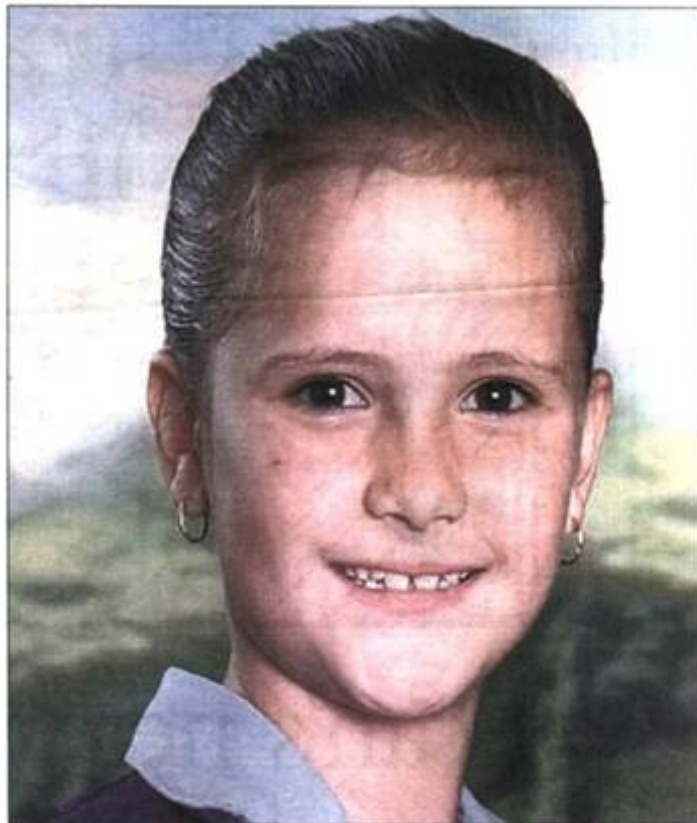


Help for sick little girl



SEEKING HELP. Nine-year-old Bronwyn Truter in happier times. She is still in hospital and is being fed through a feeding tube. *Picture: Supplied.*

XMAS WISH : R100 000
towards her nursing care

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SHE would come rushing in from school, gather the family around and start telling them about everything that happened to her during the day.

She talked about her schoolwork, her teachers, everything. She just loved talking!

Craig Truter from Auckland Park was yesterday recalling his fondest memories of nine-year-old daughter, Bronwyn, who after being diagnosed with insulin dependent diabetes Type 1 in April this year fell into a three-month coma, suffered cardiac arrest and brain damage to her right frontal lobe.

Bronwyn has been in hospital and has had to be fed through a feeding tube.

She wears nappies and had a tracheostomy operation earlier this month to help her breathe easier after her throat grew closed.

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Bronwyn was in need of further medical assistance which was extremely costly, such as a consultation with an ophthalmologist to assess how badly her high blood sugar has damaged her eyesight and also physiotherapy to help her in regaining muscle and body control.

Coming to their rescue in a true act of Christmas spirit, 94.7 Highveld Stereo, as part of their Christmas Wish campaign, yesterday gave the Truters an early Christmas present.

Customers service provider, Inter-Active Technologies, donated R100 000 towards 24-hour nursing care for Bronwyn so that she may be cared for at home.

"All I ever wanted for Christmas was to have my daughter home," Truter said.

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