All contribute in so many ways through donations, time and in-kind support and collectively make a difference to the lives of hundreds of our clients and their families. Thank you for your generosity and for what you do and for your commitment to Muscular Dystrophy NSW.

I would also like to acknowledge and appreciate my exceptional team and our Board of Directors. Our Directors provide invaluable leadership to the organisation and have been instrumental in shaping a very exciting direction for Muscular Dystrophy NSW.

Our team responsible for turning strategy and ideas into activity comprises professionals in the areas of client services, fundraising, financial and administrative services and they combine to deliver quality services to our clients. Each member of the team brings professionalism, energy, expertise and a sense of fun to Muscular Dystrophy NSW and it is a pleasure to work with them.

DAVID JACK
Chief Executive Officer
Muscular Dystrophy NSW

THE MDNSW TEAM

BACK ROW: Georgina Christofis, Pene Hodge, Liz Bailey, David Jack (CEO)

FRONT ROW: Maralyn McCann, Rebecca Scelly, Gracia Selina, Sandra Stavrou (absent: Loretta Downie)

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HOME SUPPORT PROGRAM

Muscular Dystrophy NSW's Home Support Program illustrates our genuine desire to support our clients.

The Home Support Program was initiated for clients of Muscular Dystrophy NSW in response to the need for extra contact and support. The initiative allows for Client Service program staff to spend time with clients in their homes, providing support and case coordination as a direct response to the myriad of complex challenges faced by our clients and families living with a neuromuscular disease.

The Home Support Program is essentially aimed at identifying the complex needs faced by our clients and carers on specific issues such as: equipment; respite; ability to access services such as ENABLE and home care; home modifications; emotional support such as stress brought about by the caring role; a diagnosis; challenges of daily living; grief and loss. The program allows for follow up with the client or carer to ensure that the agreed outcomes and needs of carer or client are met during each visit and each period of support.

Home Support is also an opportunity to keep our clients up to date and informed about suitable services and programs to better meet their lifestyle and needs. Home Support visits are aimed at supporting, informing and empowering our clients and ensuring that they are armed with the best possible information to enable a better quality of life. This is particularly important for many of our clients who find it difficult to get out of the home due to accessibility issues, or who live in rural and remote areas.

"I wanted to say a huge thank you for your support, understanding and insight yesterday when you visited me. Thank you so much for being so genuine, reflective and spot on with your analysis of the issues I am having. Your visit left me feeling better and clearer on some of the emotions and thoughts Mum, as my carer, may be experiencing. I also felt empowered and reassured about my decisions and plans to move forward with things." (Member with SMA)

Since implementing the Home Support Program in 2009, Muscular Dystrophy NSW has had an overwhelmingly positive response to this pilot project. Since the program's inception, Muscular Dystrophy NSW has received many requests for home visits by both clients and carers equally. It has become increasingly apparent that we need to further resource and expand the capacity of the Home Support Program in order for us to better reach and service our members across NSW. The Home Support Program has rapidly become one of the most essential services provided under the Client Services Program and is certainly one that is highly valued and appreciated by our clients.

In 2010, through a one-year contract funded by ADHC, we were able to employ a Case Worker to provide case coordination to clients living in Sydney and a part time Educator. This has enabled us to further develop the Home Support program and provide a higher level of service to MDNSW clients throughout NSW.

CAMP MD NARRABEEN

They gave 100% to give the MD kids five days of fun and laughter.

DAVE AND KERRIE FOTHERINGHAM, PARENTS OF SCOTT ~ a 17 year old boy with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy

"Hi every one, just thought I would drop you a note to say thanks for putting on Camp MD 2009. Kerrie and I spoke to Scott about going when the Camp was first announced. At first, he wasn't too keen, saying he would rather just stay at home over the school holidays, and simply do the usual stuff that he's interested in – computer, play station, guitar hero, the usual hi tech communication with his mates etc. We really did try to convince him, but the more we tried, the more he went against the idea. Scott said that he doesn't know anyone else who would be going, and that was that.

Not ready to give up that easily, I asked Renee to send me more information about the Camp, including the range of activities. Once we received the info pack, I was surprised to see how much effort and organisation had gone into the planning of the event. The range of activities were brilliant, to suit all kids no matter how their disability affected them. I said to Scott, "Just have a look, and then at least you'll know what's on offer before we agree that you don't have to go." I left it at that, and kept quiet for a while, so as not to pressure him. Well, it didn't take long, and he was asking questions about particular activities, and said that he liked the idea of every child going having their own carer, and even the option of bringing your own. Then he started saying it would be nice for a change to spend some time away, to give the rest of the family a break. Not long after, and Scott decided that he wanted to go, and wouldn't stop asking questions about the Camp. He was very excited, and that was all he talked about for days!

Camp time came, we met Michael, who Scott was sharing his room with [all rooms were wheelchair and disabled friendly]. Michael is18, and also has Duchenne MD. The two carers for Scott and Michael were very funny, and before we left, they were getting on as though they had all known each other for years! Personally, we thought the venue at the Sydney Academy of Sport was excellent and it really suited what the Camp was all about, and what MDNSW was trying to achieve. We left Scott feeling confident that the right choice had been made. Five days later we returned to collect Scott, and arrived half way through a presentation ceremony with all of the kids, the staff Renee and David. It was very moving to see the enthusiasm and genuine interest that all the kids were expressing, especially Scott. His face was beaming! We heard lots of funny stories, and we can tell you that Scott never shut up about it for days after! He's hooked, and can't wait for next year. We can't thank David Jack, Renee McBryde and Georgina enough for the hard work that was put into the planning and running of the event, and for turning a blind eye to some mischievous events that were revealed. It was nice to see that they were all really genuinely getting to know each and every one of the kids there personally.

So, for those of you that were thinking of going, but didn't because you may have been a little nervous or apprehensive about not knowing any one, you can put your mind at rest. We felt like that at first, but it's really great to feel that our family is a link in the MD chain, and Kerrie and I both know that Dave and Renee gave 100% to give the MD kids five days of fun and laughter. Oh, and the week's solace that we experienced at home was a welcome relief!"

FLEXIREST

In the past three years, FlexiRest has helped over 500 carers and families.

FlexiRest is a Flexible Respite Program funded by the Ageing, Disability and Home Care Department of Human Services NSW (ADHC). The program is a consortium consisting of Muscular Dystrophy NSW, the Motor Neurone Disease Association of NSW and MS Australia, which is the lead agency with the responsibility for the program.

In the past three years, FlexiRest has helped over 500 carers and families whose lives have been affected by Muscular Dystrophy, Motor Neurone Disease or Multiple Sclerosis.
The key features of FlexiRest are flexibility and choice.

THE OBJECTIVES OF FLEXIREST ARE TO:

- *Provide planned short-term and time-limited breaks for families of people with a disability in order to support and maintain the primary care-giver relationship.*
- *Offering a positive experience to the person with a disability.*
- *Offering services that reduce the potential for the breakdown of formal and informal supports for a person with a disability.*

OUTCOMES FOR FAMILIES ACCESSING FLEXIREST INCLUDE:

- *A break from everyday care responsibilities.*
- *Access to respite that meets their needs and the needs of the person with a disability.*
- *Having a say in how respite services are delivered, including location and carer requirements.*
- *Having opportunities to access broader forms of support and building informal networks.*

OUTCOMES FOR CLIENTS ACCESSING FLEXIREST INCLUDE:

- *Care in a safe environment.*
- *Maintenance of personal and daily care routines.*
- *Participation in age-appropriate leisure, recreational, social and cultural activities.*
- *Access to expanded support networks, including alternative family and peer networks.*
- *Opportunities to play a part in community activities outside of everyday family life.*
- *Having enhanced opportunities for decision-making and choice.*

Each year, over $70,000 of flexible respite is provided to clients of MDNSW. FlexiRest applications are open to all Muscular Dystrophy NSW members and we continue to be grateful to ADHC for providing the funding to enable FlexiRest to continue.

EQUIPMENT

When a person is diagnosed with a neuromuscular condition they will usually require specialist equipment at some point during their life. This equipment assists with their breathing, mobility and quality of life. There is very limited or no Government funding for some of this equipment and usually individual families have to stretch their budget to buy this essential equipment.

An average family with a child or adult with a neuromuscular condition usually has to purchase:

Ventilator: $5,000
Electric wheelchair: $14,000 - $30,000
Manual wheelchair: $5,000 - $10,000
Electric smart bed: $7,000

Alterations to their home and vehicle can also cost up to tens of thousands of dollars.

The equipment assistance scheme funded under Muscular Dystrophy NSW continues to be an integral service to members to assist with the expenses of living/caring for a person with Muscular Dystrophy. As one carer described in her feedback to Muscular Dystrophy:

"The purchase of a manual wheelchair has enabled us to travel in the family's car with our 13 year old son who is living with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy".

The family, who had no accessible vehicle to transport their son in, were restricted to using taxis to access the community. This was a considerable expense to the family's limited weekly budget. The funding of the manual wheelchair has enabled the family to have more opportunities to visit friends, and access external social events at school more frequently.

ADULT AND YOUNG ADULT RETREATS

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Muscular Dystrophy of NSW ran its first ever weekend retreat in May, 2010. The retreat was held in Darling Harbour, providing easy access to shows, restaurants and a number of art and cultural activities. We stayed in a hotel, which provided appropriate accessibility for our clients.

Muscular Dystrophy NSW was pleased to receive such wonderful feedback from its members, including;

"The retreat was relaxing and enjoyable. I enjoyed the Cats show and meeting new people. I never enjoy going home after such a great weekend!"

"Very good, very enjoyable and a really special treat. Thank you. I had a lovely time."

"We thoroughly enjoyed our weekend. Couldn't ask for any better or more excellent experience."

"Unbelievable! We had an excellent weekend!"

We are thankful to ADHC for providing funding for the retreat. Two further weekend retreats have been organised, one for November 2010, and again in early 2011.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES AND SUPPORT

The Carer Programs Coordinator achieved 61 regional visits during 2009/2010 and 75 in the 2010/2011 year, a jump from 21 visits undertaken in 2008/2009.

The Care for Carers program funded by NSW Health continues to support carers living in Sydney, regional and rural NSW, and those from CALD backgrounds. It does so through its various support networks, social support opportunities, information days, advocacy and referral advice, and its regional home visit program.

The Carers Program Committee was established to discuss, evaluate and comment on the Care for Carers program. The group met on a quarterly basis throughout 2009/10. Members of the Committee include representatives from Muscular Dystrophy NSW, Carers NSW, the carer community and Sydney Children's Hospital.

REGIONAL NETWORKS

Muscular Dystrophy NSW is committed to ensuring people with neuromuscular disorders have equitable access to services irrespective of where they live. Clients living in regional and rural remote areas are often disadvantaged in accessing services. As a result, Muscular Dystrophy NSW continues to proactively seek to identify carers/persons with neuromuscular disorders living in rural and remote areas and assists them in accessing the services they need.

CALD NETWORKS

Muscular Dystrophy NSW is committed to inclusiveness and actively seeks to ensure that its services are accessible for people from a culturally and linguistically diverse background. Cultural events were held during the year with our annual multicultural event being a real highlight. We participated in this year's Greek Festival, distributing information about neuromuscular conditions to the public. A total of 400 information brochures and *TALKING POINTS* were distributed over the two days.

METRO ACTIVITIES

Muscular Dystrophy NSW regularly runs a number of events, activities and seminars within the Sydney metropolitan region. Some of the events run this year included our first Men's Social Event, Pamper Day, Multicultural Lunch, Family Day at the Royal Easter Show and the HOGS day. We are thankful to the Harley Davidson Owners Group who continues to provide a wonderful annual event for our clients. Medical seminars are held regularly, providing up to date information on neuromuscular research and treatments. We were pleased to support the Neuromuscular Brighter Futures Conference held in Sydney in early 2010.

TALKING POINT

Muscular Dystrophy NSW continues to produce a quarterly magazine for our members called Talking Point. It provides an update on what has been happening within MDNSW, future events, medical articles, letters from clients and information on available services.

ADVOCACY

We have been encouraged over the past year to see that the voice of our members is being heard.

Providing advocacy for people with a neuromuscular condition is a major aim of the client services team. Whether it is advocating on behalf of a member who is having difficulty accessing appropriate equipment, education or financial assistance, or speaking with government officials on behalf of all our members, we take the role of advocate very seriously.

We have been encouraged to see that the voice of our members is being heard. When we are developing a government submission we often ask for your thoughts and feedback, or send out a questionnaire. Client input was obtained and submitted for the following reviews:

INQUIRY INTO PROVISION OF EDUCATION TO STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY OR SPECIAL NEEDS.

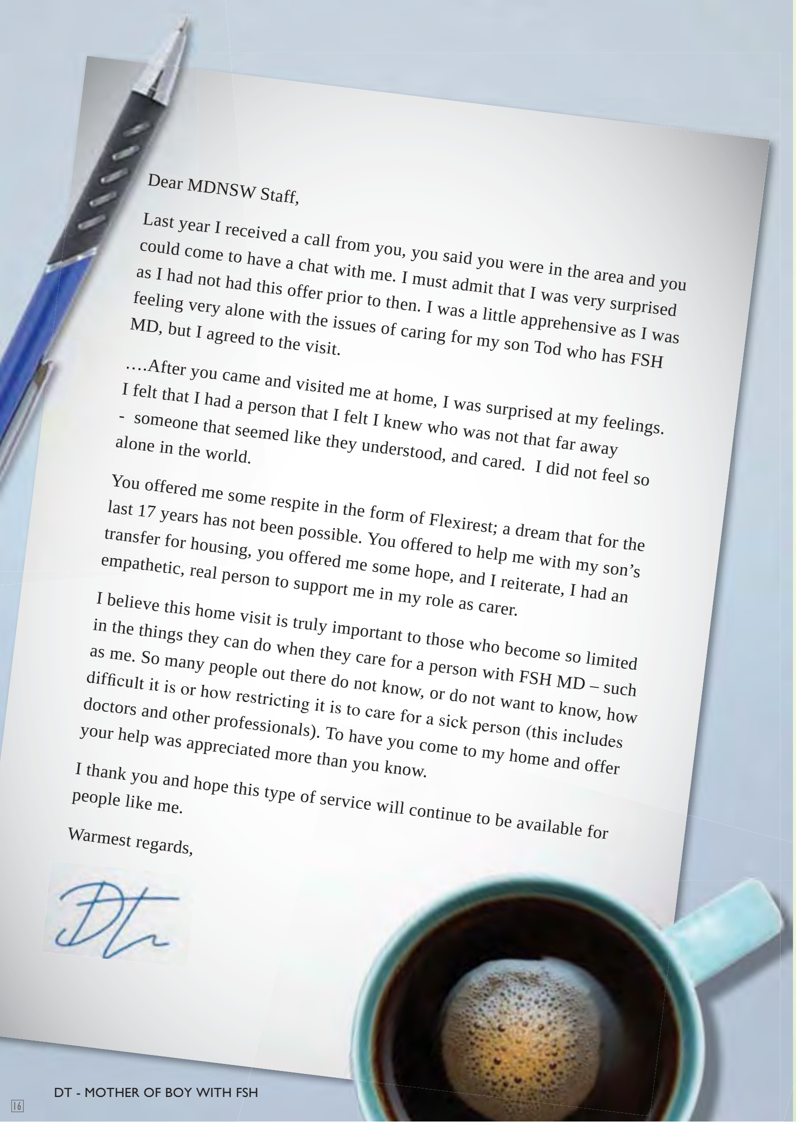
400 hundred of our members were surveyed and 73 responded in writing. The survey results identified a consistent theme - that the provision of education to persons with a disability is: inequitable, sporadically available, inadequately funded, and difficult to obtain and negotiate. I am pleased to advise that as a result of ours and other disability organisations submissions, 31 recommendations are now with the government for their consideration.

NSW HEALTH NGO (NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATION) REVIEW.

In December 2008, NSW Health (who fund our carer and regional program) along with a number of NGO representatives agreed to undertake a review of the NSW Health NGO program. In July of this year a recommendations report was completed. The outcomes sought from this review were:

- *Where possible, to reduce red tape and improve the governance, transparency, efficiency and effectiveness of the NSW Health NGO Program.*
- *NSW Health and the NGO sector to work together to ensure that the health-funded NGO services provide value for money services and are broadly complementary with NSW Health priorities.*
- *NSW Health and the NGO Sector to strengthen partnerships to improve the health and planning and health service delivery across all NSW health services.*

We will continue to advocate on behalf of our members with a neuromuscular condition and welcome opportunities to do so.



Dear MDNSW Staff,

Last year I received a call from you, you said you were in the area and you could come to have a chat with me. I must admit that I was very surprised as I had not had this offer prior to then. I was a little apprehensive as I was feeling very alone with the issues of caring for my son Tod who has FSH MD, but I agreed to the visit.

….After you came and visited me at home, I was surprised at my feelings. I felt that I had a person that I felt I knew who was not that far away - someone that seemed like they understood, and cared. I did not feel so alone in the world.

You offered me some respite in the form of Flexirest; a dream that for the last 17 years has not been possible. You offered to help me with my son's transfer for housing, you offered me some hope, and I reiterate, I had an empathetic, real person to support me in my role as carer.

I believe this home visit is truly important to those who become so limited in the things they can do when they care for a person with FSH MD – such as me. So many people out there do not know, or do not want to know, how difficult it is or how restricting it is to care for a sick person (this includes doctors and other professionals). To have you come to my home and offer your help was appreciated more than you know.

I thank you and hope this type of service will continue to be available for people like me.

Warmest regards,

DT - MOTHER OF BOY WITH FSH

THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS

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- Annie Danks Trust
- Department of Aging Disability & Home Care (ADHC)
- NSW Health: Department of Sport & Recreation
- The Shane Warne Foundation
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INTERNATIONAL PATRON - JERRY LEWIS

Jerry's message is clear: money is needed for research, education, awareness and support for those affected and their families.

Jerry Lewis, International Patron for Muscular Dystrophy Foundation, visited Australia in June. While he was here, Jerry appeared at numerous functions, visited with influential people and inspired all he encountered.

From appearing on stage and entertaining large crowds to sharing personal stories with small groups of people, Jerry Lewis knows how to get his message across and speak to your heart. Many people were moved at functions held in Sydney and Melbourne.

Jerry's message is clear: money is needed for research, education and support services, and to raise awareness about neuromuscular conditions. An Australian telethon in 2012 is a way to achieve all of these goals.

Watching games of AFL in Melbourne and Sydney were highlights for the sport-loving Jerry. His very funny comedy was appreciated by players and officials before the games.

Jerry met with firefighters and union leaders in both Sydney and Melbourne to gain their support for a future event and Muscular Dystrophy Foundation looks forward to working alongside the firefighters.

Jerry has made a commitment to Muscular Dystrophy Foundation Australia and he will be back to continue with the enormous job of raising money for the many Australians affected by muscular dystrophy and other neuromuscular conditions.

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