



Betty helps us share our messages in the community.

## Meet Betty Get Better

Betty Get Better is the official mascot for the Gold Coast Hospital Foundation. Betty helps us share our messages in the community about how the Foundation gets better outcomes through medical research, equipment and aids, health environments, and education and training. Keep your eyes open and if you see Betty Get Better around, make sure you say hi, take a photo and share!

## Get involved:

### Scrub Up September™

Schools, businesses and community organisations are invited to 'scrub up' in September to raise funds to help the Foundation support patients in our community who are living with illness, injury or disability.

### Leave a lasting legacy

Leaving a gift in your Will creates a lasting legacy so Gold Coast locals will feel the benefit of your generosity long into the future.

Other ways to get involved:

- Attend our fundraising dinners and sporting events
- Corporate sponsorship
- Volunteer at our events.

Generous donations made to the Gold Coast Hospital Foundation will help to reduce distress and improve outcomes for the patients at the heart of our community.

*Help. Care. Save.*

I'd like to make a gift today of

☐ \$35 ☐ \$75 ☐ \$150

My choice \$

Debited from my ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard

Card number

Name on card

Expiry

CCV Code

Signature

☐ I have enclosed a cheque payable to Gold Coast Hospital Foundation

☐ I'd like to receive information about your Gift In Will Program

☐ I have included a gift for the Gold Coast Hospital Foundation in my Will

Please return this form to:

PO Box 23, Griffith University, QLD 4222



To find out how you can help reduce distress for more Gold Coast families:

Visit: [gchfoundation.org.au](http://gchfoundation.org.au)

Phone: 07 5594 6986

Email: [admin@gchfoundation.org.au](mailto:admin@gchfoundation.org.au)

Visit: Gold Coast University Hospital  
Level 1, Retail Precinct



Relieving hardship caused  
by illness and disability

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95,000  
patients a year

The Foundation improves services for, and supports patients, in the public health care system by:

- Cutting edge medical equipment
- Cancer Patient Transport Service
- Emergency Accommodation
- Health research
- Creating soothing hospital spaces
- Medical loan equipment
- Education for health staff

**One** local charity  
**More than 37\***  
public healthcare facilities

\*Including Gold Coast University Hospital, Robina Hospital and Varsity Lakes Day Hospital.



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Thomas survived 119 days in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

When serious illness or injury strikes, our Emergency Accommodation Service helps families stay near loved ones.

The Gold Coast University Hospital provides crucial trauma, intensive care, mental health and critical care treatment to residents of the Gold Coast and surrounds.

The Emergency Accommodation Service provides a place for families of patients to stay near the hospital to avoid travelling long distances home after visiting hours and to be near loved ones in their time of need.

Beaudesert resident Josh was critically injured in a serious car accident and spent many months in hospital fighting for his life and recovering.

Thanks to the Emergency Accommodation Service, Josh's family could be by his side 24-7 instead of making the one-hour trip home after visiting hours were over.

Having the emotional support of family when seriously ill or injured can reduce physical and emotional stress and speed-up recovery time.

*Thanks to our donors, the Foundation provides more than 277 nights' accommodation close to the Gold Coast University Hospital for families of trauma, intensive care and neonatal patients, vastly improving outcomes during medical adversity.*

State-of-the-art medical equipment improves outcomes for Gold Coast families facing medical adversity.

Born three months premature and with a life-threatening bilateral brain bleed, little Thomas Wiltshire is a precious Gold Coast child who's spent his short life defying bleak medical odds.

Miraculously, Thomas survived the harrowing start to his life, but after 119 agonising days in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the Gold Coast University Hospital, this wasn't the end. At five months old, Thomas received a heartbreaking diagnosis of cerebral palsy. Along with it came the distressing blow that he may never be able to walk like other little boys his age.

Thanks to generous donations from the community, the Gold Coast Hospital Foundation purchased a Leckey Totstander which the grateful family borrowed.

The sophisticated equipment helped Thomas' balance and, as his confidence improved, this essential aid improved his strength and helped the toddler learn to walk.

The Totstander helps young patients suffering broken bones or other serious medical conditions move again and improve quality of life.

Thomas can now walk using a wheeled walking frame and, thanks to community support, equipment like this can help more Gold Coast families live as normal a life as possible, whatever their financial situation.

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