



KML affiliated their Volunteer Day this year with the Special Childrens Christmas Parties held nationally around the country and below is some background on the Christmas party:

### **How long has the party been going?**

The Special Children's Christmas Party is running in New Zealand for more than 13 years and throughout Australia for over 20 years.

### **What sort of children attend?**

There are four major categories of children attending the party. The terminally ill e.g. Children with Cancer, Leukaemia; Children that are physically impaired e.g. Muscular Dystrophy; Children that are intellectually impaired e.g. Down Syndrome; and finally Children that come from severely underprivileged circumstances.

### **Where do you source the children from?**

We contact over 1000 government and charitable organisations New Zealand wide who deal with these children on a daily or weekly basis. For example Special Schools, Special Education Units, Leukaemia Foundation, Cerebral Palsy League, Women's Refuges, Department of Families and Shelters.

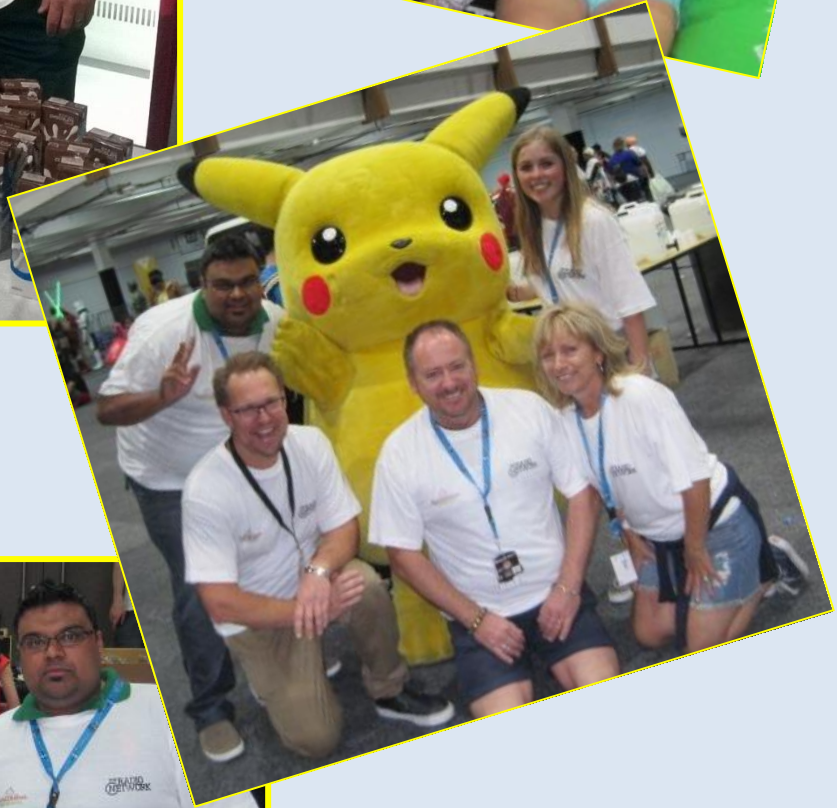
### **AUCKLAND EVENT:**

We had a small team of volunteers turn up to the Auckland event where there was over 2000 children through the event from 11am to 2pm. The Auckland Team who attended were all adversely affected by the children and the parents they met during the day and have all confirmed that they will be attending as a volunteer again next year.

The KML Team were given the task of "manning the Bouncy Castle" which was a fantastic opportunity to really get involved with the children – Paul and Jade ended up in the bouncy castle as part of their duty and Paul had to deal with clothes coming off, followed by nappies coming off – the day was full of many laughs and connections with the young kids – whilst Stanley and James were the "bouncers" at the front of the castle, helping the kids up the slide into the castle and ensuring there were only 6 at a time, which at times was a struggle with big queues waiting to get on.

Andy and Av managed to hand out over 2000 cartons of Calci-yum milk, when offering their help to the team and there were some fantastic sights to behold during the day.

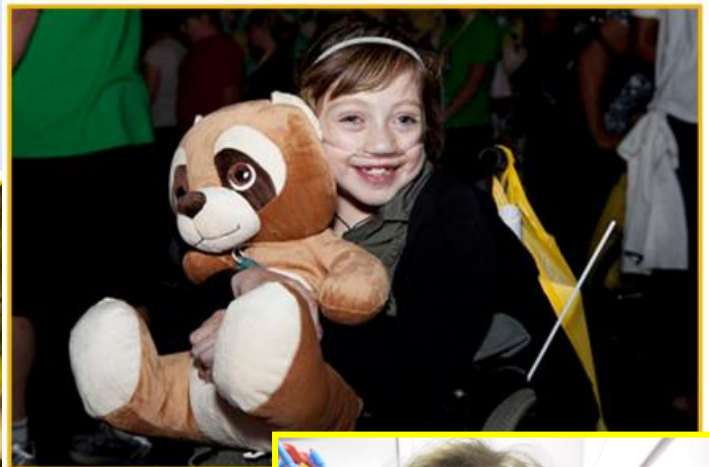
We have enclosed some photos on the following page.





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## WELLINGTON EVENT:

Wellington was attended by Andy Sawers and her daughter and some photos have been included below:



## CHRISTCHURCH & HAMILTON EVENTS:

Apologies to both Phillipa Amon and Faye Rawlings whose local events were both missed due to miscommunication on dates from the last notification from the Special Childrens Party organisers. Faye did however arrive on Set Up Day and volunteered her time on this morning.

## OTHER NATIONAL VOLUNTEERING EVENTS:

We also have had other employees around the country attend other events and volunteering days:

Debbie Gutsell in Invercargill volunteered at the Windsor New World for 2 hours collecting for Head Injury Southland.

“I really enjoyed all the people I met and the support was really great with a lot of positive feedback from people that it was such a great cause. The Head Injury Society really appreciated the corporate volunteering as well.” Picture of Debbie and Rex the trolley man.



And Marilyn Dow in Dunedin at last check-in had offered her volunteer time at the Mosgiel Hospice shop.

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Andy and Avril on behalf of KML would like to personally thank all the volunteers who participated in this years Volunteer Day:

Andy Clyne, Avril Tocher, Jade Harnden, James Bull, Stanley Kumar, Holly Detman, Dana Powell, Debbie Gutsell, Faye Rawlings, Marilyn Dow, Andy Sawers, Phillippa Amon

## **Volunteer Day 2015:**

As promised this will be held on a week day nationally throughout the KML Team and we will be signing up with National Volunteer organisations to ensure we have a variety of events to volunteer for around the country.

More to follow early 2015.