

Telethon Kids Institute is proud to launch our new community program CONNECT, and I would like to invite you to become an inaugural member.

CONNECT will bring together the many hundreds of WA community members who contribute in a wide range of ways to our research each year. These contributions are vital to our success as the largest research Institute in WA and in helping make sure we truly are an organisation that values and honours the community support we have enjoyed for the past 30 years.

## As a CONNECT member you will:

- Join with like-minded people who are committed to being part of a strong community group that shares our Vision of Happy Health Kids
- Be invited to special member only events, the first of which is being held in November as an extra special celebration of our 30<sup>th</sup> birthday
- Find out about other opportunities to take part in a range of activities at the Institute
- Receive information about new research and results in a way that is driven by the needs of the community so the information is useful and used
- Have access to training and skill building to support you and the ways you engage with us
- Have an opportunity to tell us your priorities for future research

CONNECT members can choose how they want to be involved, and what level of engagement they'd like to have with us. It is free to join and available to anyone who takes part in activities such as; being involved in informing our research, community fundraising and donations, volunteering and taking part in research. We will be growing our community advocacy and ways to share information about our research as we expand and grow CONNECT.

I do hope you will accept my invitation to become a CONNECT member and join me in growing and strengthening our connections with the WA community.

Kind regards,

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