



Pam and Derek with Ryan and Lachlan

My husband's transplant changed my life

“Before the transplant, we had already decided not to have children,” says Pam Penrose. “We had talked about it and didn't plan to have them because Derek might not be around.”

That was about 12 years ago, when Pam and Derek Infield were starting their life together in Townsville.

They met at work but soon decided that Derek would stop working and focus on his health. As his cystic fibrosis became worse, the couple

moved to Brisbane to be close to The Prince Charles Hospital.

“Derek's always been careful about his health, but he had melioidosis, a tropical bacteria, in his lungs and the doctors weren't sure how it would react to a transplant, so we didn't know if he would be listed.”

In 2003, Derek got a bad flu which severely damaged his lung function.

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"I couldn't imagine him lasting till the end of that year. The doctors weren't sure if he was even well enough for a transplant. He talked to the doctors about not dying in hospital."

After several agonising months of testing and treatments, Derek was listed for a double lung transplant. "It was pretty quick after that, about six weeks until the transplant," says Pam.

Derek bounced back immediately after the transplant. His colour returned and he finally started to put on weight, his body no longer needing every available calorie to keep his lungs working.

"He was so well after the transplant that about a year later we talked about kids. Because of the cystic fibrosis, we knew we had to do IVF. We decided we'd try two or three times and if it didn't work, we'd stop.

"We'd spent 10 years with our lives on hold with Derek's health, we didn't want to spend the next 10 years in and out of hospitals."

Fortunately, on their second try, Pam and Derek conceived twins Ryan and Lachlan, now five years old. Pam moved to part time teaching, job sharing with another mother.

"We made a decision that when the boys came along, Derek would stop working and be at home with them until they start school," says Pam. "I'm really glad we've had this time. I'm glad the boys have had this chance to bond with him.

"My life is just so different. I couldn't imagine what it would be like. We're just so lucky.

"If Derek hadn't had the transplant, I wouldn't have my family."

Perpetual trusts support medical research

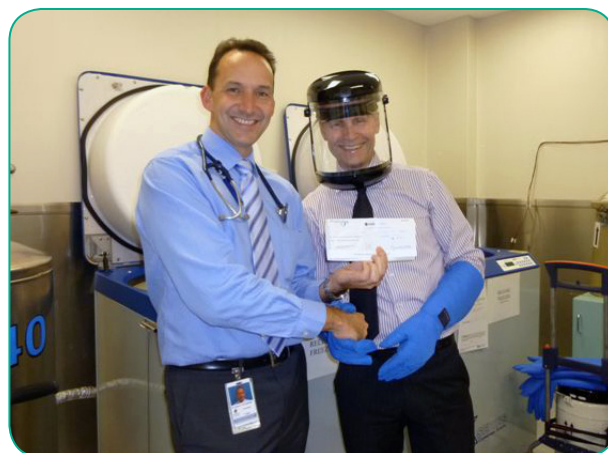
The Foundation has received generous support from trusts managed by Perpetual for research projects at The Prince Charles Hospital.

Perpetual's David Peck toured the hospital in July and presented a cheque for \$97,000 to support various projects.

These included:

- funding of \$39,914 for Associate Professor Scott Bell's work into infection prevention in cystic fibrosis and airborne diseases, supported by the Cystic Fibrosis Charitable Endowment, the Merrett Endowment, and the Baxter Perpetual Charitable Trust;
- support of \$15,000 from the Enid Jackson Charitable Endowment for research into the haemocompatibility of the BiVACOR™ artificial heart, and patients returning to work after a lung transplant;
- and \$43,000 support from The Ann Helene Toakley Charitable Endowment for Dr Dan Chambers's research into mesenchymal stem cells in the treatment of idiopathic lung fibrosis.

The Foundation has also been successful in receiving grants from trusts managed by Perpetual (Enid Jackson Charitable Endowment, \$22,000) for a microplate reader to support multiple thoracic medicine and critical care projects, and support



Dr Dan Chambers and Perpetual's David Peck, touring The Prince Charles Hospital

for pseudomonas aeruginosa research (The Cystic Fibrosis Charitable Endowment, \$13,500).

We are very grateful to Perpetual and the trusts it manages for their support of this lifesaving research.

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Ali's life saved by a cold



Left: Ali, 13, Australian footbiking champion.

Right: Ali Hassan, aged 5, after heart surgery.



“The doctor said he would’ve been one of those kids who suddenly just drops dead at a school sports day,” says Jo Hassan.

Her son Ali was saved by a tummy bug.

“He was a bit off. When he wouldn’t eat or drink, I took him to the GP, thinking he maybe had the flu.”

The GP heard something that might’ve been a heart murmur. She suggested Jo see a paediatrician if she was concerned, but it was probably nothing to worry about.

Ali’s dad Hass took their five year old to the paediatrician, who again said it might be nothing, but just in case referred Ali to a paediatric cardiologist at The Prince Charles Hospital.

“It was all so low key, Hass and I didn’t go to all the appointments together. I took Ali to the cardiologist and he looked at the images and said ‘we’ll have to get a plumber in there’. Ali had a 1.9cm hole in his heart, but other than the flu, he had no symptoms,” Jo says.

Two years after his surgery, Ali was pronounced healthy. Amazingly, the super-fit 13-year old is now a world champion footbiker, winning all the Australian titles and coming second at the international championships in his categories.

He has also represented Queensland as a taekwondo black belt, plays A grade rugby, skates, BMXs and is a drummer and debater.

“He’s just an ordinary teenager,” Jo says proudly.

Saving Women’s Hearts

As part of our last appeal, we held the Saving Women’s Hearts campaign. The campaign was a fantastic success with Westfield Chermside, Kitten D’Amour, Event Cinemas Chermside, Westpac, Fernwood and Myer Chermside coming on board to raise money and educate women about heart disease.

Kitten D’Amour created a beautiful one-off gown which was auctioned via their Facebook page, raising \$1,300 for research.

Westfield Chermside donated \$100 from every personal style session purchased in May and raised an amazing \$5,800 in addition to giving free style sessions to heart patients.

We also held *Hearts, Heels & Health*, our first women’s heart health event, attended by 80 women. Thank you to everyone who helped increase awareness and supported the campaign.

A golftastic day out

Polish your five iron and dry clean your plus fours: our annual charity golf day is nearly here!

Come along to Virginia Golf Club on Friday 18 November for our four-ball ambrose. After the success of last year, we’ll once again be rolling the dice for your team’s handicap.

Tickets \$45, including a pre-game sausage sizzle and a buffet lunch or dinner. Call 3267 6333 to book.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 19 October - Queensland Rail staff are collecting donations for us at city stations.

Thursday 10 November - Woolcock & 25th birthday gala dinner.

Thursday 10 - Friday 11 November - Hospital research showcase (limited public access).

Friday 18 November - Golf day at Virginia Golf Club

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Celebrating 25 years

The Foundation is celebrating our 25th anniversary during 2011.

In June, we ran an appeal asking people to help us raise \$250,000 for our 25th anniversary. We raised \$130,000 which put us just over the half-way mark.

Our second appeal for 2011 will run from October to December and we're hoping to reach our target for the year. The total raised from the two appeals will be announced on our website in January.

Our birthday gala dinner will be held on Thursday 10 November, featuring the Paddy Woolcock Memorial Lecture.

The eminent speaker this year is Professor John Shine FAA AO, director of the Garvan Institute.

Tickets will be \$150 and will be on sale in October by calling our office on 3139 4636.

The hospital will also be showcasing its research programs over one and a half days on Thursday 10 and Friday 11 November.

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