



## Emma's Quest | Youth Assistance Funding

Dear Judy and the Far North Queensland Youth Assistance Fund Committee,

My name is Doreen. I live with my daughter, Emma, in Edmonton. Emma had a stroke during birth and now lives with Cerebral Palsy. To provide her with the basic early intervention therapies I have been fundraising and advocating for better support for children with physical disabilities since.

In 2016 I contacted the FNQYAF requesting assistance with a significant fundraiser which I was unable to administer on my own. At the time I was burnt-out and struggled to cope with the challenges of being a special needs mum, therapist, advocate, and fundraising manager all at once.

My first and main point of contact since was Judy Peace. Judy's official role is Office Manager, but she is so much more: She is a caring, kind-hearted and giving person and an exceptional administrator with unwavering determination to help the families, groups, and individuals the FNQYAF supports.

The FNQYAF as an organisation but also individual members helped me and my daughter in so many more ways than to simply raise funds. I was given a lifeline and the encouragement, confidence, and strength to continue to fight for Emma. Since that first fundraiser, Judy and the FNQYAF have continued to be a source of inspiration, encouragement, and support.

I am so very grateful to that group of remarkable men and woman of Cairns, who are the members of the FNQYAF. Cairns is a better community because of them.

Yours sincerely,  
Doreen Deede