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Local mum helps other families of children with disabilities overcome fundraising hurdle

An Alfred Cove mum has started an initiative that will open doors for families of children with disabilities to access potentially life changing equipment and intensive therapy programs.

Founder Tammy Whait started Powerhouse Dreams because she has experienced the challenges of fundraising to meet her children's specialised needs, in particular for holistic therapy such as speech pathology, occupational therapy and physiotherapy.

"I have two boys with disabilities and over the past five years we have had to fundraise to afford around eleven trips both interstate and overseas for therapy," Tammy said.

"I have also seen first-hand just how life changing this therapy has been which is why I am so passionate about helping other families to have access to it.

"On top of this, specialised equipment which can make a real difference can be difficult to access without fundraising – such as weighted blankets for sensory processing disorders and wheelchair accessible vehicles.

"A major hurdle for Western Australian families who need to raise funds for equipment and therapy is that they are unable to apply for a charity license as an individual – Powerhouse Dreams is about assisting these families."

Powerhouse Dreams has been given a welcome boost by WA owned P&N Bank through their Helping &nds program.

Tammy said that this will help specifically in the establishment of a buddy program that will pair a child with a disability with an adult who has a similar disability.

"Our aim is to give the children someone they can look up to, relate to and spend time with - and the Helping &nd from P&N will really help us to get the ball rolling," she said.

P&N Bank Bull Creek Branch Manager Melissa Kennedy said the Bank was delighted to be able to support such an important grass roots community organisation and make a real difference.

"This is exactly what P&N's Helping &nds program is all about – supporting our local community in making a difference.

"As WA's largest locally owned bank, this is why we exist; to enrich the lives of our customers and the communities in which they live."

To find out more about Powerhouse Dreams and how you can help visit facebook.com/powerhousedreams

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