

## Introducing



## Our History

- The Bone Marrow Donor Institute was formed in 1989 to create a Bone Marrow Donor Registry for Australians suffering from leukaemia and other blood cancers.
- The Fight Cancer Foundation was formed in 2007 as the marketing and fundraising arm of BMDI.



## Our Projects

- Australian Bone Marrow Donor Registry
- Bone Marrow Research Laboratories
- BMDI Cord Blood Bank
- BMDI Rotary House
- BMDI Support Groups
- Ovarian Cancer Early Detection Test
- Fight Cancer Back on Track Program



## Why Back on Track?

- Over 800 young Australians are diagnosed with cancer each year.
- Most will receive chemotherapy and/or radiation therapy.
- Some will receive bone marrow and stem cell transplants.
- Many will require extended absences from school, up to three years, leading to educational disadvantage and social isolation.
- Not uncommon for these young people to 'fall by the wayside'



## How Back on Track Works

- Creates the means for schools, teachers, patients and peer groups to remain connected through 'virtual classrooms' and the internet.
- Education Advisors create tailored learning programs taking into account medical condition, also provide one-on-one tutoring at hospital, home and special accommodation centres.
- Facilitates continued social development.
- Mentoring program.
- Psychological support program.
- Work experience and placement program.



## Back on Track Wish List

- Our vision is to offer Back on Track to all Australian Children who meet eligibility criteria.
- Currently operating at:
  - Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne.
  - Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre Melbourne.
  - Children's Hospital Westmead Sydney.
  - Currently 165 participants.
- Expansion Plans to:
  - Monash Medical Centre Melbourne 2008.
  - Randwick Children's Hospital Sydney 2008.
  - John Hunter Hospital Newcastle 2009.
  - Brisbane 2009-10.
  - Adelaide 2009-10.
  - Perth 2009-10.
  - Auckland.
  - Estimated current need approximately 700 participants.
  - Estimated long term need approximately 1300 participants.



## Back on Track Funding

- No Government support at this stage
- Lenovo a major sponsor, assisting with hardware needs
- Other corporate sponsors
- Trusts and Foundations
- Community Group Support
- Public Fundraising / Events



## Public Fundraising Activities

- Fight Cancer Walks
  - Walking events at racecourses throughout Australia during March, April & May
  - [www.fightcancerwalk.com.au](http://www.fightcancerwalk.com.au)
- Footy Colours Day
  - The one day in September that changes lives
  - Wear footy colours for gold coin donation
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