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Southern Stars

Newsletter

WORTHY BENEFICIARIES

Thanks to all our supporters who donated to Riding for the Disabled & Kidsline and sponsored children to Kids Big Day Out – you made it all possible.

In the next edition we will be reporting on donations to Riding for the Disabled & Kidsline raised from our campaign. We are also looking forward to presenting them with these funds in the next few weeks.



WELCOME TO ISSUE 1!

Here we are, already at the end of the first quarter of 2018! With Summer almost behind us and Autumn around the corner, hopefully the cyclones & storms are behind us too.

We are happy to report that Southern Stars first event of the year, our **Kids Big Day Out** was a great success. The weather gods were certainly shining down on us, as this annual outdoor event slipped in between cyclones and everyone enjoyed all day sun!

Kids Big Day Out was held at Crystal Mountain in West Auckland on March 10th, was attended by over 1200 special-needs & disadvantaged children – who thoroughly enjoyed the picnic style day which included pony rides, face painting, a petting zoo, train & roller coaster rides and a free BBQ lunch.

Southern Stars would like to thank the volunteers from Radio Lollipop, West Auckland Riding for the Disabled & Kidsline for their great assistance on the day. A special thanks also to the Rapid Relief Team for supplying the BBQ equipment, food & refreshments AND cooking the BBQ – to the delight of our hungry patrons! In addition, we received fantastic support from the West Auckland Community Constables, our ambassadors **Guy & Meg** from The Edge, along with the staff from Crystal Mountain and volunteers of Southern Stars.





Our next event on May 5th, is the children’s stage show “Cinderella” in aid of **Radio Lollipop**. This great NZ charity operates in many hospitals throughout NZ, supporting and entertaining sick children during their stay. Their services include: Music broadcast to all the children in the hospital from the on-site Radio Lollipop studio, opportunities for sick children to take part in these radio programs through winning prizes or making requests, and they can visit the studio or use a bedside telephone to talk to the DJ. Radio Lollipop also provides volunteers to play with children at their bedside - reading stories, playing games, painting pictures or just comforting the children.

In short - *By engaging children in games and entertainment, Radio Lollipop helps to make a sick child smile!*

We look forward to seeing you all on May 5th at the Logan Campbell Centre, ASB Showgrounds for our wonderful show “Cinderella” to support the ongoing work of Radio Lollipop.

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