

STEPPING OUT

This story began in 2004 when a Lions Lady wanted to help children. She collected bottles, cans and cartons and decided that proceeds should go to the Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation. Little envelopes and bags of money went into undesignated funds and helped towards the cost of walkers for children in need. And the money kept coming, and more people wanted to help, and THEY collected bottles and cans too.

Taking the plunge, I decided to approach this dedicated lady to see if she would like to sponsor her own walkers, and happily, though with some fear and trepidation, she did.

So far 10 children are enjoying a better quality of life thanks to her efforts in raising over \$6,000 and she is currently working on providing a second walker for young Jemma. Jemma's story appeared in the Adelaide Advertiser newspaper in 2005. It was a wonderful photo.

But our Lions Lady knew only too well how wonderful it was. Jemma had received her Walker just six months before, and my... what a difference a walker makes. Jemma was able to step out and embrace a whole new world. See the walker presentation night and then six months later below.



What a truly magnificent transformation!

As Lions we are so very proud to be part of such a life changing project, but how happy is our Lions Lady that her own, [and her dedicated and hard working helpers], efforts are bringing about so many wonderful miracles...through collecting bottles and cans.

Her newsletter ensures that those helpers know where their money raised is going and how much their efforts are appreciated.

In what I feel is a fitting end to a special story, this year our incredible Lions Lady who stepped out of her comfort zone in 2004, received one of the highest ALCMF awards possible. And the best part of that is that the cost required to purchase such an award is put to a Walker for a child in need.

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