About the MAD Foundation

Inspire. Connect. Make a Difference.

The MAD Foundation is a volunteer-run charity dedicated to improving the lives of children and young people living with disability and facing significant hardship.

We fund essential equipment and services that families might otherwise be unable to access, particularly where existing funding is unavailable, insufficient or cannot be provided in time.

Since 2001, MAD has provided more than $3.1 million in direct assistance to 469 families. Today, we typically help 60–70 children and young people each year.

Why support MAD?

$3.1M+	469	100%
Direct assistance	Families helped	Volunteer run

Entirely volunteer-run

MAD operates without paid staff. Our volunteers contribute their time and expertise, keeping administrative costs exceptionally low and ensuring that as much of the money we raise as possible goes towards helping children and their families.

Direct, practical assistance

Our funding addresses specific needs, from wheelchairs and specialised seating to communication devices and therapeutic equipment. These are tangible forms of support that can improve comfort, mobility, independence and participation in everyday life.

Trusted clinical partnerships

MAD works closely with healthcare professionals from organisations including the Royal Children's Hospital, Monash Children's Hospital, Victorian Paediatric Rehabilitation Service and Very Special Kids.

Their expertise helps us identify genuine needs, assess appropriate solutions and direct funding where it can make a meaningful difference.

Responsive when help is needed

Families can face considerable challenges navigating funding systems, particularly when essential equipment is needed urgently or falls outside existing funding arrangements. MAD's volunteer structure and close relationships with healthcare professionals enable us to respond directly and promptly.

Making a difference together

MAD's work is made possible by a generous community of individuals, businesses, sponsors and supporters.

Every donation and fundraising initiative helps us provide essential support to children and families who might otherwise miss out.

Your support can make a very real difference.

Find out more or start your own fundraiser

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