

## **Local wins \$5k to help young girl with Velo Cardio Facial Syndrome**

Mary Albury from Moorooka has won a \$5,000 SunsUPER Dreams for a better world grant to help her friend's daughter, Maya, with her ongoing medical costs.

Mary entered her dream for Maya in the September round of SunsUPER's Dreams for a better world competition.

"My dear friend's daughter, Maya, was born with Velo Cardio Facial Syndrome, a chromosomal abnormality which has left her with numerous life threatening and life limiting medical conditions," said Mary. "Some of Maya's conditions include severe spina bifida, severe hydrocephalus and epilepsy. Maya is oxygen dependent, wheelchair bound and has learnt to appreciate the simple things in life.

"We don't know how long Maya has with us, but my dream in SunsUPER's Dreams for a better world competition was to help Maya's family meet the day-to-day medical and therapy costs associated with her care."

The \$5,000 SunsUPER Dreams for a better world grant will also assist with home modifications in the form of a carport, which will enable Maya's mum, Rebecca, to transfer her from her wheelchair into their car undercover free from the heat and rain.

"Maya's amazing mum Rebecca has dedicated her life to caring for Maya and as a direct result Maya continues to defy all medical odds. Rebecca and her family have worked tirelessly raising awareness of Maya's plight and tirelessly working very hard to raise much needed funds for her ongoing medical care."

Mary's dream in the SunsUPER Dreams for a better world competition was voted the winner of the September round, after receiving over 1,900 votes, and her grant has been paid to The Developing Foundation who will administer the funds to help Maya receive the ongoing medical care and therapies she needs.

Entries for the December round of SunsUPER's *Dreams for a better world* competition are now open, and to celebrate Christmas SunsUPER will be awarding a \$5,000 bonus grant in December to a Dream of their choice.

**Ends**

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**Interview and photo opportunities:** Mary Albury is available for interview and photo opportunities if required.

### **About SunsUPER's *Dreams for a better world* initiative:**

SunsUPER's *Dreams for a better world* initiative is all about doing something positive for the community in a really meaningful way and giving individuals, groups and organisations the opportunity to help realise a dream for a better world.

Australian-based dreams are submitted through [www.sunsuperdreams.com.au](http://www.sunsuperdreams.com.au). Visitors to the site then vote for their favourite dream/s and the dream with the most votes at the end of each round of voting will be awarded a \$5,000 grant to their nominated charity.