

"PROFESSIONALS" JOIN THE FIGHT TO SUPPORT CHILDREN WITH CANCER

The drive to support New Zealand children living with cancer, together with their families, has received a major sponsorship boost from The Professionals Real Estate Group.

The Professionals Group throughout New Zealand has joined forces with the Child Cancer Foundation to form a nationwide fund-raising partnership that directly assists families in each local community.

The financial assistance offered by The Professionals will go towards providing accommodation facilities near to treatment centres for children and their families. Funds raised will also be used for education, study, information sharing, a scholorship programme and some research projects.

Warren Shirley, National Chairman

of the Child Cancer Foundation, has expressed the Foundation's sincere thanks to the many Professionals offices that are supporting the Child Cancer Foundation, both locally and nationally.

"The Foundation does not receive any Government funding so it is only through the sterling efforts of The Professionals and other supporters that we are able to assist our children and their families," he said.

Featuring in many campaign posters is 10 year old Luke Weaver from Auckland. Luke, a talented tap dancer and singer, is one of many beneficiaries of the Child Cancer Foundation, an organisation which provides both financial and emotional support to children living with cancer, and their families. Unlike Luke, who is fortunate to live near to a treatment centre, many of the children and teenagers with cancer face prolonged absences from home, and separations from families who also carry the financial burden of travel and accommodation costs. Funds raised by The Professionals will help these families.

On March 24, The Professionals will be holding a major fund-raising event — Paint The Town Red Day. On this day, teams of Professionals members will unite in each region to embark on a nationwide promotion, raising funds to benefit the Child Cancer Foundation.

The Professionals are proud and honoured to be supporting the Child Cancer Foundation throughout New Zealand.