



Tragedy brings support

The tragic news of missing toddler, Taj Spencer found in a dam has sparked messages of condolences and support from Hannah's Foundation and its members.

"Tragedies like this just bring back our own loss and with Hannah's Foundation's support it means that we get that support from people who understand how I am feeling, what we say isn't taken out of context, its just tragic to lose a child in a split second." Said Janelle, a Foundation member who lost her son Alex aged 6.

"It's times like this that support comes from around the country, not only for the family but for one another, there are a lot of families sharing their grief with the family right now." Kat Plint said.

Andrew Plint said "The foundations funeral assistance scheme has been exhausted in recent months with so many families requiring assistance."

"Our Family support 24 hour line, last month recorded its highest amount of phone calls, it's what we are here to provide and this support is only going to increase." he said

"Hannah's Foundation is now pleading with the general public for more support. Donations are now at a critical low and we still need to help more families." Andrew said.

With over 65 families and currently 42 families in receipt of financial assistance Hannah's Foundation is struggling to keep up with the demand.

"With farm drownings on the increase we need to educate the public to ensure that farm gates are locked and access is restricted with fences. Many councils across Australia won't let you fence off a dam but we fully support "safe play areas" for children on property and dams without stock on them **should be fully fenced**. Toddlers are adventurous and sadly today there has been a tragic accident." Kat Plint said

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Jonny-Ann Reid, Peer Support Officer said "without the support of the community we (Hannah's Foundation) can't continue to drive home the strong messages and support from all of our families about drowning prevention in Australia."

"It' a deserved charity and people really should support it." She said.

Donations to Hannah's Foundation can be made at:

Qld Police Credit Union
BSB **704 052** Account Number **1035885** or via

Everday Hero Website
<http://www.everydayhero.com.au/charity/donate/668>

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