

Brighter Days Impact 2024

DEBRA Australia is incredibly grateful to the Brighter Days Foundation for their ongoing support, which has significantly impacted the level of assistance we can provide to families and individuals living with Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB).

Thanks to your generous support this year, we have been able to deliver our Family Support Program, bereavement support, much-needed medical supplies and dressings not available on the National EB Dressing Scheme, our Psychology Support Program, Podiatry support, Mum and now Dad's Respite Program, and support research into treatments for EB.

Your support has not only allowed us to provide crucial financial and emotional assistance for parents, children, and individuals living with EB, but has also empowered us to enhance family networking and activities that foster independence. This has ultimately improved the quality of life for all those affected by EB within our community, so a HUGE thank you to everyone at the Brighter Days Foundation for helping us to make this happen.



"The family support has been huge to give me the confidence to make sure I can live an independent life by myself.

DEBRA Australia has provided this support to me and my family. The biggest thing is not feeling alone and that I don't have to do this by myself."
- Individual with EB

94%

The percentage of family members that agree they feel supported by DEBRA Australia.

5

The number of new babies born with severe EB in the last 12 months.



192

Your funding has meant that we have been able to attend 192 meetings with EB families over the past year.

14

The number of EB Research Grants and Health Professional Travel Fellowships funded by DEBRA Australia this financial year.

491

Last financial year, DEBRA Australia funded 491 family support grants.

Respite and Butterfly Breaks Away

8 EB dads were reached through our new respite program. 14 mums reached in our annual mums respite break away, and 15 Butterfly Breaks were granted to EB families in need.



"The mum's respite made me feel normal for the first time since my child was born. I found my identity again and I have made lifelong connections."

- EB mum