

Tom's story

Like any 16 year old, Tom is tech-savvy. But take a closer look and this amazing teenager can use a computer in ways you never thought possible.

Living with Cerebral Palsy, Tom uses an electric wheelchair for mobility. Because of his Cerebral Palsy, it's difficult for Tom to control his movements, making tasks like writing or sometimes even speaking difficult.

To overcome some of these obstacles, Tom has learned to operate a computer using his mouth.



Variety WA had the pleasure of granting Tom a total computer package including a height adjustable desk and a special Integra Mouse valued at more than \$5,000.

Using the Integra Mouse, Tom is able to control the mouse direction by altering his lip pressure and 'click' by puffing on the mouthpiece.

He is able to surf the internet, write emails, chat to friends and complete schoolwork, just like any teenager. What's more, Tom can enjoy the independence of being able to write his own thoughts down without having to rely on someone else.



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\$8 per month sends a child to the Variety Special Kids Christmas Party.

\$29 per month lets a child breathe easier with a nebuliser.

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\$2 a week. It doesn't sound like much.

But just by giving a little bit regularly, you can help Variety give a lot to WA kids in need.

By pledging your support as a regular donor, you can be sure Variety WA will give 100%; ensuring every dollar goes a long way to providing tangible grants like wheelchairs, walking frames, electric beds, specialist computer packages, scholarships and more.

You decide how much you give each month via credit card and Variety WA will direct your donation where it is needed most. Plus, you'll receive regular updates on how your support is making a real difference.

It's easy and efficient – no cheques, no stamps and no worry.

Variety is all about helping sick, disadvantaged and special needs children in practical ways – from overcoming illness, getting mobile again or just making life a little happier.

If we all give a little regularly, Variety can give a lot to help WA kids in need.

In 2007, Variety WA granted 100% of all tax deductible donations to enrich the lives of Western Australia's sick, disadvantaged and special needs children, with more than \$1.7 million net worth of grants. All administration costs and expenses were funded via the generous support of our corporate sponsors and through other non-tax deductible income.



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The story of Variety

Variety was founded in the entertainment industry but its heart is in the community where it serves to enrich the lives of WA children in need.

It all started with one child on Christmas Eve in 1928. An abandoned baby was found in Pittsburgh's Sheridan Theatre by the 'Variety' social club – a group of 11 theatre owners and performers. After an extensive police search failed to find her parents, the men decided to foster the baby, naming her Catherine Variety Sheridan.

Soon, donations of money and toys were received from all over the country – far more than one child could ever need. And so, 'Variety' began to assist other children throughout the world.

Today, Variety keeps its theatrical tradition alive with circus phrases to identify branches (Tents) and the Chairman (Chief Barker).

Variety Australia began in 1974 with Paul Hogan as Chief Barker. Variety WA began in 1980 and, since then, has raised and given away more than \$20 million to enrich the lives of children in need.

And what of Catherine? After being adopted by a carefully selected family when she was five, Catherine spent much of her life helping disadvantaged children. She remained anonymous until 1980, when she attended the Variety International Convention with her husband and three children. After a long and happy life, Catherine passed away in 1994 but her story remains testimony to all that can be achieved when everyone gives just a little bit.

Why give a little regularly?

- Your gift will make a tangible difference
- You'll be there to support WA children and their families through their changing needs both now and in the future
- Your gift is tax deductible while at the same time assisting children in need

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