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WA KIDS THE WINNERS

The care of sick and underprivileged WA children received a timely boost last week, when Italian motorcycle champion Loris Capirossi visited Perth as a guest of Wellard.

While in Perth Mr Capirossi presented young Perth teenager Georgia with an Easystander to help her recover from a backyard accident that left her paralysed three years ago.

Variety WA Executive Director Michael Pailthorpe said the grant of a new Easystander frame will allow Georgia to stand independently, bringing many health benefits.

“As a result of her injury, Georgia suffers many spasms in her legs. The Easystander will help control these spasms and reduce the risk of fractures and contractures, whilst promoting good posture and increasing bone density through weight bearing.

“Our Variety WA Freedom program is all about giving young people greater mobility and independence – and the new standing frame will achieve just that.”

At a fundraiser that evening about \$40,000 was raised for Variety WA through ticket sales, a raffle and a charity auction. Mr Capirossi was guest of honour and drawcard for the event.

Mr Pailthorpe thanked Mr Capirossi and Wellard, through principal Mauro Balzarini, for their efforts.

“It is wonderful to have someone with Loris’ profile willing to make the time to support Variety WA,” Mr Pailthorpe said. “And without Mauro (Balzarini), this would never have happened.”