



YOUR *local* DISABILITY SUPPORT CHARITY

# BUTTERFLIES GIVING PROGRAM



"Of all the people in this world there is only one you.  
Let your light shine"

Sunshine Butterflies is a disability support service and not for profit charity.

Sunshine Butterflies strives to improve the lives of those with disability and their families.

Sunshine Butterflies was founded in 2010 by Leanne and Damien Walsh whose son Curtis was born 13 weeks premature with Cerebral Palsy in 1995. Through Leanne's experience, passion and dedication, the Sunshine Butterflies' vision and mission to provide a better future for people with disability began.

Sunshine Butterflies provides a broad range of recreational, educational and life skills programs for individuals of all ages.

Our unique 15-acre space 'Our Backyard' - the home of Sunshine Butterflies, is where we deliver our range of programs, support services, therapies, and activities for people with disability and their families.

Sunshine Butterflies is more than a disability support service, our vision is empowering people with disability, by creating a unique and all-inclusive community.

## Our Vision

Empowering people with disability by creating a unique and all-inclusive community.

## Our Mission

By providing opportunities and pathways through programs and services that create a sense of purpose and belonging.



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## Our Values

- U** **Unified Team**  
A team is not a group of people that work together. A team is a group of people that trust each other. "Welcome to the best team ever".
- N** **Nurture – People, Place and Purpose**  
We provide a supportive environment where we care, protect and develop growth.
- I** **Innovate, Challenge, Change & Create**  
"Vision with action can change the world".
- Q** **Quality Recruiting - Retain the Best**  
Our talented staff thrive in our culture. "We are a great place to work".
- U** **Uphold – Our Vision, Our Principles and Our Values**  
We treat each other with respect and speak openly, listen actively and communicate with honesty, integrity and kindness.
- E** **Empower**  
We provide our people with opportunities to develop and achieve personal growth. "We rise by lifting others".

We Listen. We Create. We Deliver.



## CEO/Founder - Leanne Walsh

Leanne's passion and dedication towards disability education, awareness and inclusion began **together with her husband Damien and their son Curtis**, who was born 13 weeks premature with Cerebral Palsy.

Leanne's desire to make her community an **inclusive and accepting place** has earned her numerous awards that include; a Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow, QLD Disability Action Week Awards and Australia Day Local Legends Award.

It is because of her **commitment and contribution** that Leanne has made big changes in the lives of people with disability and their families.

*"Having a child with disability is a lifelong thing. It doesn't go away when they turn a certain age or leave school. Support needs to be effective and ongoing, catering for individual circumstances"*- Leanne Walsh CEO/Founder

Leanne has created a successful concept through Sunshine Butterflies that has received ministerial recognition and it is because of Leanne's enthusiasm, love and devotion towards her son Curtis that Sunshine Butterflies continues to flourish, thrive, prosper and grow to promote and support others in their mission for acceptance within an inclusive and supportive community.

## Supporting our Members

From humble beginnings in 2010, Sunshine Butterflies has grown from being a volunteer run organisation with a handful of members, to becoming one of the region's largest employers and supporting hundreds of people with disability.

Leanne Walsh has made it her mission to reduce the stigma of disability within her community and now leads a passionate team of over 90 staff and 30 volunteers, who continue to help make this dream a reality.

From the very beginning, Sunshine Butterflies was operating in a garage in Leanne Walsh's Tewantin residence with just 3 Members and 4 Volunteers, all chipping away at Leanne's lifelong vision of creating a unique and all-inclusive disability support service.

Sunshine Butterflies now provides a broad range of daily recreational, educational and life skills programs for individuals of all ages.

Sunshine Butterflies' unique range of programs, activities and services are changing the lives of many individuals with disability and their families.

With the help of sponsors, contributors, grants and donations we have been able to create these much-needed programs and services which are life-changing to those with disability.



## Our range of programs include:

All sports  
Big Day Out  
Butterfly Bakers  
Chippies Corner  
Commando Outdoor Education  
Community Connect  
Drama Kings & Queens  
Farmability  
Farmyard Cooking School  
Gone Fishin'  
Kiss My Art  
Rockability  
Tech Connect

## Our activities include:

Social Saturdays

## Our Therapies include:

Animal Enrichment Sessions  
Aqua Therapy  
Exercise Physiology  
Kinesiology  
Speech Therapy  
Vibration & Movement



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can change the world".  
-J.A.Baker*

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## 'Our Backyard'

'Our Backyard' is a 15-acre community facility set in the Noosa Countryside that provides the space to deliver a range of programs, support services and activities for people with disability.

Since purchasing the land in 2014, Sunshine Butterflies has transformed the 15-acre property to accommodate a variety of services including, social and skills-based programs, animal enrichment sessions, Supported Independent Living, therapeutic services, recreational programs and community events.

'Our Backyard' has plenty of facilities for everyone to enjoy, including a Learning Kitchen and Garden, a large Activity Shed, an Adventure Playground, Therapy Rooms, Farm stables and an Accessible Pool and Supported Independent Living options.

*'Our Backyard' is a place of learning, purpose and belonging.*

In June 2021 we spread our wings and purchased the 10-acre property next door expanding 'Our Backyard' into a 15-acre oasis.

This will provide the space for us to expand our educational and recreational programs, allowing us to support more people with disability and their families.

This next 10 acres will provide Sunshine Butterflies with the space to provide more facilities and car parking for our staff and visitors, making 'Our Backyard' even more accessible to the community.

We are very excited to have plenty more space for outdoor activities and for our furry and feathered farm animals to roam.

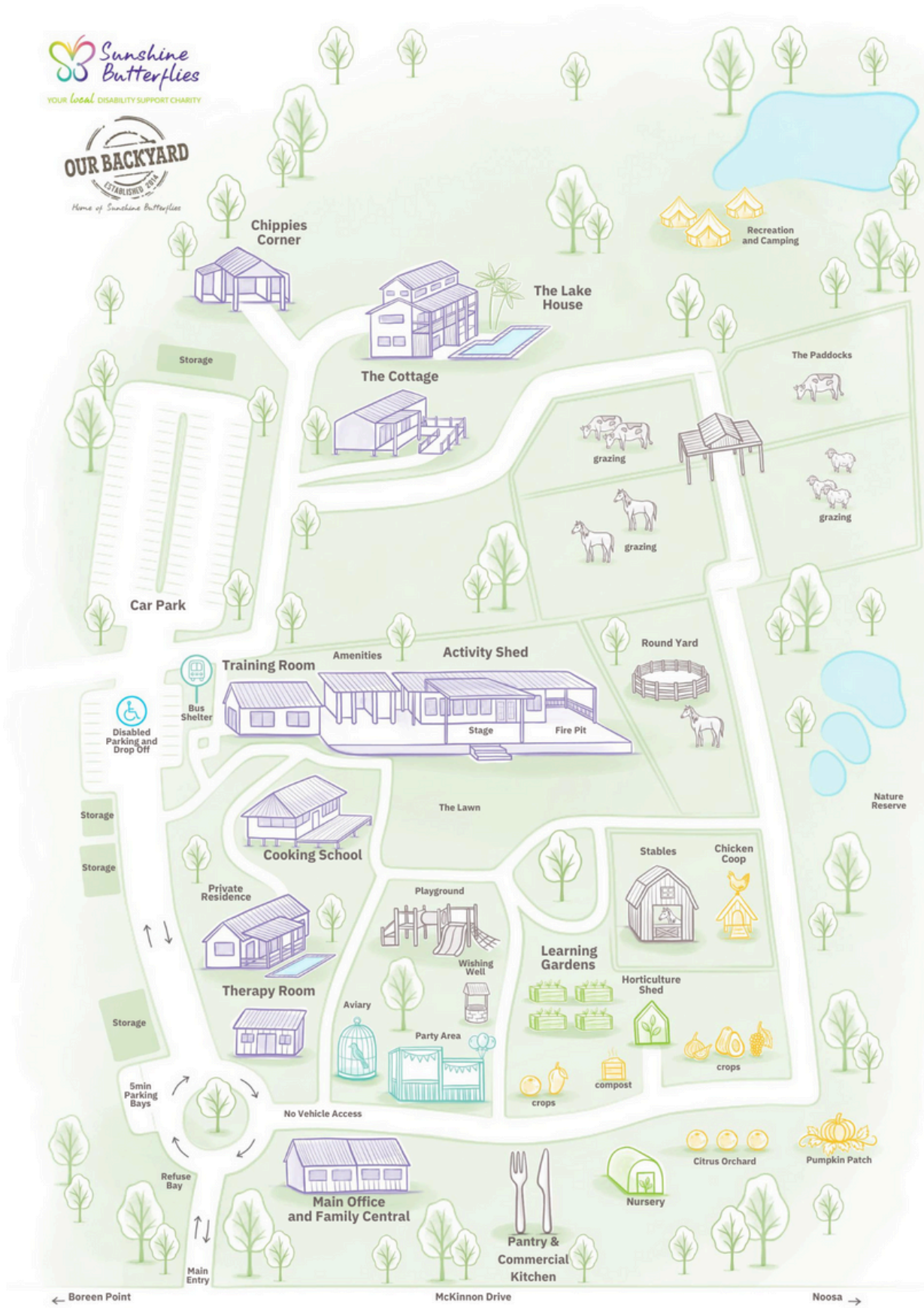
But most importantly, this extra space will allow us to provide small-scale, residential-supported homes for those with disability on the Sunshine Coast.

Sunshine Butterflies' growth has brought with it many individuals and families who are in need of support, new and innovative programs and activities for people with disability, multiple community partnerships, and a more inclusive and supportive environment for people with disability.

Throughout the challenges and changes, Sunshine Butterflies has experienced over the past 10 years, we continue to put our members and their families at the core of all of our activities and we look forward to what the future holds.

Our uniquely flexible and respectful culture that supports our individuals and their families with disability is what sets us apart.







# Butterflies Giving Program - Making a meaningful impact!

Long-lasting partnerships are crucial to the success of Sunshine Butterflies Disability Charity. We value collaborations that align with our mission to empower people with disabilities and create opportunities for growth and inclusion.

*“We thank our partners for enabling us to take big, bold steps to achieve our dream of providing life-changing programs and activities to those in our community with disability”.*

*Leanne Walsh, CEO*

## Partner with us

Sunshine Butterflies relies on the generosity of sponsors, donations and community support to continue to provide our members and their families with quality support and activities.

Your support in sharing our vision, allows us to empower people with disability by creating a unique and all-inclusive community.

## 12-month Partnership

We offer corporations, businesses and individuals the opportunity to build mutually beneficial partnerships that support Sunshine Butterflies Charity and disability service.

By partnering with us, you will open up opportunities for mutual endorsement and benefit.

You can make a meaningful impact and become a Butterflies Giving Program member for a monthly investment of \$100 (via monthly direct debit) or \$1,200 per year. These funds will help enhance our programs and activities, and in return, you'll receive:

- A certificate of partnership
- Your business name listed on our website under the Butterflies Giving Program
- Free use of our Training and Education Room for one day, including catering for up to 10 people
- Three social media posts per year highlighting your support
- Invitations to exclusive events with other business partners and stakeholders at Sunshine Butterflies
- Invitation to an annual event celebrating all our business partners, offering excellent networking opportunities

**All the money raised will go back into enhancing our programs and activities!**

This donation is for our charity, and we will provide a receipt for tax purposes.



YES, PLEASE SIGN ME UP.....

Butterflies Giving Program \$1,200 per year  
monthly investment of \$100 (via direct debit)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Extra details: \_\_\_\_\_

Giving Program Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ End Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Signed on behalf of SUNSHINE BUTTERFLIES:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_







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