

SUPPORTER Q&A WITH DANIELLE TORRESAN

Danielle (pictured centre) is aunty to Amity (pictured right), who along with her family, are members of our Early Intervention Program. Danielle wanted to show her support for Amity, her family, and the Early Intervention Program, so has decided to organise a group of friends to participate in Sydney's 'City2Surf' in August this year to raise funds for Mater Dei.



EDITOR'S NOTE:

At the time of going to print, Danielle was ranked 7th highest individual fundraiser for this event. If you would like to sponsor Danielle and her team go to:

- www.everydayhero.com.au
- Select Charities option and type 'Mater Dei' in 'Search by keywords' and search
- Click on 'View Mater Dei events and profile'
- Select 'The 2014 Sun Herald City2Surf presented by Westpac' option
- Select 'Sponsor a friend' option
- Type 'Danielle Torresan' into the 'search bar' and search
- Select 'make a donation' option

Thank you

Q How did you first hear about Mater Dei?

A When my brother and sister in law (Ben & Karen) told me they were moving up from Kiama to Sydney to be closer to medical services and specialised early intervention services, as they wanted the best for their daughter, Amity, to assist her with her developmental needs.

Q What have you learnt since Amity began her journey with Mater Dei?

A The care and support given to Amity as well as Ben & Karen is first class... the staff at Mater Dei are there for the whole family. They support them as well as caring for Amity and assisting her with her needs.

Q You have decided to do something practical to help Amity. Why, what is it and who else is involved?

A I have seen the progress that Amity has made over the last 12 months and it is truly remarkable. I have decided to get a team of work colleagues together to participate in the 'City2Surf' to raise funds for the Early Intervention Program at Mater Dei.

Q Do you have a favourite story to tell about your supporters?

A We are a team of eight, including Amity's dad Ben. We have a great team and are busy organising exercise sessions etc to ensure we are ready for the big day and all make it over the line! I have registered the team with the online fundraising website, 'Everyday Hero', and to date we have raised an amount of \$1,760 ...and it is only April! I could not have done this without the support of my family and friends.

Q Who are the most inspiring people you have met?

A My parents. No matter how hard or difficult things get, they are always there for everyone... family or friends, it does not matter... they work together as a team to ensure people get the best out of life and are always there for anyone who may knock on their door.

Q What is your mantra?

A Live everyday like it is your last.