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District 21 – Central Coast

Fundraising for Josh and the Chris O'Brien Lifehouse



Josh Griffith a 19-year-old young man from the Central Coast realised his dream and joined the Australian Army.

Not long after he was found to be very unwell and sought medical advice. After extensive examinations and tests it was discovered that Josh had a synovial sarcoma, a rare, and aggressive soft tissue cancer.

Josh underwent an intensive chemotherapy program and surgery at the Chris O'Brien Lifehouse, a specialist Sarcoma treatment and research centre based in Sydney. Josh has recently returned to the Lifehouse for further radiotherapy treatment five days a week for six weeks.

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This centre relies heavily on the generous financial support of donors and charitable bond holders and to show their appreciation for the vital support given to Josh, his family and friends came together to organise a number of initiatives to spread the word about the incredible work of the centre and to raise much needed funds.

This included a fund raising event, held a the Umina Beach Surf Life Saving Club on Saturday 19 October.

Freemasons on the Central Coast were approached by a friend of the Family, Tom Morrison, to see if they could help out with a raffle prize. After hearing the story, it was an easy decision for the Board and the funds were released without delay.

The event was a huge success with the local community coming together to help out. The room fees donated by Umina Beach SLSC, the entertainment, a fabulous local group close to the family also played for free.

Freemasons on the Central Coast donated a Sunbeam Barista Coffee Machine, which was gratefully received as one of many great raffle prizes on offer, there was also a wine wall.







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The food was exceptional with many mouthwatering delights prepared by Tony Griffiths, Grandfather to Josh.

\$10,100.00 was raised from this one event with pledged donations still to be finalised.

Freemasons on the Central Coast wish Josh and his amazing family well, and would encourage anyone to donate to the Chris O'Brien Lifehouse.

Below is the link to their fundraising page, or you can scan the QR code.



Donate to the Chris O'Brien Lifehouse

https://donate.mylifehouse.org.au/ fundraisers/ManyHands/jtg-clan

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