

Help deaf youth dream big!

Deaf and hard of hearing youth across Australia are bursting with talent and the determination to reach their goals.

Unfortunately many face challenges, isolation, lack of support and access. Deaf Children Australia, together with our donors, help them to break down these barriers, creating opportunities for them to explore their passions and achieve their goals.

For young people like Nicholas Layton, the kindness of our donors opens new doors to help him on the road to achieve his dream to swim and compete at a national level.

Last November he broke the Deaf World Short Course Record for the 50m butterfly. He also competes at a national level in all ability competitions, spurred on by the generosity of our donors.

With this support, Nicholas was able to represent Victoria at the Australian Swimming Championships in Queensland in April of this year, a competition that is open to all abilities. Participating in an array of events, from Freestyle to Individual Medley, Nicholas was able to succeed on the national stage.



Many deaf youth like Nicholas are dreaming BIG!

And you, can help deaf and hard of hearing youth pursue their dreams by donating what you can today.

Please rush back your tax-time gift so we can help more youth like Nicholas lead their best life.



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"I was excited to be recognised by the universities, which all have very strong swim teams, and I also got a chance to swim in the same field as Olympic medallists, including Cam McEvoy and Kyle Chalmers."

Donor support ensures Nicholas is prepared for these big swim events, helping him to afford the travel and equipment he needs to continue his journey. He can then turn his attention to his swimming and the finish line.

"Without having to feel uncomfortable about the financial pressure, I could swim to the best of my ability, said Nicholas."

For Nicholas, and young people like him, these opportunities help to create memorable experiences – serving as unforgettable moments that can help bring their dreams a little closer. Through your generosity, we can provide unique support to young people who are deaf or hard of hearing, creating the kinds of cornerstone moments that can change the course of a child's life.

"Thank you Deaf Children Australia and all your caring donors for the financial support, it really helps me and my family. To be able to race, knowing you've got our back, makes a difference."

With the kind support of donors just like you, we help to ensure young deaf and hard of hearing people can lead their best life. It helps them overcome the barriers that exist, challenges their hearing peers do not face. Knowing the wider community care and support them as they take the first crucial steps on the path toward a brighter future, gives young people the confidence to chase a better tomorrow.

It is through your continued support that we can bridge the gap between young deaf and hard of hearing people and their aspirations. With the support of donors, we can help kids on their journey, helping them to succeed.

Your compassion can help to create a better tomorrow.

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