

## Bringing in the clowns

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**Who are they?**

The Humour Foundation

**Where are they?**

Based in New South Wales, operational in hospitals throughout Australia

**What do they do?**

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**What did they receive?**

Microsoft® software packages and licensing.

**The outcome?**

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No one can deny the old adage that "laughter is the best medicine".

The Humour Foundation is a charity that promotes the health benefits of humour, which has been found to relieve fear and stress and aid recovery.



The Foundation's core project is the provision of Clown Doctors, who dose sick children with fun and laughter, and touch the lives of over 85,000 people every year.

Clown Doctors are now part of hospital life in all major children's hospitals around Australia. In September 2007, through the DonorTec program, the foundation received six Microsoft® software and licensing packages.

"It's made a huge difference to our operations," said Melinda Farrell, General Manager of the Humour Foundation. "At that time, we were upgrading from a peer to peer system to a server. We had to upgrade all of the operating systems for over seven workstations," she explained.

"The Microsoft® equipment we received through DonorTec saved us a substantial amount of money. I would say that DonorTec is invaluable for a charity or not-for-profit organization," she said.

"When you are a charity, you have to consider every dollar you spend. It is great to have a service like DonorTec to ease some of the financial burden, helping us to channel more funds where they are needed most, helping children in hospital smile." said Ms Farrell. "We simply would never have been able to upgrade our systems to this extent, if it had not been for DonorTec."