



Dear friend

It's heartbreaking to see your son not able to join in and play with his brothers.

I have four boys. Three are triplets aged 4 - nearly 5. The youngest is 11 months.

But one of my triplets, Jesse, has cerebral palsy.

He's a terrific little boy, very bright, very aware.

His cerebral palsy is severe. He can't sit, stand, walk or eat by himself. We can only have faith that one day this will change.

He's reaching an age now when he's starting to realise his physical limitations. His brothers are off playing soccer and he can't join in.

But we'll try to find him something he can do.

My husband Mark and I try not to treat him any differently to the others. He has to behave himself, share and do what he's told.

We couldn't have managed without Cerebral Palsy Alliance

Jesse's been getting help from there since he was tiny - physio, speech therapy, occupational therapy. We're getting help working out what equipment he needs and can get - whether a powered wheelchair, or an eye gaze computer that taps out letters when he looks at the key.

He's been going to these therapy sessions at the McLeod Centre at Allambie.

He loves it. The staff there continue to encourage the use of his walker, despite some days it being a lot of effort. He is also learning how to use the toilet.

But the facilities are dreadful - especially in terms of accessibility. And It's dark, dingy, and makes you feel isolated.

That's why it would be terrific if you could add your support to the campaign for the new Cerebral Palsy building for kids like Jesse.

Jesse will probably use services there for the rest of his life, even after we're gone, so it would make a real difference if it was a place that was well-equipped and pleasant to be in, and if all the services he needs could be there in one place.

Your donation would really help. And I want you to know that it means a lot to us that you would add your support to help children like Jesse.

Warm regards

Angela Ezzy

(Jesse's mum)