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Dear Keith

As communities and families continue to come to terms with the devastating Black Saturday bushfires, Variety WA, together with your support, is helping to bring a little happiness and normality back to the lives of children affected.

As a direct result of your generosity, Variety Victoria has already begun presenting grants to local children and schools in the Whittlesea and Wallan regions.

Dylan is a 17-year-old boy with Cerebral Palsy. On 7 February 2009 his parents' property at Lower Plenty was totally destroyed, including his farm buggy. Dylan used his buggy as transport around the family property, enjoying the freedom and mobility in helping his dad, Greg, with the chores. Dylan has a younger brother Lachlan, who is autistic, and both boys attend Diamond Valley Special Developmental School. Thanks to your support, Variety has purchased Dylan a replacement buggy to help give him back his freedom.

Wallan Secondary College has taken in a large number of students from schools destroyed by the Black Saturday bushfires. Now with a maximum number of students enrolled, the school bus is not able to cope with the increased, daily student transport needs to and from Wallan. To help make life a little easier, Variety has granted the College a 12-seater Variety Sunshine Coach to assist the school and its students.

These are just two of the grants already presented as part of the Variety Victoria Bush Fire Relief Fund, with many more grants approved.

Variety WA continues to work closely with our colleagues in Variety Victoria to determine the best way to deliver practical and timely help, complementing and enhancing the efforts of lead aid agencies and community groups. 100% of your donation is making a real and tangible difference to the lives of the children and families affected.

On behalf of Variety WA and our Victorian counterparts, thank you once again for your generous donation.

Kind regards

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