

DZNEAN NUHOVIC TRUST FUND

The Nuhovic Family wish to thank all those generous people who have helped them raise the funds for the purchase of the eye gaze machine and the cost of the speech therapist to train Dznean in utilizing the device. Words cannot express how the family feel about the outcome of the help given by so many people who have assisted in some way. It was not only the money that mattered, but the fact that they were not alone in their quest to ensure their son has some quality of life, even if he is a quadriplegic. His physical attendance at the International Women's Day, with so many people greeting him, and his enjoyment of the event, boosted his emotional state and drew attention to the fact that he is still a social person and needs the company of people in his own age group. He also needs the stimulus of some type of young entertainment. Dznean still has his sight and hearing, even though he has no control over any other part of his body.

Disability Services has now recommended that a support group be established for Dznean and a separate one for the parents, so they may have some time for themselves. Janeth Deen is one of the support network who will be organising people to fill these needs. She attended a session at Disability Services last Monday. If anyone is interested in joining the group, please contact Janeth Deen on 0435 086 796

The Trust Fund has neared the \$40,000 mark. Funds have come in as far away as Norway, where Dznean lived as a refugee before coming to Australia. Every dollar donated was appreciated, more than the donors can imagine. Muslim Charitable Foundation opened the fund with a \$2,000 donation. The Lady Sabrina Soiree raised around \$5,000, Bajram Soccer Turmir group raised \$5,000, QUT MSA donated \$2,700, Nuriya Resulbegovic donated \$1246.15, Rokaya Rane donated \$1,500, Marlena Emina Sijivo (Bosnia and Hercegovin) donated \$1426.62, Donation from Malvern was \$1,500 The International Women's Day celebration raised in excess of \$8,000 through ticket sales and donations, The Islamic Medical Assoc of Qld donated \$3,560, the Bosnian community donated a substantial amount through individual donations, (Imam Sifet must be thanked for the time and effort he employed in promoting this Trust Fund).two Seven Day Adventist churches donated \$500 and there were so many individual donations that are too numerous to list.

When the third trial machine is tested, the Speech Pathologist will recommend the machine suitable for Dznean and then the machine will be purchased. Once it is purchased, we will present it in a function on the premises of IWAQ where the fund was first launched, InshAllah.It must be noted that when the fund was opened by the MCF donation of \$2,000, the committee pledged that if the fund did not meet the required cost of the machine, MCF would ensure it would meet the shortfall. MCF must be acknowledged for this generous offer. MCF could not pay for the entire machine as it had so many other cases to help.

The Nuhovic family says Jazakallh to all involved in raising funds and awareness for Dznean.