

A Year in Review



2018 - 2019

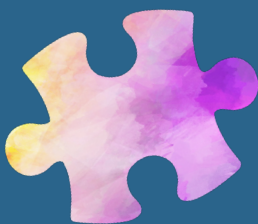
LITTLE SOULS TAKING BIG STEPS





"We are excited about the progress we have seen already for the little souls who have been entrusted in our care. For children with autism, every new skill is something to celebrate - some learn relatively easily, whilst others take much practice, patience and repetition. To watch these children everyday is truly inspirational. With the right support they are capable of so much, for those who have contributed and helped us to provide this support I offer my heartfelt thanks."

ROBYN HAWKINS





WELCOME

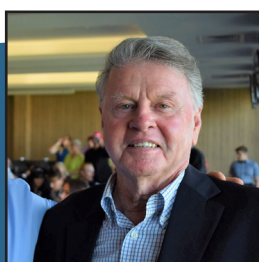
"Every year at Little Souls is unique for a variety of reasons. But mainly, it's the people that make the biggest difference. Our most recent graduation ceremony saw us farewelling a number of children who have been with us for two or more years. We had the privilege of seeing them grow from being toddlers to little kids ready to head off to "big school". The bonds that we formed with these children and their families are something that we cherish and we really look forward to following our children's progress through big school and beyond.

The other group of people who make the year special are our staff. It has been a tough year simply because of the challenges that both autism and life in general throw at us. I watch our team members and how they handle the tough times and I am full of admiration for their resilience and tenacity and the lengths they will go to to help our little souls be the best they can be. If you go up against autism you need bucketloads of resilience and tenacity!

So another year is over and our Little Souls team looks forward to both the challenges and triumphs of the new year to come."



Robyn Hawkin's
Principle & Director of Therapy



Graham Dyter
Director



Aileen Morgan
Director of Childcare



Richard Hawkin's
Director

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS 2018 - 2019

"Working towards our Mission of giving children with autism the best chance of reaching their full potential."

Guided by our three primary strategies;- early intensive therapy for autistic children, integration with typical children and dedicated parent education and support, we - together with parents continue to ensure that every child we work with develop considerable improvements in verbal behaviour and social skills to ensure they can transition successfully to, and be productive at, mainstream schooling.

NDIS

Registered provider

Meeting strict government quality and safety requirements.



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Planned programs specifically tailored for each family. Training and education, oral motor, language, developing relationships, social inclusion & social skills, daily living skills and school Readiness.

405

Hours dedicated to empowering parents through parent education and support.

5952

One-on-One
Therapy hours
delivered along
with social
interaction with typical
developing children.



Staff Messages

Our team of 23 dedicated staff members are an integral part of Little Souls. Below, some of our staff share their best memories for 2018-19.



AILEEN MORGAN:

(DIRECT OF CHILDCARE)

YEAR I JOINED: 2007

"Graduation is always one of my favourite memories. Its when we get to take time to appreciate just how much progress each child has made, and hear the personal and professional journeys that the staff go through while working with individual children but mostly the look of pride on everyone's faces especially the children and their families."



NAOKO HIRAYAMA:

(INCLUSION SUPPORT EDUCATOR)

YEAR I JOINED: 2009

"My best memory in last 12 months is when a child that I was working with started to make sounds and I see them come out from their own bubble bit by bit. I still remember moments when they say "ah" and "oo" for the first time, we can then celebrate with showers of tickles!"



SCOTT BICE:

(STAFF & PARENT COORDINATOR)

YEAR I JOINED: 2013

"My favourite memory is more of a feeling, the excitement and the emotion of our children's everyday achievements and mini miracles, and the anticipation that the next mini miracle could happen at any moment."



TATE FARLEY:

(EDUCATOR)

YEAR I JOINED: 2018

"I started at Little Souls May 2018 and my best memory in the last 12 months has been watching the childrens growth in speech, manding for items and becoming more self sufficient!"



MADELINE POLLOCK:

(EDUCATOR)

YEAR I JOINED: 2018

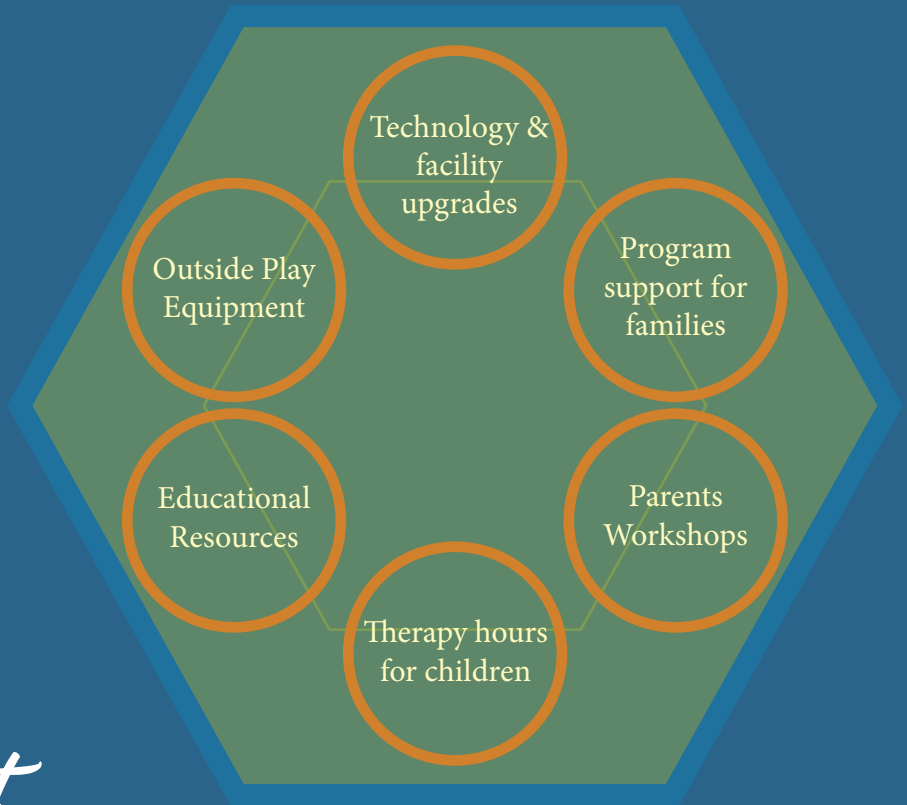
"I can't think of one specific memory, as the journey I've had at Little Souls is just a continuous sequence of amazing memories and achievements. I specifically remember feeling an elated sense of appreciation and acknowledgement when hearing Robyn's speech at the Race Day Event, and having an overwhelming sense of pride to be a part of Little Souls."

Community Impact

10%

Little Souls funding comes from donations and grants from the community. It's because of the generosity from our community that we are able to fund projects and programs in each of these areas: (RIGHT)

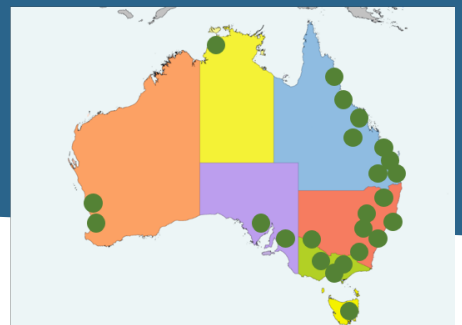
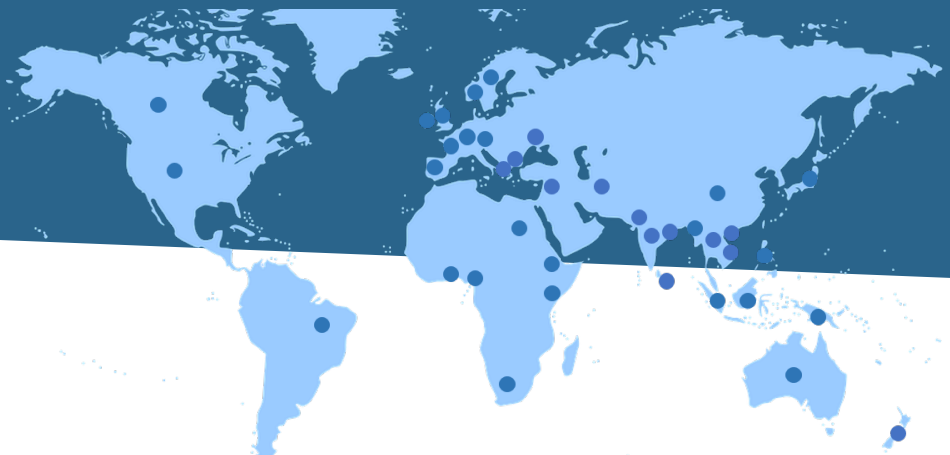
Our reach and awareness is growing thanks to your support



Community Reach

While based on the Gold Coast, Queensland, Little Souls attracts enrolments from across the country, with families often relocating interstate to access it's services. The map (BELOW) shows Little Souls social reach across Australia and beyond.

We wish to thank all our supporters who share, like and interact with our little souls stories.



Our Events & Fundraising



Sidney Myer Foundation Grant:

We were so grateful to receive a \$7,000 grant from the Sidney Myer Foundation for the purpose of purchasing Gross and Fine Motor Skills equipment. The children have access to amazing new outdoor equipment and educational supplies

A big thank you to the Sidney Myer Foundation for supporting Little Souls.



Division 4 Donation - Councillor Kristyn Boulton:

We appreciated Councillor Kristyn Boulton's visit to the centre, Kristyn shared a lovely morning tea with the children and joined in with reading time. Little Souls was successful with a Division 4 grant application and was awarded \$1,000 towards our parent workshop program. We were also nominated as a charity of choice for the Labrador Christmas in the Park and New Year's Eve events. With over 20 volunteers involved we raised a further \$2,000.

We wish to thank Councillor Boulton for her support.



Patron Beverly McIlwain & the Little Souls Race Day:

Each year Little Souls has an annual charity event where much-needed funds are raised. The last 9 events have been a Charity Race Day held at the Gold Coast Turf Club. We would like to thank all the businesses and individuals who support this event by way of donation, volunteering or participating on the day. This year we're able to raise more than \$39,000 with all these funds directly helping families and children of Little Souls.

Over the years, we were very privileged to have the support of our benefactor's the late Jock and Beverley McIlwain who gave generous donations in support of the Little Souls Annual Charity Fundraiser. They both attended many events, including graduations and Christmas celebrations.

"When the centre opened we visited it regularly and watched the splendid progress that was being made in overcoming the debilitating genetic glitches that these little souls have to endure early in life. The dedication and devotion of the staff at the Centre have to be experienced and observed to be fully appreciated. Their patience, understanding, love and endurance are ever-present and prove so beneficial to the beautiful children"



J.R. (Jock) McIlwain 2010.

Beverly passed away Christmas 2019 and will be greatly missed.

It's because of Individuals, Businesses and Corporate support that we can make a difference



We would like to thank our wonderful volunteers who bring different skills and abilities to Little Souls. They share our passion for helping children with Autism.

A special thankyou to Sonya who dedicated a lot of hours as a Charity Race Day committee member, Linda for helping with the theming and Jon for the graphic design. And also to all the staff who helped on the day, you were amazing.

Also we would like to thank the following businesses who donated to our special projects and events this year:

Neumann's Group, The MJ Smith Group, Men'sShedLabrador, Officeworks Nerang, GoPro Australia, 4 ASD Kids, Go Vita, Sidney Myer Fund, Glen & Shirley Patch, Lions Club of Helensvale, Quota International, Balloonalicious, B Elworthy, Dorroughby Speckle Park and Beverly McIlwain.



Sidney Myer

SIDNEY MYER FUND



Tears of joy as we watch his progress...

a grandparents prospective.



As grandparents of a beautiful little boy called Kai, we have had to be patient and wait for all those milestones others take for granted. From tears of what are we going to do to help him when he was first diagnosed, to tears of joy as we watch his progress.

From the first time he looked us in the eyes and called us "Nannie and Poppie" - to how he now climbs into bed with us to watch cartoons.

We have waited many years for these beautiful moments and we savour every new skill that he learns.

Having watched him work so hard from the age of two when he started at Little Souls. We are very proud of him and will be forever grateful to Robyn and her team for all they have helped Kai achieve.

Ross and Sandra Hines.

Little Souls Mission:

Through specialised early intervention therapy and care, Little Souls provides young children diagnosed with autism, the best chance of reaching their full potential.



Little Souls in a Snapshot



We are a small not-for-profit centre located on the Gold Coast licenced for up to 28 children and we primarily operate as a fee for service. All profits from the centre and all donations from the community is directed back into Little Souls ASD Therapy Programs and Resources. All donations are tax deductible. Little Souls is a unique centre in Australia providing vital intensive early intervention therapy that includes social inclusion with typically developing children.



Our 23 staff of Therapists and Educators

Our defining element is that we invest heavily in our staff resources so that we can achieve our mission. Our culture of inclusiveness and highly structured programs assist children with Autism reach their full potential.

On average Little Souls caters on a daily basis for up to 14 children with Autism and 14 typically developing children. Each child with autism is unique, and their challenges are distinctive, but we have seen many participants achieve gains of up to two years in just 12 months. It's because of our dedicated staff that we can achieve this.

Financial Report for the Year End 30 June 2019

Summary Statement

LITTLE SOULS TAKING BIG STEPS LIMITED
ABN 30 114 142 648 CH1609
STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
REVENUE AND EXPENSES			
Services revenue	2	946,039.20	724,717.09
Other revenue	2	140,644.73	198,037.95
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	3	(34,776.72)	(35,675.02)
Employee expenses	3	(830,201.97)	(732,623.79)
Other expenses	3	(215,907.30)	(180,779.86)
Surplus/(Deficit) before income tax expense		5,797.94	(26,323.63)
Income tax expense	1c	0.00	0.00
Surplus/(Deficit) after income tax		5,797.94	(26,323.63)
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss		0.00	0.00
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss		0.00	0.00
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		5,797.94	(26,323.63)

LITTLE SOULS TAKING BIG STEPS LIMITED
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN COMPANY'S FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
COMPANY'S FUNDS			
RETAINED EARNINGS			
Surplus/(Deficit) attributable to the company		5,797.94	(26,323.63)
Balance at the beginning of the financial year		1,100,330.66	1,126,654.29
TOTAL COMPANY'S FUNDS		1,106,128.60	1,100,330.66

Share your passion with others

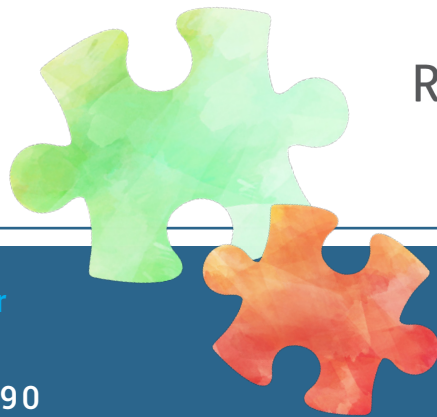
There are many ways to help Little Souls and the work that we are dedicated too.

- Commit to a regular donation
- Volunteer with us
- Join our Ambassador Program
- Be an event participant
- Make a donation now via our website

*Thank you
for supporting
Little Souls*



#CH1609



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