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## Haemophilia Foundation Australia Spring News 2009

# "The Love Boat Fundraiser Party"

Saturday June 27, 2009

Miffy English

I believe that everyone faces challenges in their life but how you view them has a huge effect on how you handle them. Haemophilia has been a part of my whole life. My dad, John, and his brother Michael both had severe haemophilia A.

Life was not always easy for them, but neither dad nor Michael, nor any member of my family and friends would have changed who they became because of this challenge. They were both amazing men who tackled everything life threw their way with a positive approach.

Both my sister Holly and I are carriers of the haemophilia gene. Holly and her husband Matt, had a beautiful son Jack just over 2 years ago. A couple of days after his birth, Jack was diagnosed with haemophilia. He was the most gorgeous little baby boy and we were now introduced to the next generation of haemophilia. Whilst things have changed so much since Dad and Michael, as a family we will embrace every challenge with the same positive attitudes that they both had.



Holly, Miffy and Sally-Ann

Growing up observing mum and dad take care of dad's treatment to watching Holly and Matt today with Jack has been an amazing eye opener to see to how far things have progressed. To now see Holly and Matt handle this all and Jack being the biggest trouper ever is a wonderful thing to watch. They are incredibly inspiring!!! But probably the most inspiring of all has been Jack, even only in his short life so far.

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Haemophilia Foundation Australia have always been a part of my family life and have supported us in so many different ways, I always knew I'd get involved and get onboard in some way, most probably by raising money for the Foundation, but I had never had the 'light bulb' moment of idea and inspiration. That was until the end of last year.



I am lucky enough to have a large, great and varied bunch of friends who love a party. And this coupled with the itch to get involved bore the idea of throwing a party for everyone to enjoy as well as presenting it as a fundraiser for HFA. Now that the idea was set, I needed to get this ball rolling....

I live in the Bayside area in Victoria, and my house mate Sally-Ann and I are lucky enough to spend time walking my dog Riggs along the beach. It must have been fate but as I was chewing her ear off about my fundraising idea we stumbled across the perfect venue, the Elwood Sailing Club. A retro 70s room with everything I needed, it was a perfect fit. The next step was to choose a theme, because let's face it, we all love a dress up party!! Keeping in mind the venue, it made sense that it needed to be a 70s'ish nautical type theme. So after a few emails amongst friends, the theme was decided..... The Love Boat!!!

We booked the venue, paid the deposit, and then I realised that this was really happening...we needed to get a move on. (I say we, because after that deposit was paid, I recruited a team of party planners – I just had not really told them yet!). With my generous

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bunch of friends and family, many jumped in to help and got involved right from the get-go. We had to organise everything, from decorations (a disco ball was at the top of the list) to food and alcohol, staff, security, DJs etc – the list just went on and on, not to mention trying to source some fabulous costumes for the night.

So our amazing invitation was sent out to friends, and friends of friends, to get in early and get their tickets. The venue capacity was for 250 people and I wanted it to be 100% sold out before the night. After all, 100% of the ticket sales would be donated to the HFA, so if that was not a good enough reason, I don't know what is.

So the day dawned, and it was finally here, after months of planning, it really was here! There was so much to do but the usual crew of support were close by and did such a wonderful job helping throughout the day – especially seeing as we were due for a 7pm 'departure'!!! We had four 4WD vehicles arrive at the Sailing Club that morning, 15 people piled out to help and the unloading began. Friends flew in from around the country for the night and came straight to the venue to help. Bars were set up, decorations installed, the most amazing lighting was installed with the biggest Disco Ball I'd ever seen placed right in the middle of the dance floor, already I know it was going to be a good night!!!

Sally-Ann, Holly, Matt and myself got home in time to get into our 70s cruise ship attire for the night and were back at the venue at 6pm for our 7pm kick off. Upon arrival, all guests were presented with a traditional "lei" and then shown where to get their first frozen cocktail (with umbrella!!) and most importantly, where to hit the dance floor.

Both silent auctions and raffle prizes had been donated for the night. The generosity was absolutely fantastic - we had prizes ranging from \$50 to \$1,600. Friends got involved in selling many raffle tickets and

promoting the silent auction items throughout the night and it was a huge hit. (We even had people so desperate for certain prizes that they then bought them off the original prize winners, who generously donated these monies back to the cause) The silent auction items also inspired fantastic (and competitive) bidding, out doing my expectations. It was a great result.

The dance floor started very early and did not stop all night. Our DJs were fantastic and played the most perfect 70s-80s inspired music. Many an unconventional dance move was pulled, much to the delight of other dancers!! Even the roving microphone was passed around the crowd for some impromptu 'karaoke' type songs. And the Disco Ball just kept on spinning all night. But unfortunately as with all great things, they must come to the end. And after our DJ played the 'final song' – for about the 5th time, it was time to bring this cruise ship to shore and make all our passengers disembark safely.

The feedback from the party has been unbelievable; we've even had some of the people I didn't know request it become a quarterly event and others offering to donate prizes for the raffles. I'm thinking annually – at this stage at least, as we needed time to recover! I will definitely organise another party next year although it sounds like I might even have to find a bigger venue!!!

The Love Boat Fundraiser Party was a great, fun night and whilst we raised an incredible dollar amount, we also raised awareness, which is equally as important. Through the generosity of all guests and our prize donors we managed to raise an amazing \$11,585.

And if I ever need a rev-up to get the next party organised, all I need to do is look at Jack and I have it!!!

Jack John Thorp is 2 years old and he helped inspire Miffy to organise the LOVE BOAT PARTY, and raise money for the Haemophilia Foundation Australia. Miffy is Jack's auntie and he adores her.

Jack was born with severe haemophilia A. His Grandpa had it too. He had his first joint bleed in January this year, which was followed by a few more in rather quick succession. Jack had a port inserted in April for home prophylaxis, and has since done very well.

He has swimming every Tuesday, plays with his friend Georgia on Wednesdays and he goes to day care on Thursdays which he loves! He loves playing at the park and especially climbing.

Harvey is our golden retriever and is Jack's best mate. Jack chases him around and they have such fun together.

We have so much fun with Jack too, as he is very funny and cheeky. We are grateful that he has so many wonderful people around him so he can just be Jack.

Holly & Matt Thorp

# Life Challenges

## Haemophilia Awareness Week

### 11-17 October 2009

Every year during Haemophilia Awareness Week Haemophilia Foundation Australia and Haemophilia Foundations around the country work together to raise awareness to the general community, community organisations and governments about inherited bleeding disorders. The theme this year is **"Life Challenges"**.

There are many ways you can help us promote Haemophilia Awareness Week:

- set up a stand in your workplace, school, hospital or library
- hand out promotional items in your local area
- assist your local Haemophilia Foundation during the week
- organise a casual clothes day at your workplace or school
- organise a luncheon, sausage sizzle or morning/afternoon tea.

Promotional items are available for schools, work places, hospitals and community centres: Give a list?

To place an order for items (free of charge), download an order form from our website [www.haemophilia.org.au](http://www.haemophilia.org.au) (click on the logo

on our homepage to be directed or under events and awards). Stock is limited, but we will do our best!

We are always keen to hear from people of all ages who are willing to share their personal stories during Haemophilia Awareness Week in our media campaign. Even though you may not think your story is of particular interest to others, personal stories such as yours may be the best way for us to raise awareness.

Contact Natasha on 1800 807 173 or [ncoco@haemophilia.org.au](mailto:ncoco@haemophilia.org.au) if you are interested.

#### Paint the town red in Neerim, Victoria

The town of Neerim on Saturday 17 October will be **"painting the town red"** for Haemophilia Awareness Week. If you live in the area or surrounding suburbs, head into town for a sausage sizzle and activities and don't forget to wear red!! For more information contact HFA, 1800 807 173.

## Happy Birthday...Happy Fundraising!

Birthday parties are always such fun, particularly if you are turning 9 and have 17 friends and a little sister helping you to celebrate. And so it was for Madeline Wheller of Hobart who recently turned 9 and had a fabulous celebration.



Madeline and her friends

Together with the fun and cake and games though there was something else on Madeline's agenda for that celebration.

"Instead of asking for presents for my 9th birthday party, I asked all my friends to make a donation so the money could go towards research to find a cure for my cousin Jack who has haemophilia A and von Willebrand Disorder; please allocate the money to research" Madeline wrote.

Madeline's friends contributed to an amazing donation of \$320 directed to the HFA Research Fund (which to date has provided for 21 research projects over its thirteen year history, representing a total amount of \$467,592).



#### Would you like to participate in 2009 Global Feast?

Global Feast is a fundraising opportunity for Australians to raise funds which will be used for people with bleeding disorders around the world who need our help.

Without proper treatment for their bleeding disorder, most children with severe haemophilia will die when they are very young. An estimated 400,000 people worldwide are living with haemophilia. **75% of people with bleeding disorders throughout the world are undiagnosed and untreated**, particularly in countries where health care is not well resourced. WFH is striving to close this gap. Australia is one of the fortunate countries where people with bleeding disorders receive high quality care and treatment. We can all make a difference by working with World Federation of Hemophilia (WFH).

Invite your family, friends and work colleagues to a meal and ask them to bring a donation instead of flowers, wine or a gift. If a dinner isn't your "cup of tea", any type of festive event will do - a pancake breakfast, pizza party, backyard barbeque, afternoon tea or picnic lunch. Do it at home, or meet in the park! Be creative and have fun! We can help you run your own Global Feast event at any time during the year!

All money collected for Global Feast will be donated directly to WFH. WFH will use these funds to provide safe and effective blood treatment products free of charge to people in urgent need. WFH works in more than 50 developing countries providing programs, services, educating families and training doctors and nurses in some of the poorest regions of the world.

For more information and promotional items, contact Natasha at HFA on 1800 807 173 or [ncoco@haemophilia.org.au](mailto:ncoco@haemophilia.org.au).

#### Joan from Victoria shares her Global Feast experience

"... I need to tell you all how I feel about the wonderful opportunity the haemophilia community has in Australia each year. It is called Global Feast.

When I first read about Global Feast in the newsletter a couple of years ago, there was a story about a young boy who has haemophilia in Zimbabwe, and what it has always been like for him in a country with few resources – it's nothing like the same treatment that is available for our guys in Australia. My husband, who is now in his 70's, has received wonderful treatment from hospitals here all his life.

My tears flowed at the thought of how different it is for this boy I read about, and for so many others like him. I realized that here was an opportunity to help, even in a small way, and I decided to hold a Global Feast!

I'm not a gourmet cook, but I do like a challenge, and I certainly enjoy sitting down to dinner with friends, so I set a date, enlisted my husband's help, and the encouragement of other friends and relatives...

We figured through that if we gave people a 3 course meal, they would feel inclined to be generous. We figured that the maximum number of people we could seat in reasonable comfort was 16, so we invited 21, thinking that some would not be able to come, and if it happened that they could all come, then 5 of us (probably family) could sit on the lounge chairs with plates on our knees.

Having decided on a date, and sent out the invitations, I set about planning the menu. I thought about the main course first – buffet style seemed easier than trying to keep in mind any different dietary needs and preferences. Two prospective guests are vegetarian. I decided on one pasta dish which has a small amount of meat. I also did two types of roast meat which I served sliced on a platter. There was also a vegetarian frittata, as well as a tossed salad and bread.

For the entrée we had a selection of finger foods, and for dessert a choice of chocolate tart and hot fruit crumble.

On the night – a cold night in August – so good eating weather, 18 people were able to come, and were seated in reasonable comfort. Compliments and exclamations flowed, about the food, and the amount of work I had put in. But as I kept saying, it really wasn't a huge amount of work – yes, a bit of planning and organizing, and yes, a bit of work, but spread over a few days, but really, how could I not do it, when I thought about those kids in Africa and other countries that could do with a bit of help!

Bottom line - \$200 was donated on the night! And last year, what else could we do, but repeat the success – that time \$300 came in.

I'm looking forward to this year's dinner, but what would be even better would be to read in the newsletter later in the year, that more than the usual handful of people took part in this great opportunity to help.



Joan with her friends, enjoying good food and good company